

VOAD KAUA‘I

Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster on Kaua‘i

Purpose Statement

The purpose of this organization is to bring together voluntary organizations and services groups to foster more effective response to the people of Kaua‘i in times of disaster. VOAD Kaua‘i is a humanitarian association of independent voluntary organizations who may be active in all phases of a disaster. Its mission is to foster efficient, streamlined services delivery to people affected by disaster, while eliminating unnecessary duplication of effort, through cooperation in the four phases of disaster: preparation, response, recovery, and mitigation.

The role of VOAD Kaua‘i is not to manage disaster response operations; it is to coordinate planning and preparations in advance of disaster incidents and operations. Individual VOAD member organizations will maintain their own identity and independence while closely collaborating with other VOAD Kaua‘i members and local, state, or federal authorities. Individual VOAD Kaua‘i member organizations will perform and deliver actual disaster response services.

VOAD Kaua‘i members will regularly test, evaluate and, as appropriate, modify the Disaster Response Plan. Consideration will be given as to how well it is integrated with the County of Kaua‘i Office of Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster response plans. VOAD Kaua‘i will routinely share information, technical expertise, and resources with the County of Kaua‘i Office of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

VOAD Kaua‘i members will bring together the organizations services to foster more effective response to the people of Kaua‘i in times of disaster through the 4C’s:

COOPERATION

By this we mean that we need each other, that no member organization has all the answers for the challenges we face. We treat members as partners.

COMMUNICATION

Here we mean the regular sharing of information about our member organizations, their capacities, accomplishments, and commitments. We try to maintain good channels for sharing information, listen carefully to each other, and deal openly with concerns.

COORDINATION

We commit ourselves to work together and not competitively toward our goal of effective service to disaster victims. We seek to match services to need. Through planning and preparation, we equip our organizations to behave in a coordinated fashion in time of disaster.

COLLABORATION

Member organizations dedicate themselves to work together to achieve specific goals and to undertake specific projects during time of disasters. Partnerships are formed before and during disaster response.

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