



# COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER

## The Mission of COAD

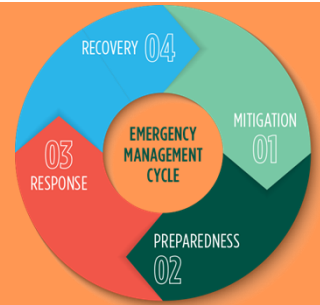
To bring together community, government, faith-based organizations, businesses, and volunteers committed to enhancing the community's ability to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters.

## What does a COAD do?

The Hernando COAD is a forum where organizations share knowledge and resources throughout the disaster cycle to better assist disaster survivors and their unmet needs. The COAD's role is to bring member organizations together with local EM personnel & enable them to understand each other & work together during the three phases of Emergency Management: **MITIGATION & PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE, & RECOVERY.**

## Three Phases of Partnership

- ⇒ **Mitigation & Preparedness:** Community education and preparedness, recruiting volunteers and donations, organizing and training volunteers, resource inventory of private, non-profit, and faith-based organizations.
- ⇒ **Response:** Volunteer and donation management, shelter workers and respite centers, volunteer generation, damage assessment/needs identification, muck-out and clean up crews, comprehensive situational awareness, individual assistance services.
- ⇒ **Recovery:** Short and long term recovery committee, case management, rebuilding, financial support.



## How to Get Involved

- Attend the monthly **COAD meetings** (last Monday of the month, 9:30AM @ EOC)
- **Host a Supply Drive!** United Way is the official collection site. Needed items include: batteries, first aid kits, flashlights, water, hand sanitizer, etc.
- **Advocate!** Share the opportunity on social media and help distribute Disaster Guides.

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