

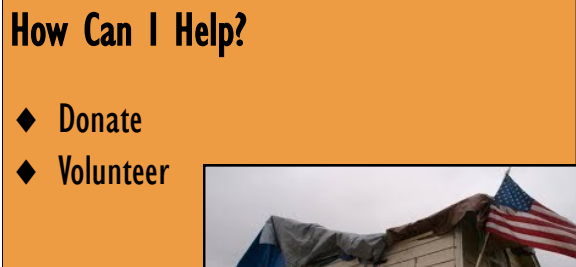


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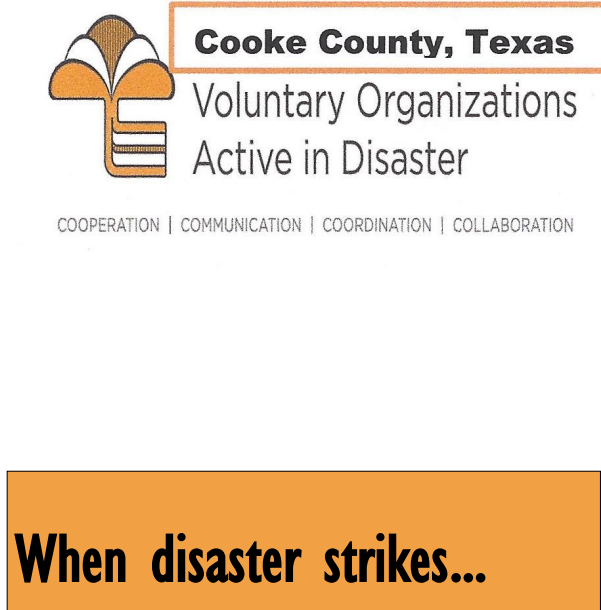
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VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER

(VOAD of Cooke County, Texas, Inc.)

Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster in Cooke County Texas, Inc. (or, "VOADCCTI") is a humanitarian association of independent voluntary organizations that are active in one or more phases of disaster: preparation, response, recovery, and mitigation.

The mission of VOADCCTI is to foster efficient, streamlined service delivery to people affected by disaster, through collaborative efforts and cooperation with government and other relief organizations. VOADCCTI's goal is to eliminate unnecessary duplication of effort and fulfill unmet needs for disaster survivors.

VOADCCTI is activated whenever a state of disaster is declared by the Cooke County Judge or the mayor of a municipality within Cooke County, Texas. When a disaster is declared, the VOADCCTI forms a Long Term Recovery Committee consisting of local volunteers and representatives from churches, civic groups and various non-profits. They work closely with local, county, state, and/or federal authorities, national disaster relief and interfaith organizations to accomplish its mission of fulfilling unmet needs by adhering to the following principles:

- ♦ Cooperation
- ♦ Coordination
- ♦ Communication
- ♦ Collaboration



VOADCCTI is a strong advocate for the disaster survivor helping them through the "red tape" of filing for assistance or loans from government, charitable or other relief organizations. Once these outside resources are exhausted, the VOADCCTI is the last resource for assisting with any unmet needs through hands-on assistance and/or funding.

The VOADCCTI is inactive when a state of disaster does not exist. During these times, activities such as preparation, disaster recovery training, education, fundraising and public awareness are the VOADCCTI's focus.

Emergency preparedness information from a variety of Federal, State and other agencies including the American Red Cross, Salvation Army and AgriLIFE Extension of Cooke County, Texas is available at the Cooke County United Way offices located at 114 E. Main Street/Gainesville, Texas.



*Faith Lutheran Church Youth Group/Gainesville, Texas
assisting with the 2015 Spring storm in Cooke County, Texas.*

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT:

FEMA 1-800-621-3362
www.DisasterAssistance.gov
SBA 916-735-1500
US Dept. of Ag-Rural

NATIONAL INTERFAITH ORGANIZATIONS:

Catholic Charities
Church World Service
Lutheran Disaster Response
Mennonite Disaster Service
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
Southern Baptist, Baptist Associations
United Methodist Church Committee on Relief
World Renew

LOCAL PARTNERS & COLLABORATORS:

AgriLIFE Extension of Cooke County, Texas
American Red Cross
Cooke County Farm Service Agency
Cooke County Ministerial Alliance
Cooke County United Way
Local Governments -
Area City Officials
County Emergency Management
County Judge & Commissioners
Natural Resource Conservation Agency
Salvation Army
TCOG Area Agency on Aging
TCOG 2-1-1
TCOG Veteran Resources
VISTO
And other local non profits & churches as needed.