



Vermont Needs Community
Organizations Active in Disasters
(COADS)

Locally Organized Recovery Works Best

Effective Local Recovery Means

- Effective communication
- Pre-positioned relationships, locally and regionally
- Local response
- Local resources
- Local recovery

Upper Valley Strong

- Non-profit agencies, churches, schools, municipalities, and State government
- Originally formed in response to Tropical Storm Irene
- Coordinates clean-up, repairs, technical support, food access, counseling, housing, and financial support
- Leveraged relationships created prior to disasters

Upper Valley Strong

LIVE UNITED



Granite United Way



Upper Valley
**HOUSING
COALITION**



UPPER VALLEY HAVEN
White River Junction, Vermont




VERMONT
Vermont Agency
of Human Services

Meeting Needs | Changing Lives
SEVCA
SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION

Upper Valley Strong Today

We coordinate flood-related repairs

We provide specialized training for volunteers

We provide continuity of assistance from
response through recovery

We promote local emergency preparedness within
our communities

Response vs. Recovery

Response

- Occurs within the first 48 hours after disaster
- Coordinates disaster response capability
- Saves and sustains lives
- Minimizes suffering
- Protects property



Response vs. Recovery

Recovery

- Follows response efforts
- Conducts case management
- Can be long term
- Collective effort



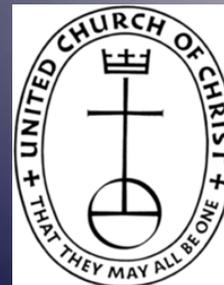
COADs are a Public-Private Partnership

- Local resources coordination
- Individual residential recovery oversight
- Volunteer Support:
 - Local residents and groups
 - VOADs
- Case management
- Networking prior to disasters
- Provide preparedness training for volunteers
- Work in conjunction with local, state, and federal organizations

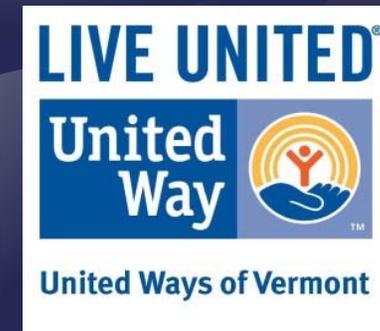
Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters

- *Vermont VOAD is one of the strongest VOADs in Northern New England*
- Dedicated to assisting people recovering from disasters
- Provides effective disaster assistance
- Reduces duplication in services
- Provides effective service through communication, coordination, cooperation, collaboration, and outreach
- Highly skilled and trained member organizations
- Coordination of State, New England regional, and national resources

Vermont VOAD Members



Episcopal Diocese of Vermont



Associate Members of VT VOAD

- Organizations, government agencies, or businesses that have a more limited responsibility in times of disaster
- Have a disaster response program and policy for commitment of resources to meet the needs of people affected by disaster

Examples:

DEMHS

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VOADS

NVOAD

- **National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster**
- State VOADS, national faith-based, non-profit organizations, Federal agencies, and national private sector partners

