

MINUTES
DEVOAD MEETING 20 JANUARY 2016
DEMA, SMYRNA, DE

This meeting was held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled Delaware Citizens Corps meeting at DEMA, Smyrna, DE convening at 10:00 am. The DEVOAD portion convened at 11:00am.

DEVOAD Vice Chairperson Chris Young (ARC) led the meeting in the absence of Chairperson Dave Venables (Team Rubicon), who was on deployment in Missouri. Other officers present included Secretary Dave Scott (NCCOEM) and Treasurer Larry Sullivan (Commodore Center).

Motion to approve the agenda was unanimously approved. A copy of the agenda will be appended to the approved copy of these minutes. Motion to approve the minutes of the 21 October 2015 meeting was unanimously approved.

Vice Chairperson Young mentioned the upcoming National VOAD conference to be held in Minneapolis, MN, 22-25 May 2016. He also noted that DEVOAD volunteers are needed for watchstanding duty at DEMA during activations; DEMA will be providing training this Spring. Members were encouraged to take advantage of the training.

With a major winter storm approaching 22-23 January time frame, brief mention was made on how to obtain a waiver should the Governor implement driving restrictions due to adverse weather.

CSM Mike Fields (DEARNG) gave a brief presentation on the National Guard's assistance capabilities in winter storms. The Guard needs a minimum of four hours notification to activate; Guard wheeled vehicles can traverse up to 30" of water; they can assist with medical needs sheltering; they can provide heavy construction equipment with trained operators; and they can be activated only when the Governor declares a State of Emergency (although activation can proceed upon verbal direction of the Governor, while the written declaration is being processed). The Guard does not fill sandbags!

The Planning Team reports that there may be a possible shelter exercise in the Fall. More on this later. The Planning Team has also completed a rough draft of the Volunteers & Donations plan, which is now being reviewed by DEMA. Eric Morgan (Team Rubicon) is working on it. A draft may be available for the next meeting.

Treasurer Sullivan presented his report for 2015, a copy will be appended to these minutes once approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Larry is ready to go forward with our Non-Profit incorporation paperwork. He is also ready to file our 501(c)(3) application, which could take several years for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was introduced due to small number of attendees at this meeting. Brief discussion was held on whether to cancel future January meetings due to historically low attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 13:00.