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*Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COADs)* are nationally recognized as coalition-based organizations, within a community or geographic area, that are composed of representatives from public, private, and not-for-profit agencies.

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The *Jasper County COAD* is incorporated within the State of Missouri and has been granted 501<sup>(c)(3)</sup> status by the Internal Revenue Service. All donations are tax deductible.

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The *Jasper County COAD Inc.* will enhance the community's ability to mitigate, prepare, respond and recover from disasters thus ensuring that human needs inherent in a disaster situation are evaluated and addressed.

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***Jasper County COAD Inc.***  
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Tax-deductible donations are gratefully accepted. Please sent to the

***Jasper County COAD, P.O. Box 623, Joplin, MO 64802***

For volunteerism and other inquiries contact Wendi Douglas, 417-529-7742 or [wdouglas@ecarthage.com](mailto:wdouglas@ecarthage.com)

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# ***JASPER COUNTY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER INC. ("COAD")***

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ESTABLISHED IN MARCH, 2005  
IN RESPONSE TO THE 2003  
CARL JUNCTION TORNADO

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## COAD Members

As an organization composed of a network of organizations, *Jasper County COAD Inc.* is proud to include among its members: *American Red Cross, Carthage Convention & Visitor's Bureau, Catholic Charities, City of Joplin, Community Foundation of Southwest Missouri, Crosslines of Joplin, Economic Security Corporation, FEMA, Salvation Army, Spring River Baptist Association, SEMA, University of Missouri Extension Center*, area Chambers of Commerce, *Joplin Area Ministerial Alliance* and many more.

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Membership is open to any organization interested in any phase of emergency management including mitigation, preparation, response or recovery.

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## History of Jasper County COAD

With the help of *FEMA* (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and *SEMA* (State EMA), the *Jasper County COAD* was formed as a result of the 2003 Carl Junction tornado. The *COAD* has effectively worked to manage volunteers and recovery after the Ice Storms in 2008 and the High Wind Storms of May 2009. Additionally, the *COAD* has coordinated educational campaigns to prepare individuals for self-sheltering, mitigating tips for snow and ice storms and weather preparedness for the Jasper County area.

## COAD Frequently Asked Questions

### Sounds good, but what does *COAD* do?

*COAD* listens to community and agency needs and prioritizes efforts of collaboration to provide education to the community, volunteer coordination and individual and family recovery from disaster. In this process, the *COAD* is able to identify gaps in community service and attempts to provide unmet needs to individuals and families.

### Do you help individuals and families recover from disaster?

Yes! The *Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC)* of the *COAD* leverages *COAD* funds, donated goods, and member agency resources to assist individuals and families recovering from disaster.

### I know someone who needs help. Where do I sign up for services?

The best way to receive services from *COAD* is through the Case Manager system. Contact the Jasper County Emergency Management office for information **(417-623-5858)**.

### How long does it take to receive services?

*COAD* and the *LTRC* work to provide unmet needs after all other efforts have been exhausted. Recovery can take months or years depending upon the situation.

### How can a person receive help now?

*COAD* agencies are set up to provide immediate needs for victims of disaster with "first response." *COAD* then provides long term recovery. When searching for assistance with disaster recovery, ask agencies about a long term recovery plan and ask to be assigned a long term recovery case manager.

### How much does *COAD* spend on administrative fees?

Fortunately, most administrative expenses are absorbed by our member agencies, by our volunteers, or by gifts and grants from philanthropic organizations. Therefore, 99% (or more) of every dollar donated to *COAD* is used to satisfy any unmet needs.

## COAD Frequently Asked Questions

### How is *COAD* helping with the Joplin tornado?

The *Jasper County COAD Inc.* and its *Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC)* are using tax deductible donations to assist with the unmet needs of survivors of the May 22, 2011 area tornado. This includes Joplin, Dusquesne, Sarcoxie and other citizens. Additionally, the *LTRC* overseen, by the *Jasper County COAD*, will partner in this disaster with the *Newton County COAD*. The Joplin long term recovery funds will help support tornado recovery efforts in Jasper and Newton counties for several years.

### How does the *LTRC* work?

This committee works with Disaster Case Managers to assess the needs of individuals and families after all other traditional private and community resources have been exhausted. Our goal is for every person and family to make a full recovery.

### What happens after the recovery from the May 22, 2011 tornado?

The *Jasper County COAD Inc.* will continue with its mission to "mitigate, prepare, respond and recover" from any disaster that may occur in the Jasper County area. Additionally we will be active in aiding other areas with the both materials and the expertise gained from our experience.

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