

WHATCOM COUNTY

COAD

COMMUNITY **O**RGANIZATIONS **A**CTIVE IN **D**ISASTER

*Reaching out and helping our community,
by linking needs to services
during disaster and recovery efforts.*

The MISSION of the Whatcom County COAD is to
identify and organize resources to meet disaster-related community needs.

ORGANIZATION GOALS

- **Identify** those community organizations and resources that can be called upon when a disaster strikes.
- **Provide** a group of trained individuals to assist in the Whatcom Unified Emergency Operation Center by utilizing the data and pairing needs with resources.
- **Facilitate** communication among organizations that want to help when help is needed.
- **Coordinate** organizations that want to help but don't know how to make themselves available.

What is a “COAD”?

- **A diversified, organized group** of non-profit, governmental, volunteer, faith-based, public service organizations and businesses, and their members, who meet regularly in order to be prepared to share their time, talents and resources during a community disaster.
- **A collaborative group** that, during times when traditional services and resources may be overwhelmed, seeks to minimize duplication of services and strives to meet unmet needs by identifying disaster victims and pairing them with services that offer practical and timely assistance.
- **A Cooperative entity** that functions under the supervision of Whatcom Unified Emergency Management.

~ HOW TO BECOME A PARTICIPANT ~

- Put your name on the meeting reminder e-list (SueEllenH@whatcomvolunteer.org); then attend a meeting.
- Fill out the form on the back of this document and return it to bjacobso@co.whatcom.wa.us.
- Contact the Whatcom Unified Emergency Management at 676-6681 for more information.