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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 10, 2018

TO: Commissioners Court

FROM: James McCrone
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RE: Collin County Volunteers Active in A Disaster (VOAD) Training Exercise

On Wednesday, April 4th, 2018, from 9 am to 11:30 am, the Collin County Volunteers Active in a Disaster (VOAD) participated in a tabletop exercise involving the response and recovery of impacted communities to a tornado. Co-facilitated by Collin County Emergency Management Coordinator Jim McCrone and Collin County VOAD President Dana Riley, more than 25 people, representing fourteen county volunteer agencies and six offices of emergency management, were confronted with a series of possible issues, actions, and needs associated with a long track tornado traversing north central Collin County. This collaborative effort is an ongoing step in the VOAD's mission to assist county residents impacted by a disaster, in the most efficient and effective way possible.

All the participants actively engaged in the discussion, asked important questions, identified areas needing further planning, as well as, initiatives for future implementation. The biggest success of the event involved the networking and inter-agency collaboration that will ensure volunteer vetting, expedite organizational disaster integration, and better coordinate delivery of resources and services to residents in need.

I would be happy to address any questions you might have about this exercise.

James McCrone
Collin County Emergency Management Coordinator