



# S.A.V.E. COALITION

## SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

*American Council of Engineering Companies/Missouri \* American Institute of Architects/Missouri  
American Society of Civil Engineers \* Earthquake Engineering Research Institute/New Madrid  
Missouri Society of Professional Engineers \* Structural Engineers Association of Kansas & Missouri  
Society of American Military Engineers/St. Louis \* Missouri Seismic Safety Commission*

### **After-Action Findings from SAVE Coalition Response to May 22, 2011 tornado in Joplin, MO.**

- SAVE needs to look at addressing some of the technical/logistical issues such as how it interfaces with locals and where our volunteers are directed to go. Our Memorandum of Understanding is something SAVE needs to better educate municipalities about now.
- Since most of the SAVE volunteers are in the Northeast Region and live in or very close to St. Louis, we should look at adding a Central Region. This would have made it easier to call in volunteers closer to Joplin but outside of the Southwest and Northwest Regions.
- A web-based database system is still needed. *(COMPLETED - Show-Me Response)*
- SAVE needs to develop a data collection system for the field. *(COMPLETED - Garmin GPS Units)*
- SAVE needs to begin implementation of the Incident Command System. Using ICS would allow the development of a planning document during an activation which would contain phone numbers and other pertinent contact information. *(COMPLETED)*
- Develop Coordinator training so that they can work better with local jurisdictions that SAVE will be assisting. *(COMPLETED)*
- A checklist needs to also be developed so that the Coordinators know what steps need to be taken when working with local governments. *(DRAFT COMPLETED)*
- The refresher training for the volunteers was very good but that a briefing outline should have been developed to more effectively give information to SAVE volunteers.
- A media kit should be developed so that information about SAVE can be distributed to the local media and others during an activation.
- There needs to be basic information developed for three parties; 1) SAVE volunteers, 2) the general public, and, 3) local governments who might ask for SAVE volunteers.
- Having a Quality Control team in Joplin would have been helpful. This would be a team which could concentrate on looking at structures where the tag was being disputed.
- SAVE should make sure that the ability to receive text messages is an option volunteers can check once the new web-based database system is developed.
- SAVE should look for grants to fund equipment purchases and database development.
- Procedures need to be developed to deal with qualified out-of-state people who might be close to an affected area and willing to help SAVE with assessments.
- Peel-and-stick assessment placards could be developed. *(COMPLETED)*
- Put together information about the Incident Command System and for SAVE's information on the SEMA website. *(COMPLETED)*
- SAVE's sponsoring organizations should be approached about allowing PDHs for volunteers who participated in the Joplin tornado activation.
- SAVE should contact the Missouri Municipal League about making a presentation at its fall conference in order to educate communities about the Coalition and how it could assist them after a disaster. *(COMPLETED)*