



Who We Are

The Nashville VOAD is a coalition of dozens of nonprofits, community organizations, faith-based institutions, and government departments working together to ensure effective response to disasters through the 4 Cs—cooperation, communication, coordination, and collaboration. The goal of the Nashville VOAD is to provide knowledge and resources throughout the disaster cycle to help disaster survivors in Davidson County communities.

During times of an active disaster, the Nashville VOAD fosters an effective delivery of services in response to Davidson County's impacted communities. It provides a single point of coordination for all member organizations available to assist survivors so that needs are met in the most efficient and equitable manner possible.

We partner with Metro Nashville's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to ensure successful disaster preparation, mitigation, response, and recovery efforts for the community.

Who Can Be a Member

Nashville VOAD members represent a diverse group of highly competent organizations that provide a wide range of skills in service to our fellow neighbors and communities. The coalition is dedicated to whole community engagement and recognizes that the VOAD values and practices represent a proven way to build resilient communities. Our combination of faith-based, community-based, and nonprofit organizations and government agencies represents hundreds of professional staff and volunteers with unique skills and a resourceful spirit. Discover all member organizations at:

NashvilleResponds.com/About-Us

Community Benefits

A strong and responsive VOAD:

- Builds trust between organizations and the community
- Creates a structured immediate response to disasters
- Enables a single-point of entry for survivors requesting assistance
- Brings diverse groups together to solve issues
- Supports long-term recovery by supporting local initiatives
- Provides an educational resource to community residents
- Fills the gaps not covered by insurance, state and federal assistance



Our Active Response Process

Nashville VOAD works alongside the Nashville OEM and Metro Nashville departments to help assess the city's damage and needs. Survivors are directed to visit NashvilleResponds.com or call 2-1-1 to report needs and/or discover available resources.

Local case workers connect Nashville VOAD member organizations available to respond to survivors and address immediate needs. Needs may include: Food/Nutrition, Temporary Housing, Financial Assistance, Debris Clean-Up, Spiritual and Emotional Care.

Communication with Davidson County survivors via news release, email, text, and social media provides survivors with insight into the recovery process including: steps in documenting damage/loss of personal items, updates regarding local, state and federal assistance, helpful legal tips and scam alerts, dedicated events connecting survivors with resources, and more.

The Nashville VOAD forms a Long-Term Recovery Group (LTRG) based on the type of disaster and greatest needs in the community. Committees within the LTRG may include: Advocacy, Allocations and Distribution, Case Management, Communications, Construction, Emotional and Spiritual Care, Housing Solutions, Materials Management, and Volunteer Assistance.



If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together. –African Proverb



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