



Nashua VOAD Meeting
Tuesday September 10, 2013
Boys and Girls Club of Greater Nashua

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Shaun Nelson	Nashua PAL
Peter Desautels	AARP Nashua Chapter 622
Katherine Richo	St Philip Greek Orthodox Church
Arlene Magoon	FEMA Voluntary Agency Liaison
Janail Archer	Boys and Girls Club Nashua
Beth Todgham	Southern New Hampshire Services
Nick Copodis	Southern New Hampshire Services/RSVP
Everett Kinder	Grace Lutheran Church
Rich Hanegan	Pelham CERT/MRC Director
Kristen Binau	Red Cross
Mark Dorobiala	Dartmouth-Hitchcock
Reverend Sally Newhall	Nashua Presbyterian Church
Deb Vaughn	Humane Society Nashua
Dale Ladd	Greater Nashua Mental Health Center
Angela Delaney	Nashua Emergency Management & CERT
Leah Shuldiner	Greater Nashua Habitat for Humanity
Reverend Alanna Van Antwerpen	The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
Patty Crooker	Nashua Public Health
David Moore	The Salvation Army

Maida Sengupta	Self & Engaging NH, Mormon
Patty Stolarz	AMR
Paige Lorenz	Nashua Emergency Management
Justin Kates	Nashua Emergency Management

Meeting started at 10:30 AM

Old Business:

Justin discussed briefly the purpose of VOAD which is to provide and coordinate the use of services, goods, and financial support before, during, and after a disaster. VOAD meetings are for coordinating financial support, goods (donations), volunteers, as well as promote preparedness amongst organizations and the community. Collaboration amongst regional VOAD participants will be utilized to provide trainings, educate in preparedness, dispense information, seek out volunteers, facilities and financial support in disasters.

VOAD Member Introduction:

Kirsten Binau of the Red Cross provided an overview of her organization. She spoke about their role in preparedness, response, and recovery. Kristen also talked about the Ready Rating (www.readyrating.org) program for businesses and organizations as well as available sheltering training and mental health service training provided by the Red Cross. Anyone interested in the Ready Rating program or trainings should contact Kristen at: kristen.binau@redcross.org

New Business:

The online CodeRED citizen portal will be available to the public for voluntary subscription for cellphones and businesses within a couple weeks. Fairpoint landlines are automatically registered and active. Looking for ways to distribute the information. Some options discussed were:

- Mass mailings (sewage bills, USPS, etc.)
- Newsletters: Churches, Free Grocery Papers, Hippo Press, Organizations
- Bulletins within organizations and frequented public places
- Local Organization Meetings
- Public Radio Spots
- Set up at Voting Polls
- Meal Handouts/Food Pantries
- Colleges
- Billboard

FREE CERT Class on September 14, 21, and 28 at Dartmouth Hitchcock 8:45 AM-5:00 PM still

available for sign ups. Get in contact with Justin at katesj@nashuanh.gov to reserve a spot. *Its FREE!* Also contact Justin if you would like to set up a CERT class for your organizational members, flexible scheduling available.

Martin Luther King Day of Service (January 20). An opportunity for the city that focuses on disaster preparedness or fire prevention while incorporating reflection on Martin Luther King or other relevant service activities. Potentially a great opportunity for the VOAD. Project would be to seek out in-kind donations to create and distribute preparedness kits to lower income families in order to obtain a grant. Contact Justin: katesj@nashuanh.gov if you are interested.

Justin will create a VOAD database so that members can register and list their organization's resources available in the event of a disaster. Please provide comments and recommendations on the database by 9/20/13 so that it can be adjusted to a final version. The final form will be sent out to the group at that time.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Vn3NpLadHjbZ5PgpJALw6esAgRM99xhjOsbg2AoEuKk/viewform>

In addition, registration for individuals was discussed. There is registration already available through the state specifically for individual health professionals to volunteer. To participate on one's own behalf the link is: <https://www.nhresponds.org/nhhome.aspx>

Map Your Neighborhood: Building and Strengthening Disaster Readiness Among Neighbors training program is available from Nashua OEM for neighborhoods which describes 9 steps to follow Immediately following a disaster. The booklet is accessible at Washington State's website: <http://www.emd.wa.gov/myn/>

The Integrated Emergency Volunteer Conference will be October 5 at the Grappone Conference in Concord. For more information and to Sign up: <http://www.slideshare.net/CHI-JSI/nh-integrated-emergency-volunteer-training-conference-registration-information>

Red Cross is hosting a Formidable Footprint tabletop exercise the last Saturday of each month (Omitting November and December). A 6 hour webinar based exercise, it is open to all organizations and materials are available online at one's disposal. This month, September 28, the exercise will focus on Tornadoes. Please contact James Hazlett for more information at: james.hazlett@redcross.org

Announcements:

Nashua is one of the **top 25 finalists** to win an AmbuBus (Bus Stretcher Conversion Kit) from First Line Technology. More information on the bus is available at: <http://www.firstlinetech.com/products/dpr/ambubus/>

Voting ends on September 20th. VOTE HERE: www.ambubusgiveaway.com
Share with friends, family, co-workers, etc.

Presentation:

Angela Delaney from New England Pentecostal ministries spoke about faith based groups collaborating in times of a disaster. She is working on assisting the Office of Emergency Management to reach out to the Greater Nashua faith-based community to establish relationships and identify capabilities during a disaster. It incorporates assessing and building emergency plans as well as acquiring contacts and communicating disaster information. Future plans include a possible presentation at the Nashua Area Interfaith Council and an evening seminar for faith-based groups to introduce this initiative. Contact Angela at: delaneya@readynashua.org

Next VOAD meeting will be in January 2014. Times and date are open to suggestion. Presentation will be provided by Arlene Magoon of FEMA.