

# TENNESSEE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER

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## MINUTES FOR MAY 8, 1997

### MEMBERS PRESENT

ACS: RICHARD RAMEY, TERRY HAIGHT

ARC: DEBBIE RUTLAND, JOAN LANGE

SHFB: JAYNEE DAY

SA: MAJOR JAMES WORTHY

UMCOR: THOMAS RASCOE

TEMA: CECIL WHALEY, BILL COOPER

SETVOAD: STEVE THOMAS

GUESTS: TN NATIONAL GUARD: LTC GREGG PHELPS

CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTER: TONI VANCOLLN

### MEETING BEGAN:

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT JAMES WORTHY, SA, AT 10:05 AM

### MAIN PROGRAM

FOLLOWING THE CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS, MAJOR WORTHY SURPRISED US BY ASKING THAT HE BE ALLOWED TO STEP DOWN AS PRESIDENT BECAUSE OF HEALTH REASONS. RICHARD RAMEY, ACS, THE VICE PRESIDENT, THEN TOOK OVER AND CONDUCTED THE REST OF THE MEETING.

### MINUTES

THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13 MEETING WERE REVIEWED AND ACCEPTED BY VOICE-VOTE.

### DISCUSSION

SEVERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST TO THE MEMBERSHIP WERE DISCUSSED:

A.) HOW AND WHEN SHOULD TVOAD BE ACTIVATED DURING A MAJOR DISASTER WITHIN THE STATE?

B.) CECIL WHALEY, TEMA, INFORMED US THAT WE SHOULD CONTACT THE TEMA OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE REGION THE DISASTER HAPPENS IN, RATHER THAN THE MAIN TEMA OFFICE IN NASHVILLE. HE PROVIDED US WITH A MAP SHOWING THE THREE TEMA REGIONS, AND GAVE US THE NAMES AND 800# OF THE DIRECTOR OF EACH REGION.

C.) FEMA STILL DOESN'T HAVE THE RESOURCES SOFTWARE READY THAT THEY PROMISED THEY WOULD HAVE.

D.) LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT FOR FUNDING THAT WOULD ENHANCE DISASTER RESPONSE HAS BEEN LACKING, SO THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE WAS TASKED TO DEVELOP AN INFORMATION PACKET EXPLAINING VOAD AND TO THEN CONTACT LEGISLATORS, URGING THEIR SUPPORT FOR DISASTER-RELATED PROGRAMS.

### TN NATIONAL GUARD

LTC GREG PHELPS EXPLAINED THE ROLE OF THE GUARD IN DISASTERS. HE SAID THEY OPERATE ON THE PHILOSOPHY OF TEAM ( TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE ). CONSISTING OF THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD, AIR NATIONAL GUARD, SUPPORT STAFF AND

TEMA, THE GUARD'S MISSION IS TO SUPPLY SUPPORT TO AGENCIES AND INDIVIDUALS DURING DISASTER RECOVERY. THE GUARD ASSESSES EACH SITUATION TO SEE IF LOCAL RESOURCES ARE BEING FULLY UTILIZED, AND ONLY THEN WILL THEY MOBILIZE AT THE GOVERNOR'S REQUEST.

SEVERAL GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENTS ARE IN PLACE SO THAT SPEEDY DEPLOYMENT CAN BE ACHIEVED.

#### FURTHER DISCUSSION

DECENTRALIZATION: SOME DISCUSSION CENTERED ON WHETHER OR NOT TVOAD SHOULD BE DECENTRALIZED INTO REGIONAL VOADS, WITH OCCASIONAL MEETINGS OF REGIONAL OFFICERS AT THE STATE LEVEL TO COORDINATE MISSIONS.

DISASTER PLAN REVIEW: THE PROPOSED NEW TVOAD DISASTER PLAN WAS REVIEWED AND ACCEPTED WITH MINOR CHANGES.

E-MAIL LIST: A LIST OF MEMBER'S BEEPER NUMBERS AND E-MAIL ADDRESSES WAS COMPILED AND GIVEN TO EACH MEMBER.

#### LUNCH

LUNCH WAS PROVIDED BY THE SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK, DURING WHICH A VIDEO ON THE DANGERS OF A MID-CONTINENT EARTHQUAKE (NEW MADRID TYPE), WAS SHOWN, FOLLOWED BY COMMENTS BY CECIL WHALEY ABOUT HOW TEMA WOULD REACT WHEN ONE DOES HIT TENNESSEE.

#### CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTER

TONI VANCOLLIN PRESENTED A REVIEW OF WHAT HER AGENCY DOES, AND HOW SHE CONCEIVED IT WOULD OPERATE DURING A DISASTER, PROVIDING TELEPHONE COUNSELING, POSSIBLE ON-SITE COUNSELING AND RUMOR CONTROL.

