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Calendar

March 20, 2024
9:30 – 11:00



General Membership Meeting

Greater Houston United Way
50 Waugh Drive
Houston TX 77007

Agenda

- Welcome
- Regular Business
 - Officer reports
 - New Member Consideration
- Presentations
 - The National Weather Service – Hurricane Outlook (
 - The Baptist Men
 - Harris County Medical Reserve Corps
- Organizational Announcements

Our next General Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8th, from 9:30 – 11:00 in Galveston County (location to be announced).

Disaster Readiness
& Resilience Clinic;
May the 4th Prepare
You
May 4, 2024
8 AM – 4 PM



Request for Assistance

The TGCRVOAD has been requested to provide volunteers for volunteers to help with the “**Disaster Readiness & Resilience Clinic; May the 4th Prepare You**” Clinic. Volunteers will serve as “navigators” and assist individuals in completing their plans, as well as guide them toward the right people to talk to about their needs, options, and necessary questions.

The clinic is set to take place on May 4, 2024 (Saturday), from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Metropolitan (West Gray) Multi-Service Center located at 1475 W Gray St, Houston, TX 77019. This clinic is designed to be an inclusive workshop for individuals, caregivers, and families of the Disability Access and Functional Needs (DAFN) community. Its primary objective is to enhance their preparedness for the range of threats and hazards that may affect members of the community in the area.

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It's important to take measures to prepare for disasters, but sometimes we may not be aware of what we need to do. This clinic will provide guidance and support to individuals, allowing them to create their own personalized preparedness plan, which will be printed and based on their specific needs.

The Clinic aims to promote readiness through planning and consultation with support and service representatives including:

- healthcare/medical/EMS/pharmacy/DME professionals,
- emergency managers,
- electricity providers,
- public health/housing/mental health/public transportation professionals,
- faith leaders,
- and others.

#PrepareYouMay.
#ResilientYouMustBe.

Call to Action!



- If your organization can provide volunteers, please complete this [survey](#). Volunteers will receive in-person training about the event's purpose, logistics, and tips for participating with vulnerable/underserved populations.
- Members of TGRVOAD can represent their organization at the TGCRVOAD table to meet clients and distribute information. Complete this [survey](#), if interested.

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A Message from ...

the Greater Houston Disaster Alliance



Hello TGCRVOAD members!

On behalf of the Greater Houston Disaster Alliance Brooke and I wanted to say thank you again for the opportunity to present to the Texas Gulf Coast Regional VOAD last month. We are so excited to work in partnership with you as we strengthen our year-round disaster preparedness and resiliency.



We wanted to send a follow up email to re-share our presentation with you, in case anyone missed it. You can access it by [clicking here](#).

We would also like to invite you to participate in this [brief disaster preparedness survey](#).

The goal of this survey is to help the Greater Houston Disaster Alliance better understand our region's strengths and opportunities and help inform the types of preparedness and resiliency opportunities we pursue in the future.

If you have any questions about the Disaster Alliance, please email Sara at smartinez@ghcf.org or email Brooke at bcampbell@unitedwayhouston.org.

We are excited to work with you and appreciate everything you do for our community!

Sara & Brooke

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Education Spotlight



IS-100.c, Introduction to the Incident Command System, introduces the Incident Command System (ICS) and provides the foundation for higher-level ICS training. This course describes the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of the Incident Command System. It also explains the relationship between ICS and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

DO YOU KNOW?

The ability to communicate within ICS is absolutely critical. To ensure efficient, clear communication, ICS requires the use of:

- a. Agency-specific codes*
- b. Radio codes.*
- c. Common terminology.*
- d. Technical language.*

At the completion of this course, you should be able to:

- Explain the principles and basic structure of the Incident Command System (ICS).
- Describe the NIMS management characteristics that are the foundation of the ICS.
- Describe the ICS functional areas and the roles of the Incident Commander and Command Staff.
- Describe the General Staff roles within ICS.
- Identify how NIMS management characteristics apply to ICS for a variety of roles and discipline areas

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DO YOU KNOW?

Which General Staff member prepares Incident Action Plans, manages information, and maintains situational awareness for the incident?

- a. *Planning Section Chief*
- b. *Operations Section Chief*
- c. *Logistics Section Chief*
- d. *Finance/Administration Section Chief*

The answers to the questions above are c and a.

TGCR VOAD Education Roadmap



All Members are encouraged to take the FEMA Emergency Management Courses. Familiarity with these concepts will help tremendously in our ability to communicate, Cooperate, Collaborate, and Coordinate with each other and the jurisdictions governing the people we serve. We have divided the courses up into quarters representing about 7 hours of work a quarter.

First Quarter

- IS-288.C The Role of Voluntary Organizations in Emergency Management - 1 hour
- IS-100.C Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100 - 2 hours
- IS-700.B An Introduction to the National Incident Management System - 3.5 hours

Second Quarter

- IS-200.C Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200 - 4 hours
- IS-800.D National Response Framework, An Introduction - 3 hours

Third Quarter

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IS-2900.A National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF)
Overview - 3 hours
IS-2200 Basic Emergency Operations Center Functions – 4
hours.
Harris County's EOC-101,201

Advanced Study

G-191 Incident Command System/Emergency Operations
Center Interface – 8 hours (in-person)

Invitation



JOIN A COMMITTEE

Join a TGCRVOAD Committee!

All our committees are seeking members. We want all Members to be represented and have a voice in how the TGCRVOAD operates. Do you have anyone in your organization that has a gift in these areas? Please get in touch with the respective committee chair.

COMMUNICATIONS - responsible for the website, newsletter, situational awareness, internal communications, and external communication support. Contact [Gary Flaharty](#).

EDUCATION & TRAINING – responsible for training programs for bi-monthly meetings. Contact [Amanda Groller](#).

INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY, & COMMUNITY RESOURCES - responsible for the Membership directory, resources by county, and gap analysis. Contact [Sarah Malcolm](#).

MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT - responsible for recruiting Members and Partners and encouraging participation in TGCRVOAD events. Contact [Morgan Zeringue](#).

OPERATIONAL COLLABORATION - support enhancement of Functions in Disaster; interface with the LTRCs. Contact [Debbie Allensworth](#)

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STEERING COMMITTEE – Meets six times yearly to advise the Executive Committee; the Executive Committee appoints members to the Steering Committee Contact chair.tgcrvoad@icloud.com.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Officers and Committee Chairs

Situational Awareness Briefs

The TGCR VOAD is currently at Activation Level 4 – NORMAL OPERATIONS.

No Situational Awareness Briefs were issued in the period.

Receive all TGCR VOAD Alerts when issued!

Become a TGCRVOAD Member and sign up for TGCR VOAD Alerts!



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