

SDVOAD Response
Black Hills Blizzard

- The following committees were set up with the assigned lead agencies:
 - Mass Sheltering/Feeding Red Cross
 - Volunteer Reception & Managing LSS
 - Damage Assessments Red Cross
 - Unmet Needs/Case Management Catholic Social Services
 - Emotional and Spiritual Care Catholic Social Services
 - Housing Needs Habitat for Humanity
 - Feeding/Financial Assistance Salvation Army
 - Public Relations United Way of the Black Hills
 - Fundraising/Finance Black Hills Comm. Foundation
 - Ag/Ranching Dept of Ag

- SDVOAD made contact with the following National VOAD Agencies for assistance:
 - Southern Baptist Disaster Recovery Teams: chain saw crews
 - Mennonites: chain saw crews and debris removal
 - Samaritans Purse: debris removal and financial assistance
 - Farm Aid: financial assistance
 - UMCOR: financial assistance
 - AmeriCares: resources
 - Lutheran Disaster Response: financial assistance
 - National Catholic Charities: financial assistance
 - Brethren Disaster Ministries: financial assistance
 - Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation: financial assistance
 - IN VOAD: other available resources for ranching community
 - OR VOAD: other available resources for ranching community

- SDVOAD made contact with Vermeer for financial assistance for the Ranchers Relief Fund.

- SDVOAD met with emergency managers from Pennington, Lawrence, Butte, and Meade Counties; West River Ag Center, Dept of Ag, Rapid City Mayor's Office, to assess damage and needs for VOAD assistance. Needs requested: tree/debris removal, chain saw crews, feeding for volunteers, housing for volunteers, financial assistance for affected people and the ranching community.
- The Red Cross supported shelters in Lead, Spearfish, Belle Fourche, and two in Rapid City. The shelters served over 800 people and were open five nights. There were other active shelters in various fire departments throughout the Hills area that served over 300 people and were open 5 nights. The Red Cross also responded to seven home disasters related to the blizzard: four of those were home fires and three were collapsed roofs. The Red Cross was assigned a Disaster Response (DR) person to the blizzard. Associated costs incurred by the Red Cross in response to the blizzard have so far been \$35,000.