#### NEXT MEETING

DATE: AUGUST 14, 1997

PLACE: CLEVELAND-BRADLEY COUNTY RED CROSS

125 INMAN ST.

CLEVELAND, TN 37320-2314

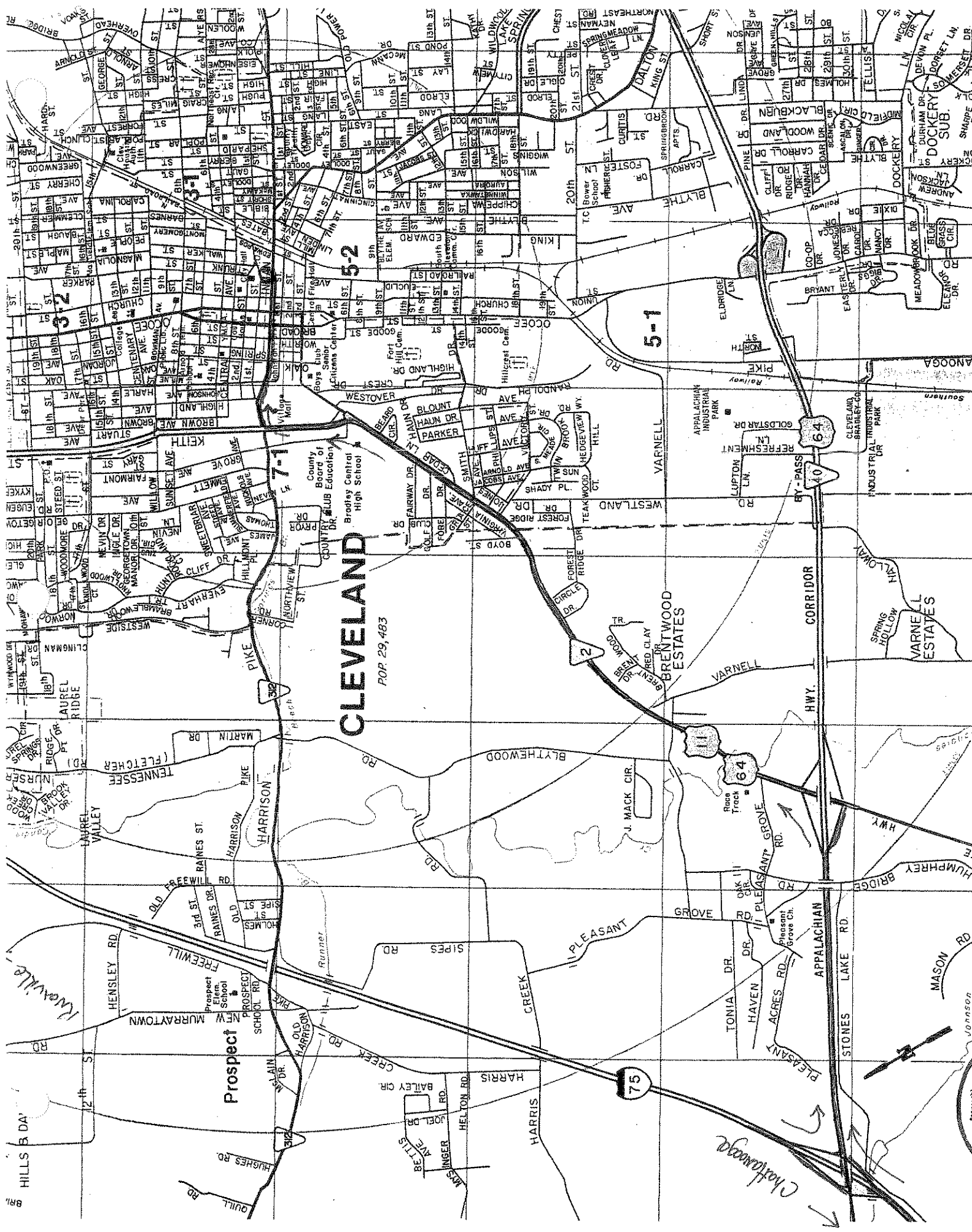
RSVP: 423-472-1595

TIME: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

DIRECTIONS: I-75 TO EXIT 20 (RT 40 & 64 - APPALACHIAN HWY). GO TO FIRST EXIT (RTS 11, 64 - LEE HWY). LEFT ON LEE HWY TO FIRST TRAFFIC LIGHT, BEAR LEFT ONTO KEITH STREET. TURN RIGHT AT NEXT TRAFFIC LIGHT ONTO INMAN ST. THE THIRD TRAFFIC LIGHT WILL BE THE INTERSECTION OF CHURCH AND INMAN. RED CROSS IS DIAGONALLY ON THE LEFT. CONTINUE EAST ON INMAN FOR 1/2 BLOCK TO PUBLIC PARKING ON BOTH SIDES OS STREET.

AGENDA  
AUGUST 14, 1997

1. Roll Call
2. Secretary's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Agenda Changes
5. Program
6. Committee reports
  - (A) Finance
  - (B) Program
  - (C) Public Relations
7. Old Business
  - (A) Disaster Plan
  - (B) Membership Packets / Certificate
  - (C) Donations Management
8. New Business
  - (A) VOAD Conference
  - (B) Phone Contracts
  - (C) By-Laws
  - (D) Committees
  - (E) Meeting Sites
9. Adjournment



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