



**PUBLIC ENTITY
SINT EUSTATIUS**

TRAVEL REPORT

Participant(s)	Malvern Dijkshoorn; Alida Francis; Carol Jack: Andre Bennette; Ruth Pandt; Edris Bennette; Michael de Vreugd; Vaughn Sams; R.Hodge;		
Start Date	May 10 th 2025	End Date	May 17 th 2025
Date Start of Event	May 12 th 2025	Date End of Event	May 16 th 2025

Report Prepared By	Malvern Dijkshoorn	Date of Report	June 2 nd 2025
--------------------	--------------------	----------------	---------------------------

Business Trip Overview	
Departure From	Sint Eustatius to St. Maarten to Atlanta
Destination	West Palm Beach
Purpose of Travel	To participate in the 39 th Governor’s Hurricane Conference
Summary of Completed Trip	<p>1. Introduction</p> <p>The Community Mass Care and Emergency Assistance Workshop held on May 12th, 2025, brought together emergency management professionals, VOAD representatives, and community leaders to discuss best practices, share experiences, and enhance preparedness for mass care scenarios. The session was facilitated by Jessica Geib and Adam Pedzich, with active participation from various stakeholders across regions.</p> <p>2. Workshop Objectives</p> <p>The primary objectives of the workshop were to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Foster collaboration among emergency response entities. - Share lessons learned from past disasters, including the COVID-19 pandemic. - Discuss the evolution of mass care and emergency assistance. - Explore strategies for sheltering, reunification, and volunteer coordination. - Emphasize the importance of spiritual care and community resilience. <p>3. Detailed Session Summaries</p> <p>The workshop commenced with introductions and an overview of emergency support functions. Participants reflected on their experiences during the COVID-19 response, highlighting the importance of pre-established emergency structures. Discussions</p>

	<p>included the role of VOADs, the significance of partnerships, and the challenges faced during mass casualty events.</p> <p>Key topics included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shelter operations and logistics (e.g., setting up cots, feeding, and sanitation). - Emergency supply distribution and storage planning. - Reunification strategies, including virtual tools. - Animal-friendly sheltering practices. - Volunteer management and multi-agency coordination. - The role of spiritual care in disaster recovery. <h3>4. Participant Contributions</h3> <p>Participants shared valuable insights from their respective regions. Examples included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Managing shelters for extended periods (e.g., 50 days). - Addressing the emotional needs of evacuees separated from pets. - Coordinating transportation and education for displaced children. - Utilizing local businesses for food provision during crises. - Collaborative support across counties and states during emergencies. <h3>5. Key Takeaways</h3> <p>The workshop emphasized the evolving nature of mass care, moving beyond basic needs to holistic support. Participants recognized the importance of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building resilient communities through inclusive planning. - Ensuring every stakeholder has a voice at the table. - Leveraging technology for reunification and coordination. - Maintaining updated training and preparedness protocols.
<p>Conclusions & Recommendations</p>	<h3>6. Recommendations</h3> <p>Based on the discussions and shared experiences, the following recommendations were proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regularly update emergency response training and materials. - Strengthen partnerships with local organizations and businesses. - Develop animal-friendly sheltering protocols. - Incorporate spiritual and emotional care into disaster planning. - Conduct scenario-based planning exercises to test readiness.
<p>Required Follow up</p>	<p>The Statia Coordinator Andre Bennette:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will look into possibilities for animal shelter
<p>Additional Comments</p>	<p>Statia may be small in size but large in managing disasters. We need to focus more on the things we do good and the things we accomplish</p>

PICTORIAL OF EVENT



Report By:

Date of Delivery: June 9th 2025

Malvern Dijkshoorn

Alida Francis

Andre Bennette

Carol Jack

Michael de Vreugd

Ruth Pandt

Vaughn Sams

Edris Bennette