



# Texas Gulf Coast Regional Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

COOPERATION | COMMUNICATION | COORDINATION | COLLABORATION

## CONSENSUS OF ENGAGEMENT

As a Member or Partner of the TGC RVOAD:

- We recognize that no single organization has all the answers for all the challenges that arise during disasters.
- We recognize that by working together, acting as partners, and learning from each other, we can more effectively respond to a disaster and help rebuild a community.
- We will foster a climate of cooperation between all TGC RVOAD Members, Partners, and government.
- We seek to match TGC RVOAD resources and services to needs by recognizing the strengths and assets of each Member and Partner organization.
- We strive to coordinate our responses and provide effective service to the impacted community rather than working competitively,
- We will engage in regular information sharing about capacities, accomplishments, and commitments.
- We will listen to each other and maintain open channels of communication dealing with our concerns.
- We will work to form strategic partnerships and establish shared goals for effective service delivery throughout the disaster cycle.
- We will work together to each undertake specific projects that help achieve those goals.
- We commit to maintaining and adhering to policies or plans for committing resources to meet the needs of people affected by disaster without discrimination regarding race, creed, gender, or age.
- We commit to having a representative for at least two-thirds of the scheduled General Membership and Special General Membership Meetings.
- We commit to sending knowledgeable representatives to TGC RVOAD meetings who understand our resources and services and can commit our organization's resources to support a TGC RVOAD initiative.
- We have adopted a formal, written, non-discrimination policy.
- We support the committees and work groups and will have at least one representative serve on a workgroup or committee each year.
- We acknowledge to be in good standing and be eligible to vote we must:
  - pay our dues;
  - have current information in our organization's Membership Directory listing so that we can collaborate and coordinate with other Members and Partners;
  - have an Alert Media account so that we can communicate with other Members and Partners;
  - have a Primary Representative designated in the Membership Directory so that our organization is represented at TGC RVOAD meetings; and
  - have a signed *Consensus of Engagement* on file with the Secretary.

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_