

2025 MW VOAD Conference Agenda In Boise, Idaho
 When: April 14-17, 2025
 Where: 9492 West Emerald Street, Boise Idaho 83704

Monday

Date	Start	End	Activity	Title/Subject	Room	Presenter	Streamed
4/14	6:00 pm	8:00 pm	Welcome Social		Outside	Operation BBQ	No
4/14	7:30 pm	8:00 pm	Indiv State VOAD Report Outs			State Leadership	No

Tuesday

4/15	8:00 am	9:00 pm	Registration/ Check-in				No
4/15	9:00 am	9:10 am	Invocation & Welcome		Chapel	Ben Rober, Idaho Office of Emergency Management	Yes
4/15	9:10 am	9:45 am	Keynote 1	What does increased disaster tempos mean for the Mountain West	Chapel	Scott O'Connell, American Red Cross, Idaho VOAD President	Yes
4/15	9:45 am	10:00 am	Transition	Go to Breakout 1			
4/15	10:00 am	10:50 am	Breakout 1.A	VOAD 101: An Orientation for New Members	Chapel	Joava Good, Church of Scientology, Mountain West VOAD President, Utah VOAD President, National VOAD Board Member	Yes
4/15	10:00 am	10:50 am	Breakout 1.B	Understanding the Needs & Capabilities of Urban vs. Rural Emergency Managers	Game Room		No
4/15	10:00 am	10:50 am	Breakout 1.C	Search Dog Demonstration	Outside	Tori Swan, K9 Task Force	No
4/15	10:50	11:00	Transition	Go to Chapel			No

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4/15	11:00 am	12pm	Workshop	Long-Term Recovery	Chapel	Aaron Titus &	Yes
4/15	12pm	12:30 pm		How National Security Affects VOAD	Chapel	Heather Bartholomew, FEMA Liaison Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense & Hemispheric Affairs	Yes
4/15	12:30 pm	1:30pm	Online Lunch Break				Yes
4/15	12:30	1:30	Lunch Invocation				
4/15	12:35 pm	1:20 pm	Lunch & Networking				No
4/15	1:20: pm	1:30 pm	Transition	Go to Breakout 2			No
4/15	1:30 pm	2:20 pm	Breakout 2.A	Access and Functional Needs - Culture and Language	Chapel	Beth Norton, Idaho Office for Refugees	Yes
4/15	1:30 pm	2:20 pm	Breakout 2.B	Reunification: A Case Study of the Camp Fire	Game Room	David & Claudia Warner, Helped at the Paradise with Red Cross	
4/15	1:30 pm	2:20 pm	Breakout 2.C	The Importance of Insurance Throughout the Disaster Cycle	Cafeteria	Emily Rogan, United Policyholders	No
4/15	2:20 pm	2:30 pm	Transition	Go to Breakout 3			
4/15	2:30 pm	3:20 pm	Breakout 3.A	Access and Functional Needs - Disability C-MIST What is it and Why do we want to know? Communication, Medical, Independence, Services & Support, Transportation	Chapel	Sadie Martinez, Access and Functional Needs Program Supervisor, OEM Colorado	Yes
4/15	2:30	3:20	Breakout 3.B	Donations Management	Game Room	Karen Trumbull, Bannock County	No

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4/15	2:30 pm	3:20	Breakout 3.C	Ensuring a safe and secure volunteer event	Cafeteria	Keith Mallard, Region 10 ESF 13 Field Coordinator, US Department of Justice/ATF	No
4/15	3:20: pm	3:30 pm	Transition	Go to Chapel			No
4/15	3:30 pm	4:20 pm	Coming together	Sustaining the Supporters	Chapel - streamed from New Zealand	Jolie Willis, CEO of Hummingly, Survivor of Christchurch Earthquake, Author	Yes
4/15	4:20 pm	5:30 pm	Open House	Open House and Networking			No
4/15	4:20 pm	5:00 pm	Online Networking Ends	End of online day.			No
4/15	5:30 pm	8:30 pm	Social Time	Find somewhere local with some friends you've made at the conference!			No
Wednesday							
4/16	8:00 am	9:00 am	Registration				No
4/16	9:00 am	9:15 am	Welcome Invocation Schedule Day 2 Information		Chapel		yes
4/16	9:15 am	9:20 am	Transition	Go to Breakout 4			No
4/16	9:20 am	10:05 am	Breakout 4.A	What the 2024 Fire Season Taught Us	Chapel	Ed Flick, Oregon Office of Resilience and Emergency Management	Yes
4/16	9:20 am	10:05 am	Breakout 4.B	Grey Skies to Blue Skies: Year Round Post Disaster Suicide	Game Room	Christian Burgess, Disaster Distress Helpline	No

				Prevention within Mountainwest Rural Communities			
4/16	10:05 am	10:15 am	Transition	Transition Go to Breakout 5			
4/16	10:15 am	11:10 am	Breakout 5.A	Panel on Food Banks and Pantries	Chapel	Jennifer Erickson, Idaho Foodbank	Yes
4/16	10:15 am	11:10 am	Breakout 5.B	Cards for Calamity	Game Room	Robin/Jolie Wills	No
4/16	11:10 am	11:30 am	Transition	Transition go to Chapel			
4/16	11:30 am	12:25 pm	Speaker	The Changing Weather: The New Normal in the West & the Implications for Disasters	Chapel		Yes
4/16	12:30 pm	1:30 pm	Lunch & Networking				No
4/16	1:30 pm	2:00 pm	Drive to Field Trip				No
4/16	3:00 pm	5:00 pm	Field Trip/ Tour	The Idaho Foodbank/ and NIFC			No
Thursday							
4/17	8:00 am	9:00 am	Check-in				No
4/17	9:00 am	9:10 am	Welcome & Invocation		Chapel		Yes
4/17	9:10 am	10:00 am	Speaker		Chapel		Yes
4/17	10:00 am	10:10 am	Transition	Go to Breakout 6			No
4/17	10:10 am	11:00 am	Round Table	Round Table with Faith-based	Chapel		Yes

				partners			
4/17	11:00 am	11:30 am	Buzz Groups	How do you feel? What did you learn? Who did you meet? What do you plan to do next?	Chapel	Aaron Titus	Yes?
4/17	11:30 am	12:00 pm		MW VOAD Business. Elections, next host state, etc.	Chapel	Joava Good	Yes