

MARSHALL COUNTY VOAD

Membership Agreement



_____ would like to work cooperatively with Marshall County Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (McVOAD).

We seek to share in the purposes and activities of McVOAD, and recognition as a member in the category of:

- Non Profit Service Organization or Other Non Profit Organization or Governmental Organization or Business or Individual

As a member organization of McVOAD:

1. We agree to uphold the following principles in our response to local disasters:

Cooperation: We agree to foster cooperation and mutual aid among McVOAD member organizations and the community at all levels and in all phases of a disaster and disaster preparedness activities.

Coordination: We agree to assist in coordinating the development of McVOAD activity procedures, and in implementing these procedures and activities among member and resource organizations.

Communication: We agree to exchange and disseminate information among McVOAD member organizations and the public, as well as local, state and federal agencies, within the guidelines as set forth below.

Collaboration: We agree to work together to achieve specific goals and to undertake specific projects which support local victims and first responders of disasters.

2. We agree to maintain the conditions of membership of McVOAD. We:

- Meet the membership criteria of the Marshall County VOAD.
- Agree with the mission and purpose of the Marshall County VOAD.
- Will provide an authorized representative at McVOAD member organization meetings.

3. We accept our responsibility to provide McVOAD with updated Resource Information Forms, defining our services and capacities during local disasters.

4. We agree that, while we may provide information to the media and public about our own organization's activities during a disaster, we will:

- Defer requests for official information about broader McVOAD activities to a member of the McVOAD Executive Committee.
- Release ONLY official disaster information which has been sanctioned by Incident Command, departments of Emergency Management, law enforcement personnel, local fire and rescue officials, or the McVOAD public information officer (PIO) following direction of these entities.
- Release ONLY information about the financial, material, or volunteer needs of local first responders, disaster victims, and other member organizations which has been provided directly by officials of those organizations, or from the McVOAD public information officer following direction of these entities.
- During a declared disaster or community emergency, we will maintain the security of communications between fire and rescue personnel and authorities.

5. We understand that McVOAD is an association of organizations. Unless officially authorized by the McVOAD Executive Committee, our organization will not represent McVOAD as an endorsing party to our organization's funds or services.

Authorized Representative Signature

Date

Authorized Representative Printed Name

Date