

ELKHART COUNTY

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WHAT DOES THE ECCOAD DO?

The ECCOAD convenes, coordinates, and organizes nonprofits, civic groups, and other member organizations for disaster preparation, response, and recovery.



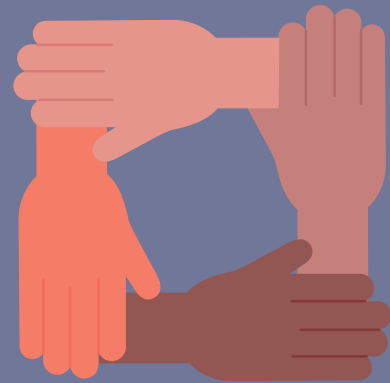
WHY SHOULD WE JOIN THE ECCOAD?

The ECCOAD provides the most up-to-date information, resources available to help with response, and regular forums for preparation and coordination.



WHAT DO MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS HAVE TO DO?

Member organizations are asked to participate in regular meetings, provide updates and coordinate disaster response, and communicate information to affected communities.



WHO ARE THE ECCOAD MEMBERS?

Over 30 organizations, including the Community Foundation of Elkhart County, United Way, Salvation Army, the Red Cross, Church Community Services, and many others.



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FAQs

- ***Is ECCOAD a nonprofit?*** Yes, but the ECCOAD's mission is to unify community organizations in disaster mitigation, prevention, preparation, response, and recovery. As such, its primary purpose is to support member organizations.
- ***Does ECCOAD have funding to distribute?*** No, but the ECCOAD can hold and distribute funds during an emergency.
- ***Does ECCOAD only convene member organizations during emergencies and disasters?*** It would be very difficult for coordination to occur if there was not regular communication between COAD and member organizations. Meetings and communication occur regularly enough to maintain channels and updates during non-emergency periods. During emergencies and disasters, meetings are scheduled as needed and taskforces meet even more regularly to help coordinate resources.
- ***Does COAD have control over the member organizations?*** No, the COAD serves, supports, and coordinates member organizations in disaster response and recovery. Participation is voluntary.
- ***Does ECCOAD perform public outreach?*** Only if it has to. The COAD's role is to support members. We work through our members to coordinate messaging but COAD will do direct public outreach if it is requested from our member organizations.
- ***I represent a business or a church. Can I still join ECCOAD?*** Yes! We have churches and businesses who participate in the ECCOAD. The only requirement is a willingness to help prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters and emergencies.

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