

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER (L.C.C.O.A.D)  
AND**

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**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to establish a working relationship between the Lawrence County Community Organizations Active in Disaster, hereinafter referred to as "L.C.C.O.A.D." and \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter referred to as "\_\_\_\_\_", in order to prepare for and coordinate rapid response services in the event of a major disaster. A primary goal is to facilitate an effective working relationship in needed response, recovery, mitigation and preparedness operations. With the frequency of disasters, there is a need for organizations active in disaster planning, response, recovery and mitigation to join their skills to meet the emergencies that occur.

**DEFINITION OF DISASTER**

Disasters are occurrences such as pandemics, tornadoes, storms, floods, high water, droughts, blizzards, pestilence, famines, fires, explosions, building collapse, transportation, wrecks, or other situations that cause human suffering or create human needs that the victim cannot alleviate without assistance.

**ORGANIZATION OF L.C.C.O.A.D.**

The L.C.C.O.A.D.'s mission is to coordinate the activities of various organizations active in providing needed assistance to disaster survivors; to make the best use of the facilities, supplies, and equipment for bringing relief to disaster survivors; to make the delivery of disaster assistance as efficient and prompt as possible; to coordinate the distribution of materials so that overlapping and duplicating of services will be avoided; to create a climate of cooperation at the local level and to provide information about assistance; to assist in coordination of agencies with local, state and federal governments; to provide training, and to increase awareness and preparedness in all participating groups; to serve as a liaison, advocate and county voice to improve services and support(s) and L.C.C.O.A.D. seeks to ensure the availability of needed services and to encourage uniform and impartial provision of those services regardless of race, sex, color, religion, disability, creed, age or natural origin.

**METHOD OF COOPERATION**

In order that \_\_\_\_\_ and L.C.C.O.A.D may work in harmony and without duplication of effort in rendering quality service to victims of a major disaster.

The COAD will:

1. Provide regular and up-to-date information to member agencies on disaster/emergency response, recovery, mitigation and preparedness initiatives;
2. Facilitate a minimum of four (4) COAD membership meetings per year;
3. Offer periodic and relevant member training programs on disasters and emergencies;
4. Act as a community conduit to and from the Lawrence County Department of Public Services and COAD members;
5. Other actions as requested.

The \_\_\_\_\_ Agency will:

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be in effect as of the date indicated below and shall remain in effect until 30 days after written notification from either party to terminate.

COUNTY OF LAWRENCE

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County Administrator

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County Commissioner, Chairman

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Lawrence County COAD Chairman

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Agency

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