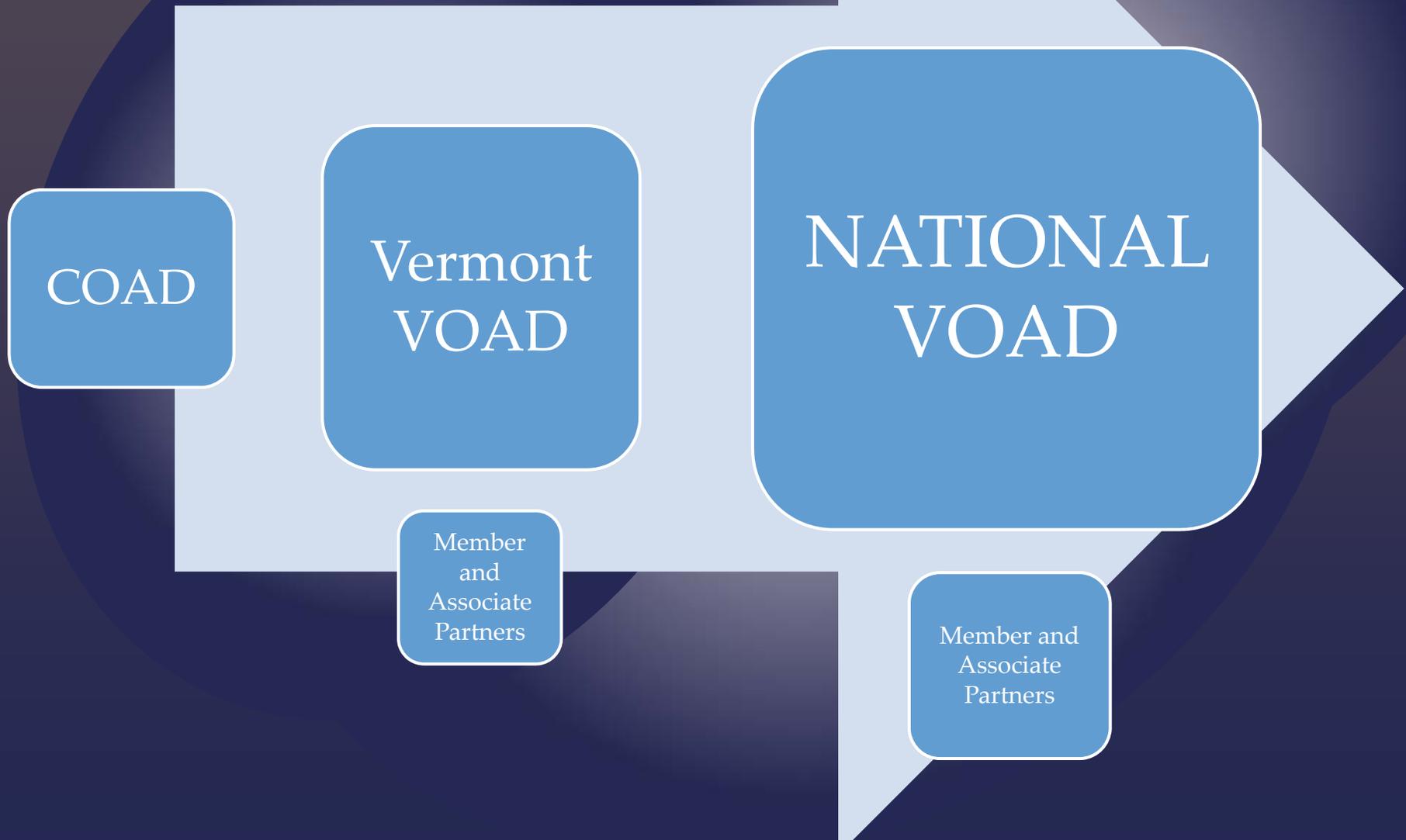
VT VOAD

- **Vermont Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster**
- State-wide non-profits, NGOs, faith-based partners
- Associate Members: state agencies, DHEMS, AHS, IRO
- Potential Partners: Regional VOADS, COAD's, private sector

COAD

- **Community Organizations Active in Disaster**
- Local non-profits, NGOs, faith-based groups, local agencies, local private sector

VOADs Represent Vast Resources



COADs Support VOADs

- Regional “tour guides”
- Coordinate with VOAD partners
- Facilitate case management
- Connect clients with VOADs
- Coordinate local resources
- Provide support to VOADs for continuity of services during recovery

RPC Receives
Damage Info
from Towns

- Individual Assistance information forwarded to COAD

COAD
Connects with
Homeowner

- Case Manager and Construction Manager work with Homeowner to create Recovery Plan

Local Volunteers
Conduct Initial
Mud/Muck Out

- Volunteers prepare site for further repair by VOADs and their Partners

VOADs and
Associate
Members are
Engaged

- Extensive Repair Efforts Address Damage

Recovery Plan
Completed and
Case Closed

Disaster Recovery in a Nutshell

- Individual Damage information received
- Construction Coordinator(s) and Case Manager(s) contact impacted residents to address unmet needs
- Local volunteers are mobilized
- VOADs and other partners are engaged, as necessary
- Case is closed

