

# *Spartanburg County Volunteer Organizations Active in a Disaster*

**\*\* Minutes\*\*  
October 17, 2008**

The Spartanburg County VOAD convened at 10:00 am on Friday, October 17, 2008 at the American Red Cross.

Those present were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organizations</u>
Linda Burns	American Red Cross
Miriam Hart	MRC-DHEC Region II
Don Jones	Southern Baptist Disaster Relief
Kelly Stafford	American Red Cross
Robbie Swofford	Emergency Management/CERT
Vivian Tanner	Mobile-Meals
Marcia Trott	Active Community Team Services

The following agenda items were addressed:

## **CALL TO ORDER** – Robbie Swofford

Robbie Swofford called the meeting to order at 10:10am.

## **UPDATE ON THE FOLLOWING INITIATIVES:**

VRC-SOG: Mr. Swofford informed SCVOAD about South Carolina Emergency Management's decision to approve the Volunteer Reception Center SOG submitted to the state. The next step will involve exercising this plan. This exercise will take place next year.

ID System: Mr. Swofford informed the group about Emergency Management's recent purchase of an ID Maker. This ID maker will be utilized for Emergency Management and SCVOAD projects. Mr. Swofford brought the ID Maker and all of it's components to the meeting.

## **WHATS NEW WITH YOUR AGENCY/ITEMS OF KNOWLEDGE:**

ACTS: Since ACTS is a new member of SCVOAD, Mrs. Trott told us a little more about her organization. SCVOAD learned that ACTS has access to 4 mobile kitchens (one located in Spartanburg), conducts needs assessments, participates in Debris removal, and does much more during times of disaster. Their home office is in Florida and they are members of the National VOAD. For their item of knowledge, Mrs. Trott's reflected on a recent ACT's deployment. During this deployment, ACT's had the pleasure of working with behavior health specialist. She would highly recommend everyone utilize their services.

American Red Cross: The American Red Cross informed everyone about Spartanburg Community College's Emergency Preparedness Fair taking place on September 19, 2009. Spartanburg Community College is in the process of organizing that now.

CERT: CERT is still working towards the establishment of a Spartanburg County Support Services Unit. Hopefully this service will be available countywide by the end of 2008 or early 2009.

MRC: MRC just recently placed 16 billboards around the county. If you see one of them, you're encourage to contact Miriam Hart. She would love to have some feedback.

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief: Don informed everyone that the SBDR trailer was completed and it's housed at Son Rise Baptist Church. For his item of knowledge, Don passed out a very informative article on when to wear a mask or respirator.

**CLOSING REMAKRS – ADJOURNED 11:00 AM**

Mrs. Trott made everyone aware of an upcoming Harvest Fest at her church. Following that, Mr. Swofford thanked everyone for coming. The next meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2008. The meeting will take place at the American Red Cross and will begin at 10:00am.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Robbie Swofford*

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