

# REGIONAL COMMUNITY RECOVERY TEAM

Update #1

Date-February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

- The San Diego VOAD staffed a table for the six days that the County Local Assistance Center (LAC) was open at the Vista Library.
- The Community Recovery Team provided ten volunteers with extensive knowledge in Case Management and Recovery for the 6 days, assisted on Saturday by the Tzu Chi.
- The following VOAD Partners also had a presence and staffed their own table: The American Red Cross, The Salvation Army, 211 San Diego, Team Rubicon, United Policy Holders, Pacific Southwest HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response teams, and of course the County agencies and State OES.
- The following partners provided literature at the VOAD Table: Feeding San Diego, Community Recovery Team, CARE Help, SDVOAD, and RB United.
- The County of San Diego has implemented a Bin Program to assist the survivor with debris removal cartage. The following VOAD Partners have participated in sifting and removal of debris and metal:
  - Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief
  - Team Rubicon
  - Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
  - Burners without Borders
  - United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)
  - We are planning on adding Friends and Family Community Connection and Feeding San Diego to the volunteer labor force.
  - UMCOR is adding a chain saw group to their program
- The County of San Diego has a program that will assist in removal of burn out vehicles.
- The County of San Diego PDS Department has personnel assigned to assist individual survivors with rebuild needs and bin program
- The County of San Diego OES continues to work collaboratively with all of us to assist where needed
- The International Relief Team has reached out to potentially assist if needed
- The Tzu Chi set up two different events to provide assistance with gift-cards, rice and blankets
- The American Red Cross continues to support clients referred to us by FEMA or clients who are recently returning home. We are offering financial assistance via Red Cross Doctrine as well as our NVOAD agency United Way.

We are working closely with San Louis Rey Training Center and the Del Mar Fairgrounds to reach clients who were living at the training facility during the fire. We are coordinating Mental Health services for the trainers and teams. We are working closely with Farm Workers Care Coalition to reach communities that we affected by the fire but uncomfortable coming forward for help. Reaching out to agencies such as UNDOCUFUND and others who are able and aware to support our at risk communities.

The Red Cross is in process of setting up a long term recovery program for the State of California Wildfires and Mudslides

- The Salvation Army continues to assist with Disaster Recovery and has applied for a matching funds grant from the Lilly Foundation and has disbursed approximately \$30,000 in assistance.

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- Fired Up Sisters has invited survivors to attend a meeting to be able to share information, their experience, emotional support and a small gift to those that attend. Fired Up Sisters has also had a presence at the UPH workshops to assist with emotional support.
- United Policy Holders (Insurance Advocacy) has held two sessions of their Road Map to Recovery Series and they are scheduled on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month.
- CARE Help has offered to provide their insurance advocacy classes or one on one calls if needed
- **A Long Term Recovery Disaster Case Management committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at the American Red Cross Building, 3950 Calle Fortunada, San Diego, CA 92123**
  - Collaboration amongst Case Management organizations
  - Survivor Needs
  - Survivor Challenges
  - Participants-Community Recovery Team, Salvation Army, Red Cross, Catholic Charities, Tzu Chi and any other DCM organizations are invited
- The Lilac Fire has now been FEMA Declared for Individual Assistance
  - FEMA initially set up a DRC at Rancho Monserate and is now only open at the Bonsall Community Center, 31505 Old River Road, Bonsall, CA 92003
  - Hours-Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 6 pm
  - Anticipated closure March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018
  - FEMA assigned a FEMA VAL John Chavez
  - CAL OES and SBA have a presence at the DRC
- The San Diego Foundation granted funds to the Community Recovery Team for Case Management and Technical Management along with a mental health component and funds for a survivor gathering.
  - The Community Recovery Team has hired two very experienced Disaster Case Managers, Dawn Hubert and Novia Baxter
  - The Case Managers have been provided free office space at the Fallbrook United Methodist Church, 1844 Winter Haven Road, Fallbrook, CA
- San Diego VOAD activated the Long Term Recovery Committee and held the first meeting of the Regional Community Recovery Team (RCRT) on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- **The second Regional Community Recovery Team (RCRT) meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 10 am at the American Red Cross Building, 3950 Calle Fortunada, San Diego, CA 92123** *(this meeting is in lieu of our regular San Diego VOAD meeting. Everyone is invited.)*
- There are 114 homes confirmed lost (1 pending via case manager contact) and 59 damaged
- 5 confirmed uninsured homeowners
- Many uninsured renters
- Many grossly under-insured homeowners with a concentration in Rancho Monserate.

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