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Long Term Recovery Protocols

AZ VOAD recognizes that all disasters are local and, because of that, both short and long term response efforts are best directed by the local community with the support of the appropriate level of government be it community, city, county, state or federal as well as Arizona Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (AZVOAD) member agencies. AZ VOAD will follow the following protocols to facilitate it's member agencies' support of the local community's long term recovery efforts.

- Long Term Recovery is understood to be the phase of the Emergency Management/Incident cycle immediately following Response and continuing until such time as the local community feels recovery efforts are no longer necessary. The AZVOAD Board of Directors can be assumed to have convened at some point during response. The experience of the board members can further be assumed to be such that they will understand the need for and the appropriate time to initiate long term recovery for the incident.
- The AZVOAD President or board member designated by the President will call for a meeting or arrange for a conference call to discuss support for the formation of a long term recovery committee. This initial discussion will involve the AZVOAD board members, any AZVOAD member agency representatives active in response or support of the ongoing incident, representatives of the municipal, county or state emergency management agency having jurisdiction in area affected by the incident, and community members, agencies and organizations interested in forming a Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC). Information regarding this initial discussion or access to the conference call will be shared with AZVOAD member agencies by email to allow for their participation.
- If a LTRC is deemed necessary or is already being formed, the AZVOAD member agency representatives and emergency management personnel choosing to participate will come together to help initiate or support formation of the LTRC. The efforts of AZVOAD will not be in competition with efforts of the local community to form a LTRC but will be directed towards support of such efforts.
- Guidelines for organizing, administration and details concerning responsibilities and activities can be gleaned from Arizona Division of Emergency Management's Long Term Recovery Guide as well as the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD) Long Term Recovery Guide accessible from the NVOAD home web page. AZVOAD will offer these guidelines to the LTRC formation group for their reference.
- Summaries of the discussions of the long term recovery committee will be documented and made available to all AZVOAD member agency representatives.