

TNVOAD

November 4, 2022

AGENDA:

Welcome to Guests and New Members

Roll Call: Kate Amaral-Team Rubicon, Wes Jones-TN Baptist, Gary Ward-Civil Air Patrol, David Sledge, Vickie Trice-TN Dept of Insurance, Evan Rogers-TEMA East Region District Coordinator, Michael Creasy-West TN Legal Services, John Watson-DCS, Nora Betancourt-FEMA VAL Region 4, Don Sowers-Volunteer TN and TN Tech, Rhonda Haight-ACS DR GA Cumberland Conference, Eileen Lowery-TWKUMC/UMCOR, Lance Villio-Governor's Office Faith Based and Community Initiatives, Brian Fesler-Churches of Scientology Disaster Response, Jeff Lysyczyn-LDS, Pastor Morgan Gordy-LDS, Andy Gamasy?-National Response Canines, Nelly Melendez-Metro Nashville VOAD, Robert Craig-TWKUMC/UMCOR, Pat Lawson-Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, Gloria Loftin American Red Cross, Arron Stetson-Hope Force.

Secretary's report: on Website

Treasurer's report: Began the year with \$10,827 in January \$5,000 heaters for Humphreys County. National VOAD expenses leaving a current balance of \$3,183.27. The \$5,000 was a subgrant to TN VOAD for heaters through a member from National VOAD.

Additions and deletions from the agenda

Presentation of the Program: Pat Lawson-Community Foundation Middle TN:

Pat Lawson shared history and mission of CFMT. (31 years of helping nonprofits with financial efforts-Disaster focus began in 2010 in response to the major flood.) More than One Billion dollars distributed in the 31-year history.

Funding is still being distributed to response and recovery partners from all the disasters impacting Middle Tennessee.

CFMT helps raise money and distribute funds for designated partners or purposes. CFMT vets the organizations to ensure the funding will be used in the best way according to donor intent.

CFMT can partner with TN VOAD to help raise and distribute funding in all phases of disasters.

CFMT does not charge any fees for the disaster related funding raised and distributed.

David Sledge recommended that CFMT become a full voting member of TN VOAD.

CFMT is a nonprofit organization serving all Middle Tennessee, which meets the requirements for full membership. David Sledge also recommended that CFMT should serve with Gary Ward on the Finance Committee.

CFMT can become the fundraising "staff" for TNVOAD.

Pat Lawson will provide the guidelines for grant requests and reporting through David Sledge.

Pat Lawson has a portal for grant requests and a committee of CFMT and TN VOAD determines needs and processes grants to nonprofits. CFMT is able to facilitate funding for all 95 counties in the State.

Committee reports:

Communications Committee, Chair David Sledge:

Communications: Research a communications database for TN VOAD to communicate and alert partners that fit the need. David suggested EverBridge or another similar database.

TN VOAD Workshop Committee-Chair Kate Amaral:

Quarterly workshops throughout the State focused on preparedness. First hosted March 18, 2023, in Williamson County at the EMA office in Franklin. The first is focused on Sheltering with the partnership of the Red Cross. The other three will include Long Term Recovery Group Formation, Donations Management, and Volunteer Management.

*Hamilton and Putnam Counties have offered to host additional workshops.

*Quarter 3 Volunteer Management, Q3-Donations Management, Q4-LTRG Formation
Spiritual and Emotional Care is an important in all components of response and recovery. The initial four topics were chosen due to the responses of local EMA Directors. S\$E Care is a specific topic scheduled for 2024.

Unfinished Business from previous meeting

Membership Update Reports:

FEMA: 2. Several Training Courses are now open for registration at DHS-FEMA General Admissions Application and you will need your FEMA SID (Student Identification Number) to register. K0289 State Volunteer and Donations Management - VIRTUAL • February 13-17, 2023 (12pm-5pm Eastern) • May 8-12, 2023 (12pm-5pm Eastern) K0418 Mass Care/Emergency Assistance Planning and Operations - VIRTUAL • January 9-12, 2023 (12pm-5pm Eastern) • May 30-June 2, 2023 (12pm-5pm Eastern) E0289 State Volunteer and Donations Management - EMI • April 3-6, 2023 (Travel is Sunday before course begins and Friday after it ends) • August 14-17, 2023 (Travel is Sunday before course begins and Friday after it ends)

Volunteer Tennessee: The Tennessee Serves

Network <https://voltnhq.galaxydigital.com/> is a statewide partnership of 9 volunteer centers and Volunteer Tennessee dedicated to bringing people and the community together through an online volunteer portal. Potential volunteers can search and find volunteer needs in their local communities. Community agencies can post their volunteer opportunities and request volunteer assistance based on skills and interests. For more info see <https://www.tn.gov/firstlady/tennessee-serves.html>

Civil air patrol: transported medical equipment from Knoxville to Puerto Rico. Training taking place on drones and communications in emergencies. HAM radio operators to become a part of the state VOAD.

Lutheran Disaster Services: Active in TN, MS, FL, with recovery funding, volunteers, and S&E care.

St. Vincent DePaul: 100 home furnishings available for the state of TN. Connected with LTRGs and TEMA.

National Response Canines: Responded to the school shooting in Uvalde, TX and provided feedback to Williamson County Schools for future preparation and response to similar events. Also, awaiting deployment to St. Louis and Florida.

Team Rubicon: 300 volunteers in Florida and supporting operations in Ukraine. Exploring Alabama and Mississippi needs from recent tornadoes. Working with partners from Isra-Aid.

Regional VOADS:

Metro VOAD-closed out the flood recover from March 2021 event, 6 open cases March 2020 tornado, bombing focused on emotional care, 2021 tornado-19 remaining cases. Two new members as membership renewal is happening. Finalizing rewrite of Points of Consensus.

East Tennessee VOAD: Evan Rogers (TEMA-Knoxville) liaison to East Regional VOAD from TEMA and the regional VOAD tasked him to reestablish the East Regional VOAD. Knoxville EMA is assisting in reinstating the East Tennessee VOAD, meetings take place at the EMA office. David shared some basic info on establishing an officially recognized regional VOAD.

Williamson County: will hold elections Wednesday, November 9,2022.

New Business

Adjournment