
History:

SMCOAD began after major flooding struck York and Cumberland Counties in 2006-07. These hard hit communities quickly realized the importance of bringing organizations together prior to a disaster in order to efficiently recover.

Mission:

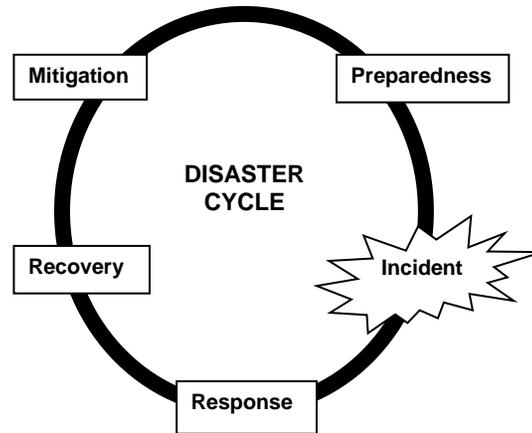
SMCOAD organizations and individuals will work together to help minimize the effects of an emergency or disaster on their local community by supporting local and county Emergency Management Agencies.

Purpose:

SMCOAD, as an organization, is **not** a first responder entity; our role is to provide community assistance with mitigation, preparation, response, and recovery **after the first 72 hours** following a disaster/emergency.

Did You Know? SMCOAD...

- Is a membership organization powered by dedicated volunteers.
 - Welcomes community organizations and individuals to join as members.
 - Is in partnership with Cumberland & York County Emergency Management Agencies.
 - Holds a seat in the Emergency Operations Center during a disaster.
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Four Phases of Disaster

And SMCOAD's Role

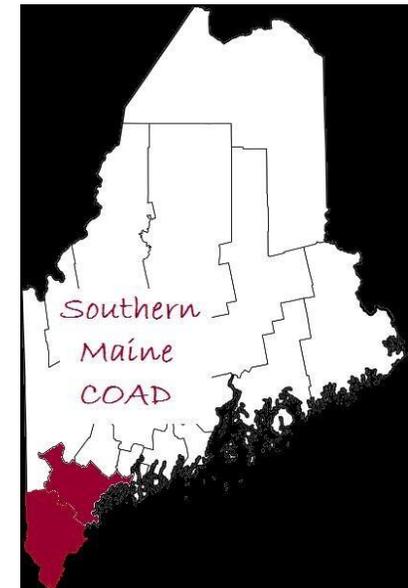
Mitigation—pre-emptive activities aimed at reducing the physical effects of a disaster.
Addressing hazard risk

Preparedness—advance activities which improve personal and community disaster.
Organizing and educating volunteers

Response—actions taken as the disaster occurs.
Providing support and services to directly impacted areas

Recovery—activities aimed at returning the community to its pre-disaster condition.
Advocating for disaster victims

Southern Maine Community Organizations Active in Disaster (SMCOAD)



Serving Cumberland
and York Counties

Southern Maine Community Organizations Active in Disaster (SMCOAD) is a collaborative network of agencies, individuals, businesses, and others working together to help minimize the effects of an emergency on the community by supporting local and county Emergency Management Agencies and first responders.

SMCOAD Members

SMCOAD brings together individuals and organizations from all sectors of the community including:

- Non-profit agencies
 - Local businesses
 - Faith-based organizations
 - Schools
 - Local governments
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Meetings & Trainings

Quarterly membership meetings alternate between York and Cumberland County locations. Volunteer Reception Center training locations vary.

Focus Areas

- Managing spontaneous unaffiliated volunteers during times of disaster (Volunteer Reception Centers)
 - Identifying resources for facilitating long term recovery
 - Educating our community about disaster preparedness
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How SMCOAD Benefits Our Communities:

- Provides free training
 - Creates and maintains a network of support
 - Assists during disasters
 - Expedites local response
 - Improves management of volunteers and donations
 - Promotes emergency education and preparedness
 - Organizes resources for facilitating long-term recovery
 - Reduces service duplication
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Become A Member:

- Publicly support SMCOAD's purpose and activities
 - Attend quarterly meetings
 - Learn about local and national disaster management topics
 - Receive training in disaster volunteer management
 - Spread preparedness messaging and help build our connections
 - Commit to sharing resources (financial, volunteer, materials, space)
 - Play a lead role in SMCOAD or a Volunteer Reception Center
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