



COAD - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Strikeforce 8?

Strikeforce 8 is the name given to the Madison County, Iowa Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD).

How can I/my organization become a part of the Madison County, Iowa COAD?

Becoming part of COAD is simple. Meetings are open to visitors, so please feel free to stop by and learn about COAD. A membership form is available at the COAD meetings as well as on the [Madison County Iowa EMA](#) webpage and on the back of this form.

Who can be a member?

Any interested and willing individual or group, profit or non profit, or government agency can and should be a member of the COAD.

Why should I/my organization become a part of the Madison County, Iowa COAD?

A COAD is an organization, based within a community or geographic area, that is composed of representatives from public, private and non-profit agencies. A COAD will enhance the community's ability to mitigate, prepare, respond and RECOVER from disasters, ensuring that human needs inherent in a disaster situation are evaluated and addressed. Members attend meetings, trainings, and dedicate resources in times of disaster. The COAD should be made up of volunteer individuals and organizations who are interested in helping prepare for potential emergency and disaster situations. This group will primarily focus on the "After Event Needs" of our communities, residents and businesses and will organize and disseminate information useful to the community.

When are the COAD meetings?

The first and organizational meeting of StrikeForce 8 will be on Wednesday, August 8, 2021 from 5:00pm until 6:00 pm at the Madison County Emergency Manager's office in the lower level of the Courthouse Annex (the former Union State Bank Building).

What happens at a COAD meeting?

A COAD meeting agenda varies depending on the community needs or goals of the COAD. In general, the meeting will include a review of COAD business and a speaker discussing a topic related to emergency planning and recovery preparedness.

How is the COAD funded?

Strikeforce 8 is operated by local volunteers and local government representatives. Because COAD is a volunteer organization, no local tax dollars are used to support its activities. Some initiatives may be funded through grants or private donations.

Why is a COAD needed?

Developing and maintaining an active COADs will help provide better planning and support for the local community before, during, and after a disaster. Because of the planning provided through the COAD, a community will be able to more strategically use its various resources during and after emergency situations such as a tornado, a derecho, a flood, a lost child incident, or other emergency events.