FEMA Declared vs. Undeclared Disasters

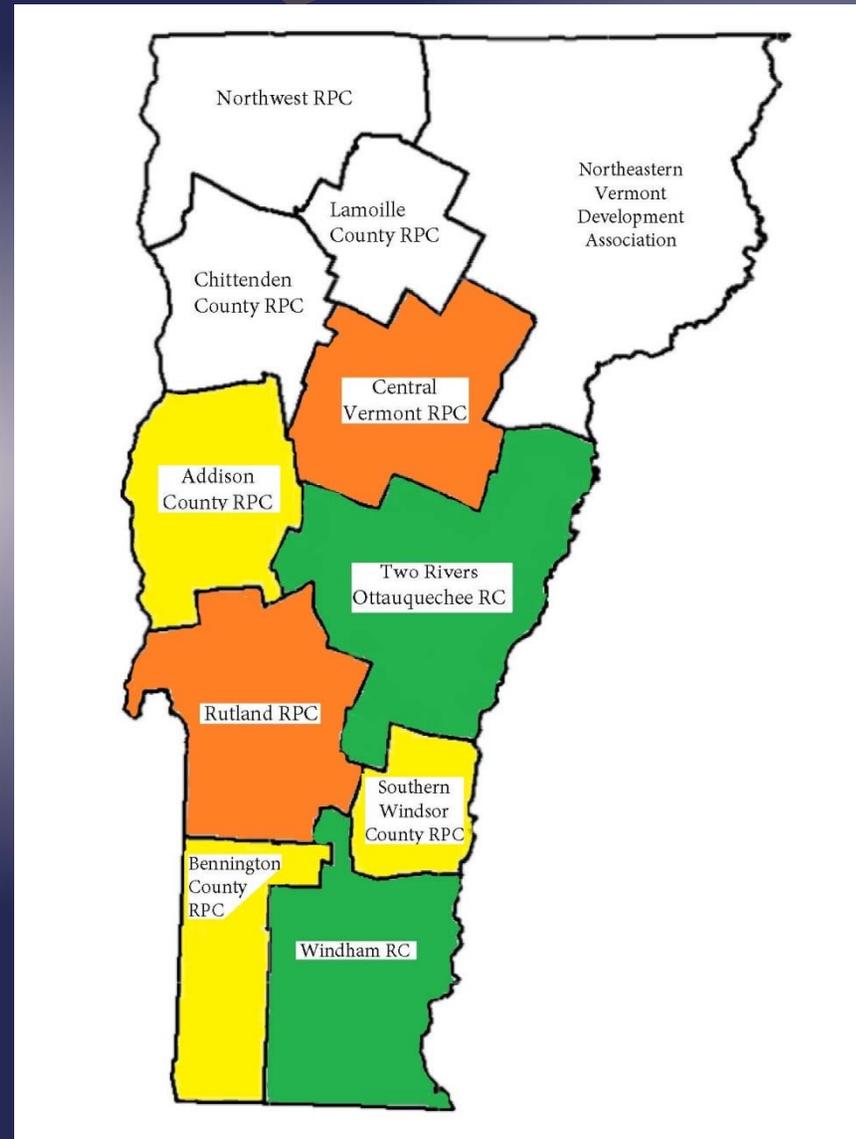
- Public Assistance (PA) – Disaster-damaged facilities
 - A (debris removal)
 - B (emergency protective measures)
- Individual Assistance (IA) - Assistance to individuals and households
 - Individuals and Households Program (IHP)
 - Only form of IA that may be authorized under an emergency declaration
 - Authorization of IHP under an emergency is rare.¹
- Most disasters will be considered **Undeclared** for IA

1. “Declaration Types”. *Declaration Process Fact Sheet*. FEMA. nd. Web. October 15, 2015

Regions of VT COAD Coverage

- Currently Vermont has two COADs
- Each are aligned with their respective Regional Planning Commissions:
 - Upper Valley Strong with Two-Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission
 - Southern Windham COAD with Windham Regional Planning Commission
- Central Vermont and Rutland RPCs are considering COADs for their regions

Vermont Regional Planning Commissions



Sustainability of COADs

- COADs are Non-Government Agencies (NGOs)
- Receive only private funding, generated via grants and private donations
- No FEMA, State, Federal, or Homeland Security funding, at this point
- Long-term sustainability constant struggle
- Long-term funding must be addressed if these organizations are to remain viable aspects of disaster recovery

Every State Needs COADs

- Provide preparedness training
- Promote disaster preparedness
- Address Individual Assistance with or without FEMA disaster declaration
- Serve as local contact
- Reduce duplication of effort and benefits
- Coordinate and streamline assistance efforts
- Engage and manage private contractors
- Bridge the gap between response and recovery in emergency management

Remember Why We're Here



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