

Benefits to Members

Connections to...

- Other faith-based and nonprofit organizations active in disaster
- Government emergency management agencies

Information about...

- Who does what in disaster and what resources are available
- Changes in government emergency management policies, programs, services
- New programs and initiatives
- Potential funding sources for member organizations
- Annual National VOAD Leadership Conference

A place to...

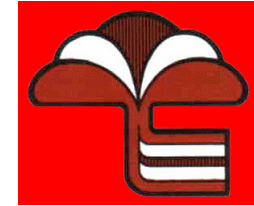
- Learn more through education and training
- Raise issues and concerns
- Come together when there's a disaster
- Practice disaster communication and coordination through exercises
- Engage in joint problem-solving

Join Us!

Become a part of this association of voluntary organizations committed to providing effective, coordinated services to people affected by disaster. For contact or resource information and to download a membership application, go to <http://calvoad.org>.

NorCal VOAD Members (Partial List)

2-1-1 Helplink
Adventist Community Services
American Red Cross
Assemblies of God
CADRE (Collaborating Agencies' Disaster Relief Effort)
California Governor's Office of Emergency Services
California Southern Baptist Disaster Relief
CaliforniaVolunteers
Catholic Charities
Church of the Brethren
Church World Service
City Team Ministries
Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC)
Eden Information and Referral (I&R)
El Dorado County VOAD
FEMA
Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano
Fresno-Madera County VOAD
Humboldt County VOAD
Lutheran Social Services (LSS)
Mennonite Disaster Services
Oakland Fire OES
REACT Blackberry
Sacramento County VOAD
The Salvation Army
San Francisco CARD (Collaborating Agencies Responding to Disaster)
Society of St. Vincent De Paul
Sonoma County VOAD
Taiwan Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation
United Church of Christ
United Way of the Bay Area
Volunteer Centers of California
Volunteers of America Bay Area



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Voluntary Organizations
Active in Disaster**

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What is NorCal VOAD?

Northern California Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NorCal VOAD) is a humanitarian association of independent faith-based and other voluntary organizations that play a response or recovery role in disasters.

Its mission is to foster effective, streamlined service delivery to people affected by disaster, while eliminating unnecessary duplication of effort, through cooperation in all phases of disaster: preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation.

NorCal VOAD is not a service delivery organization. Instead, it upholds the privilege of its members to independently provide relief and recovery services.

It supports their efforts to do so by providing a forum where organizations active in disaster can practice the four “C”s—cooperation, communication, coordination and collaboration.

NorCal VOAD meetings are scheduled on the second Tuesday of February, May, August and November. Quarterly meetings currently begin at 9:30 am and are held at American Red Cross, 3901 Broadway, Oakland, CA, with a conference call option.

Why VOAD?

After Hurricane Camille in 1969, it became clear to organizations that regularly helped disaster victims that their services were frequently duplicated and uncoordinated. As a result, National VOAD (<http://www.nvoad.org>) was created by national voluntary organizations to ensure greater inter-agency coordination and more effective service delivery. NorCal VOAD was chartered as a state chapter of NVOAD in 1985.

NorCal VOAD helps to:

- Increase communication and coordination among disaster response/recovery organizations before and after a disaster
- Eliminate duplication of effort among responding agencies and maximize service delivery
- Improve communication and coordination between voluntary (faith-based and nonprofits) and government agencies
- Address the unmet needs of a community’s most vulnerable people during recovery
- Assist with the formation of Long Term Recovery Organizations
- Increase cross-agency response planning and provide training
- Promote individual and organizational preparedness planning

Who are VOAD members?

- Faith-based and other voluntary organizations that play a role in disaster
- Local VOADs (usually county-based)
- Government emergency management agencies at all levels
- Other organizations and individuals with a mission in emergency preparedness and response

Area Served by CA’s VOADs

California has two state VOAD leadership groups:

- NorCal VOAD coordinates efforts extending from the Oregon border south to the northern boundaries of San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino counties.
- Southern CA VOAD (SCVOAD) coordinates efforts for Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.