

Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)

Tuesday, March 1st. 0900-1030

Zoom meeting only, no in-person this month.

Minutes

Attendees: Rick Scott, Jim Nania, Pete Breuer, Janet Breuer, George Abrams, Mark Conrad, Frank Hutchison, Eric Williams, Summer Warfield, Jessica Carlson, Laura Renz, Marian Ortiz, CJ Gribble, Sarah Nuss, Sharon Colby, Robin Cocking.

- **Welcome – Gerry Bozarth**

- **Presentation: Rick Scott, Director - Spokane Community Oriented Policing (S.C.O.P.E.)**

- **New Business**
 - Dr. Nania suggested that SCOPE could consider putting the PulsePoint app. On their phones which would alert them to a medical emergency in their area while volunteering with SCOPE. Rick said that some volunteers do have this app and there was a goal to put AED's in all SCOPE vehicles and they've been looking for a possible grant to fund this.
 - Marian with HEART said they are seeking more volunteers and gearing up for the wildfire season. Last year was challenging as they worked in Spokane and Stevens Co. with one deployment taking care of 300 animals with the help of the farm owners.
 - Eric with Second Harvest mentioned there is still high need but a bit less than 2020. They too are looking for volunteers and hoping that many of their seniors can come back to assist as the pandemic subsides and more people are vaccinated.
 - Laura with Paws on Patrol and here Service Dog Non-Profit is looking forward to in-person opportunities.
 - C.J. Gribble with Team Rubicon has been responding to the West Side with flooding operations (Mucking out residences). They will be returning to Malden to remove more trees soon and they

participated in a Table-Top exercise with Kootenai Co. Emergency Management simulating flooding on the Coeur d' Alene River.

- Pete/Janet Breuer with Stevens Co. FD13, Samaritans Purse (SP), and HOPE Crisis Response Dogs – FD13 is still working toward members licensing as Emergency Responders to assist with the Ambulance service. Samaritans Purse members have been assisting in multiple disasters and particularly in Whatcom Co. for the flooding within WA. Pete and Janet will be attending the SP conference and receiving additional training in FL this month. HOPE has been assisting the Veteran's Court, (and other Courts with those who need the dogs assistance during proceedings), in Spokane and Stevens Counties. They've also been spending time at Whitworth University's Counseling Center where Students can make an appointment to spend 15 min. with the dogs.
- SRHD/MRC – Summer. Covid resp. has slowed. SRHD is shifting back to normal work of updating plans and other usual tasks. There will be MRC led tents at Bloomsday and vaccine clinics are taking place soon for other than COVID. N95 masks are available and if you need any please contact Summer. Narcan requests for the downtown area have increased recently. Overdoses rates are up in Spokane Co.
- City of Spokane-Sarah. Continuing the search for a permanent location that can be opened for homeless when a weather-related event requires it or other need. Sarah feels they may have a location soon and the City will announce when they have finalized an agreement.
- Red Cross-Jessica. There've been 54 home fires in their area of operations and 21 in Spokane Co. since the 1st of the year. They are prepping volunteers for shelter working during upcoming fire season and beyond. The Sound the Alarm campaign has been finalized and will begin on May 1st – 22nd. Exact dates and locations of recipients of smoke alarm installation TBD. They are also sponsoring classes on Disasters and Kids. Contact Jessica for dates/times, or more information.
- Radio/ACS-Frank. The non-active membership has been purged. They now have approximately 50 active members. They've been upgrading

antennas at the SCEM building recently to improve communications in the area and with State Emergency Management. Also attending National Tribal Emergency Management planning meetings for the upcoming Cascadia Rising exercise this summer. At the next ACS meeting the group will be strategically planning for the next two years.

That is all.

Next Meeting: April 5, 2022

It will be In-Person

Upper Columbia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

3715 S Grove Rd, Spokane, WA 99224

Featured guests will be:

The HOPE Crisis Response Dogs