**Mission**

The mission of the Hawaii Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) is to facilitate the provision of comprehensive services to the people of Hawaii in disaster preparedness, response, and recovery, by fostering cooperation, communication, coordination, and collaboration.

**Meetings**

Monthly meetings are held on the third Wednesdays of each month at 2:30 p.m., except November (annual meeting luncheon) and December (no meeting). A conference line is available for those who cannot attend in person.

**About Hawaii VOAD**

Hawaii VOAD is a state chapter of the National VOAD. VOAD consists of nonprofits, faith-based and community-based organizations, as well as government and private sector partners that voluntarily provide some form of disaster-related services throughout the state of Hawaii. The role of Hawaii VOAD is to bring organizations together, enable the organizations to understand each other and work together before during and after a disaster.

In addition to the state VOAD, which is based in Honolulu, county VOADs are located on Maui, Kaua'i, and East Hawaii (Hamakua District to Ka`u District). VOAD is led by an executive board of four officers. Additionally, there are six work groups that focus on a specific disaster topic.

The members of Hawaii VOAD adhere to the four principles established by the National VOAD. These are referred to as the 4C’s: * Cooperation * Communication * Coordination * Collaboration

The 4C’s serve as the foundation for the Hawaii VOAD as it collaborates with local, regional and national partners to coordinate disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.

**Hawaii VOAD Members**

Membership in VOAD is open to any organization that has a role in helping communities in Hawaii prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. Nonprofits, faith-based and community-based organizations have full voting rights. Government and business partner members are non-voting partners. Annual membership dues are $50.

**Member Agencies**

Access to Independence
Amateur Radio Relay League
Be Ready Manoa
Children's Disaster Services
Ewa Emergency Preparedness Committee
Hawaii Foodbank
Honpa Hongwanji
Hawaii Pacific Baptist Convention
International Church of the Foursquare Gospel
Kailua Alert & Prepared
Pacific Health Ministry
Southern Baptist Disaster Relief
The Salvation Army
Visitor Aloha Society of Hawaii

Aloha United Way - 211
American Red Cross
Catholic Charities
Hawaii Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists
Helping Hands Hawaii
Hawaiian Humane Society
Hawaii United Methodist Union
Interagency Council on Immigrant Services
Latter-day Saints Charities
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
Team Rubicon
Tzu Chi Foundation

**Government Partner Agencies**

Hawaii Department of Defense
Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA)
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - Pacific Area Office

Hawaii Department of Health/Medical Reserve Corps.
Honolulu Department of Emergency Management