



Mass Care Committee

(Sub-committees: Feeding and Shelter)

(This is not meant to be an exhaustive list rather, a synopsis of what *may* be expected)

In emergency management, "mass care" refers to the coordinated provision of life-sustaining services, including sheltering, feeding, and the distribution of essential supplies, to individuals and families affected by a disaster or emergency.

- **Purpose:**

Mass care aims to address the *immediate* needs of disaster survivors who have been displaced or otherwise impacted by an event that disrupts their ability to provide for their basic needs.

- **Key Potential Activities:**

- **Sheltering:** Providing safe and temporary housing for evacuees and disaster survivors.
- **Feeding:** Ensuring access to food and water for those affected by the disaster.
- **Distribution of Emergency Supplies:** Providing essential items like blankets, first-aid kits, and sanitation supplies.
- **Emergency First Aid:** Offering basic medical assistance and triage in the immediate aftermath of a disaster.
- **Reunification Support:** Helping to reunite individuals with their families.

- **Coordination:**

- Mass care is a collaborative effort involving local, state, and federal agencies, as well as non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

- **National Mass Care Strategy:**

- The National Mass Care Strategy provides a unified approach to delivering mass care services, focusing on sheltering, feeding, distribution of emergency supplies, and reunification support.

- **Emergency Support Function 6 (ESF-6):**

- ESF-6 is responsible for coordinating mass care, emergency assistance, housing, and human services during emergencies and disasters.

If you are interested in joining this committee and/or would like more information, please reach out to the Chairs, John Ezell at: John.Ezell@uhkc.org or Derek Olcott at: derek.olcott@redcross.org. Mass Care Feeding Subcommittee is chaired by Steven Robinette at: steven.c.robinette@gmail.com. Clinical Support Subcommittee is chaired by Carter Goetz at: [Carter Goetz cgoetz@indepmo.org](mailto:Carter.Goetz@indepmo.org).

Meetings are the first Tuesday of every other month from 11-12 p.m. on Webex.

KCRCOAD Mass Care Committee (MCC)

As of 1, April, 25

Greetings! If you are reading this then you are now a member of the KCRCOAD Mass Care Committee (MCC). Welcome and thank you for volunteering to help save lives and reduce suffering in our communities! Your efforts and input are valued as we move forward with the KCRCOAD mission.

This committee is an opportunity to meet and work with other Mass Care focused partners and our Emergency Management (EM) teammates.

On our committee you could:

1. Identify regional Mass Care capability gaps in RESPONSE and RECOVERY.
 - a. Address these gaps by assisting with updating plans.
 - b. Recruit teammates in the community to join the KCRCOAD and sync them with local EM partners..
2. Attend regional Mass Care related meetings to see if there are KCRCOAD related opportunities in the RESPONSE and RECOVERY mission sets.
3. Help shape and mentor the next generation of leaders with our KCRCOAD Internship Program and build leaders with interns assigned to your committee.
4. During RESPONSE and RECOVERY, work to coordinate the following mission sets:
 - a. **Sheltering** - Provide safe and temporary housing for evacuees and disaster survivors.
 - b. **Feeding** - Ensure access to food and water for those affected by the disaster.
 - c. **Distribution of Emergency Supplies** - Provide essential items like blankets, first-aid kits, and sanitation supplies.
 - d. **Emergency First Aid** - Offer basic medical assistance and triage in the immediate aftermath of a disaster.
 - e. **Reunification Support** - Help to reunite individuals with their families.
5. Sync with other KCRCOAD committees on Mass Care efforts.
6. Work with KCRCOAD Mass Care related community partners to provide support for mission sets requested by impacted Incident Commanders/Emergency Managers.

7. Support the KCRCOAD Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in concert with city/county Incident Commanders by acting on Requests For Assistance (RFA).
8. Participate in our annual prebuilt scenario AVENGERS ASSEMBLE Table Top Exercise that will focus on a different KCRCOAD capability each year.
 - a. Perform in KCRCOAD operations helping to get capabilities to the scene to save lives and reduce suffering.
9. Coordinate with the KCRCOAD Membership Committee in helping our members create Mission Ready Packages (MRP) to outline member's capabilities for RESPONSE and RECOVERY operations.

To begin with there are 5 phases of Emergency Management: Prevention; Mitigation; Preparedness; Response; and Recovery. The KCRCOAD MCC's primary focus is on RESPONSE & RECOVERY.

The Emergency Support Function (ESFs) that MCC focuses on is *ESF-6: Mass Care, Shelter Operations, Emergency Human Services*. This ESF is responsible for coordinating those 3 topics as well as emergency assistance and housing during emergencies and disasters. There are other Regional EM partners and KCRCOAD committees working with other ESFs and you will have many opportunities to meet with these teams. Our recovery experts will identify the primary ESFs and the operational structure in a future Emergency Incident Operations Guide (EIOG).

Emergency/Incident Operations

The Emergency Incident Operations Guide (EIOG) serves as an internal guide for the KCRCOAD committees and membership organizations to organize efforts in support of Regional, County and Local Emergency Management RESPONSE and RECOVERY operations during man-made or natural disasters and can be referenced on the [KCRCOAD website](#). The MCC team's primary purpose is to synchronize Mass Care membership capabilities to support EM mission sets through the KCRCOAD Emergency Operations Center (KCRCOAD EOC).

Partial Activation

When an Emergency or Incident occurs in the KCRCOAD region the MCC Chair (or designee) may be contacted by the KCRCOAD Executive Committee (EC) to:

1. Determine the availability of MCC members to virtually convene.
2. Discuss any receipt of Request For Assistance (RFA) from impacted Incident Commanders (IC) or County Emergency Management Directors (CEMD).

3. Absent any receipt of an RFA, discuss the possibility of immediate and future RFAs that could require KCRCOAD membership support.
 - a. This discussion will drive any changes to the KCRCOAD EOC posture and when/if to meet again.

Full Activation

If there is/are RFAs from IC/CEMDs then the KCRCOAD EOC will be fully activated and each of the KCRCOAD Committees (if needed) will activate their EMERGENCY/INCIDENT OPERATIONS section of their committee description. For example, the Membership Committee Chair, once activated, will be the KCRCOAD EOC Operations Section Chief, and the PTEOC Chair (or their designee) will be activated as the initial KCRCOAD EOC Director to lead our KCRCOAD EOC efforts.

In **FULL ACTIVATION** the MCC Chair (or designee) will:

1. Respond to full activation, if available.
2. Attend initial or detailed mission analysis meetings for impacted areas if designated by EC.
 - a. **DO NOT** share information learned from these meetings with the general public.
3. Await assignment from EC to EOC/ICS position.
 - a. Brief the MCC team about the incident in a virtual meeting or correspondence and notify them of their roles, if available.
4. Coordinate with EC about response needs.
5. Aid KCRCOAD EOC Director in Identifying MCC partners who may be equipped to respond based on Mission Ready Packets (MRPs) and size and scope of the incident.
6. Inform MCC team of the transition from RESPONSE phase to RECOVERY phase.
7. Contribute any documents or input to After Action Report (AAR).

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