

OUR VISION

Bringing local businesses, community organizations and government agencies together to effectively prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters, both natural and manmade.

We aim to alleviate suffering caused by disasters through enhancing communication, cooperation, coordination & collaboration and ensuring the Mat-Su's ability to prepare, respond, recover, and mitigate during times of disaster.

OUR MISSION



MAT-SU VOAD

Monthly Meetings:

Third Thursdays 11:30am-1:00pm

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MAT-SU VALLEY
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Bringing the whole community together
to foster more effective services to
people affected by disaster.

WHAT IS MAT-SU VOAD



Mat-Su Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) brings together agencies and groups that want to assist during an emergency to provide community-level disaster relief and response.

Mat-Su VOAD works collaboratively with public safety agencies and community partners to:

- Enhance community disaster education initiatives
- Engage in coordinated preparedness and response efforts
- Facilitate disaster recovery via case management

BENEFITS OF MAT-SU VOAD

A well-organized VOAD results in:

- Trained and empowered communities
- Expedited local response
- Improved management of volunteers and donations
- Emergency preparedness education and resources
- Effective utilization of resources
- Efficient service delivery
- Reduction in duplication of services
- Coordination with local, state and federal emergency management agencies
- Organized resources for disaster response and recovery



ACTIVE IN ALL PHASES OF DISASTER

PREPAREDNESS:

- Developing and exercising disaster response plans
- Organizing and training volunteers
- Building and maintaining a resource inventory of community assets that could be useful in all phases of a disaster

RESPONSE:

- Volunteer and donations management
- Shelter workers and emergency rest centers
- Needs identification
- Muck out/cleanup crews
- Comprehensive situational awareness
- Individual assistance services

RECOVERY:

- Long-term recovery committee
- Case management
- Rebuilding
- Financial support

MITIGATION:

- Community education and preparedness campaigns