**The 2018 NJVOAD Awards**

The NJVOAD Board of Trustees invites all Member Organizations, County/Regional VOAD/COADs, and Partners to submit nominations for the 2018 NJVOAD Awards. This year’s awards will be presented at the 2018 Annual NJVOAD Conference which is being held Thursday, April 12, 2018 at the National Conference Center in East Windsor, NJ. The awards recognize organizational excellence and contributions to the 4 C’s—cooperation, communication, coordination and collaboration—and partnerships within the VOAD movement in New Jersey.

**How to Submit a Nomination**

Award Nominations must be received by **5:00 PM Eastern on Friday, March 9, 2018.** Nominations may be submitted by anyone who is part of the VOAD movement. However, we recommend that nominators coordinate their submissions with their organization’s Member Representative, or their County/Regional VOAD/COAD Chairperson as appropriate.

Nominations should be emailed to khiggs@njvoad.org. Please include the words “Award Nomination” in the subject line of your e‐mail. All nominations will be treated confidentially. Award selections will be made by the NJVOAD Board of Trustees.

Attendance at the 2018 NJVOAD Conference is not required of nominators or award winners. Questions regarding the nomination process or criteria may be directed to [khiggs@njvoad.org](businessadmin%40njvoad.org).

**2018 NJVOAD Award Categories**

**VOAD/COAD OF THE YEAR**

Awarded to the County or Regional VOAD/COAD in good standing that, in the past year, has:

1. Increased the growth and strength of the VOAD movement in their county or region;
2. Facilitated relationships between non-profit organizations and other public and private entities engaged in all phases of disaster planning, response, recovery and mitigation; and
3. Made extraordinary progress in advancing one or more of the core four C’s of the VOAD movement.

**PARTNER OF THE YEAR**

Awarded to the NJVOAD Partner that, in the past year has:

1. Exhibited outstanding efforts to create or elevate their partnership with NJVOAD through initiatives that address one or more of the core purposes of cooperation, communication, coordination, and collaboration before, during, and/or after disasters;
2. Demonstrated extraordinary support for NJVOAD by creating programs, providing financial support, and/or developing innovative and effective solutions that elevated the NJVOAD mission in the state; and/or
3. Provided exceptional support to a NJVOAD Member Organization through a collaboration that resulted in an efficient and expedient solution to a community impacted by disaster.

**INNOVATIVE PROGRAM/PARTNERSHIP OF THE YEAR**

Awarded to the County or Regional VOAD/COAD or NJVOAD Member Organization in good standing for exceptional innovation or ingenuity through the development and implementation of a program or partnership that has:

1. Provided a long‐term solution to a specific community's problem utilizing one of the core four C's of the VOAD movement; or
2. Created a unique project or program that filled a gap or unmet need in a community in preparing for, responding to, and/or recovering from disasters that positively impacted the lives of victims and could be replicated as a model for other communities.

**2018 NJVOAD Awards Nomination Form**

**Nominator Contact Information –**

*Nominator information is requested solely for purposes of obtaining clarification about the nomination, if needed, and will not be shared with others.*

Name

Title and Organization

Address

Phone

**Nominee Contact Information –**

*If the award is a partnership award, include contact information about each partner.*

Name of Organization

Address

Phone

**Award Category –**

*Circle the appropriate Award Nomination category.*

**VOAD/COAD of the Year**

**Partner of the Year**

**Innovative Program/Partnership of the Year**

**Narrative –**

*On a separate page, please provide a detailed description of the actions, initiatives, and reasons you believe this nominee(s) should receive the Award. Please include dates as well as information on other individuals or organizations who worked with the nominee or benefitted from the actions of the nominee that can offer additional information for the awards ceremony or publicity. Your nomination is not complete without this narrative. Narrative should not be more than one single‐spaced page in length.*

**Supporting Documentation –**

*If possible, please include photographs and/or video in support of this nomination. These materials enhance the nomination, as well as provide visual representation of the nominee’s achievements that can be shared with the NJVOAD community.*

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Date Received:

Nominee Contacted On: