



NJVOAD NEWS

Cooperation | Communication | Coordination | Collaboration

January Calendar

Tues, Jan 9 from 10am – 12pm

Tri-County COAD

30 West Mecahnic Street
Cape May Courthouse, NJ

Thur, Jan 11 from 10am – 11am

Sussex-Warren COAD

2 Spring Street
Newton, NJ

Tues, Jan 16 from 10am – 12pm

Middlesex COAD

1001 Fire Academy Drive
Sayreville, NJ

Thur, Jan 25 from 1:30pm – 3pm

Salem County Public Private Partnership

135 Cemetery Rd
Pilesgrove, NJ

Weds, Jan 31 8:30am – 10:30am

Hunterdon COAD

20 Fulper Rd.,
Flemington, NJ

Visit www.njvoad/calendar for the latest updates.

2018 NJVOAD Meetings:

3/7/18 – Central Location

6/5/18 – Southern Location

9/6/18 – Northern Location

12/6/18 – Central Location

E-mail khiggs@njvoad.org if you would like to host!



NJVOAD BEGINS NEW YEAR WITH NEW MISSION

NJVOAD – a coalition of organizations that contribute to developing and sustaining community resiliency throughout the disaster cycle – facilitates and fosters cooperation, communication, coordination and collaboration among members and partners to improve preparedness, resilience, response and recovery resulting in more effective outcomes.

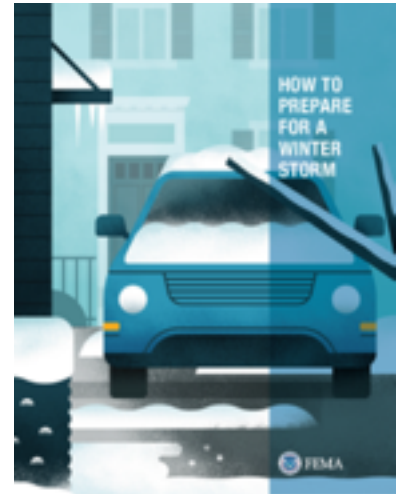
The above mission statement was formally adopted and embraced at NJVOAD’s December 5, 2017 Membership meeting. This updated language does not change anything NJVOAD is doing, but better reflects and embraces the true vision and activities of NJVOAD and its members.



FEMA'S WINTER PREPAREDNESS GUIDE

With winter in full swing, prepare for storms of ice, snow, and bitter cold. This year, the Federal Emergency Management Agency released an updated How to Prepare for a Winter Storm Guide. The guide includes a preparedness checklist, tips to stay healthy and warm, and a winter weather check for your car. There are also actions to protect your home and reduce property damage.

Share how to prepare for, stay safe during, and recover from a winter storm on your website or social media account. Download the guide today: [How to Prepare for a Winter Storm Guide](#).



HURRICANE MARIA EVACUEE UPDATE

Please help spread the word to evacuees who may be residing in New Jersey to register with FEMA for disaster assistance. In order to be eligible to receive the various disaster assistance services under FEMA's Individual Assistance (IA) Program, individuals must register with FEMA through the toll free number 1-800-621-3362 or by going to www.disasterassistance.gov. FEMA has extended the deadline for registration for the United States Virgin Islands to January 8, 2018 and for Puerto Rico until March 20, 2018.



NJVOAD ANNOUNCES CONFERENCE DATE AND LOCATION

NJVOAD's Conference planning committee has been busy planning the details of our fourth annual conference: Engaging the Whole Community in Preparedness, Response and Recovery. We will be back at the National Conference Center in East Windsor on Thursday, April 12. Please save the date and stay tuned for exciting news about speakers and sessions!

FEMA EXPANDS PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY TO HOUSES OF WORSHIP

FEMA recently announced that private non-profit houses of worship are eligible for disaster assistance as community centers without regard to their secular or religious nature. These changes are effective for disasters declared on or after August 23, 2017. Under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), FEMA provides financial assistance, through its Public Assistance Program, to certain private non-profit (PNP) organizations for the repair or replacement of facilities damaged or destroyed by a major disaster. FEMA's changes now make houses of worship owned or operated by PNP organizations eligible applicants for this financial assistance.