

# SWALC Newsletter

**AFL-CIO SOUTHWEST ALABAMA LABOR COUNCIL**



**Next Meeting**  
SWALC Monthly E-Board &  
Delegates Meeting  
Monday, May 18 at 5:30PM  
908 Butler Drive, 36693

## UPCOMING EVENTS

POSTPONED

Ladies of Labor Champagne Brunch  
October 17

#LaborCounts 2020 Census Action Week  
May 4 - 10

POSTPONED

NALC Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive  
TBD

Mother's Day  
May 10

Infrastructure Week  
May 11 - 15

Memorial Day  
May 25

CANCELLED  
Alabama AFL-CIO  
Leadership Conference

Alabama Lineman Appreciation Day  
June 1

CANCELLED  
AL State BCTC Conventions

CANCELLED  
AL State BCTC Golf Tournament  
July 22

## 2020 Census #LaborCounts

A complete and accurate count in the 2020 census is vital to working families in every corner of our country. This information, required every 10 years by the Constitution, is used for important decision-making that affects working people—not only at the federal level, but also at the state and local levels of government. It is the basis for decisions on reapportionment of seats in the U.S. Congress, and in state and local legislative districts.

Census data also is used to determine the allocation of billions of dollars in funds for federal, state and local programs, and such services as school construction, housing and community development, and road and transportation planning. As the COVID-19 crisis continues to evolve, state and local governments need a fair and accurate distribution of these funds.

The AFL-CIO supports the U.S. Census Bureau in its goal of assuring a complete and accurate count. Historically undercounted and hard-to-count populations must be seen and counted for this process to work.

We urge all affiliates to encourage their members to fully cooperate in the Census 2020 count, and to let their members know that all census information submitted by individuals is confidential and is not shared with other agencies.

We urge all unions and state and local labor councils to work with local Census Bureau staff in their communities to guarantee a full and accurate count—nothing less. --AFL-CIO Labor Counts Toolkit

## AL State BCTC Conference

The Alabama State Building & Construction Trades Conference scheduled for July has been cancelled. Anyone that has registered for the conference or the golf tournament will have their fees returned. The Conference will resume

in 2021. The tentative dates are set for July 18 through July 13, 2021. For AL State BCTC Conference information, contact Joyce Salter at [jmsalter512@yahoo.com](mailto:jmsalter512@yahoo.com) or 251.341.0714.

### Every Union Household Counts



Join the AFL-CIO in ensuring that every working person and family is counted in the 2020 census.





# United Way Program Spotlight: Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD)



VOAD means one or more coalition of (usually not-for-profit) Second Responder organizations in the United States. These groups voluntarily help survivors after a

disaster. Over the past 44 years, the VOAD movement has grown to include more than 100 Member organizations.

Mobile County VOAD seeks to ensure the availability of needed resources and services, to encourage uniform, impartial provision of these resources and services. Mobile County VOAD is established as a network for organizations who desire to work together to reduce the effects of disasters and promote the rebuilding of lives and communities after disasters. Our network of non-profit agencies and faith based organizations are bound together through the belief in the key tenants of the National VOAD:

1. Cooperation
2. Coordination
3. Communication
4. Collaboration

Member organizations working with the UWSWA & United Way 211 are American Red Cross Gulf Coast Chapter, South Alabama Area Agency on Aging, Feeding the Gulf Coast, Lifelines Counseling Services, Boat People SOS, Inc., Catholic Social Services, The Community Foundation of South Alabama, Habitat for Humanity of Southwest Alabama, Hemley Road Church of Christ, ALNWFL Unit of Mennonite Disaster Service, Mobile Baptist Association/Southern Baptist Disaster Relief, Penelope House, RSVP of Mobile County, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, The Salvation Army of Coastal Alabama, Service Center of Catholic Social Services, South Bay Community Alliance, Taking it by Force Outreach Ministry, United Cerebral Palsy of Mobile, UMCOR - United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR), and Via Health, Fitness & Enrichment Center.

VOAD Partners: Mobile County Emergency Management Agency, NOAA NWS National Hurricane Center, National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (National VOAD), Mobile County Health Department - MCHD, since 1816,

# COVID-19 Update

United Way (UWSWA) continues to respond based on the latest recommendations from our trusted local government, public health and medical professionals. Their focus is to understand our community's health needs and have a communication pipeline with local officials. For ongoing updates on how UWSWA is responding to COVID-19 and for updates from local authorities, please follow us on [Facebook](#) or [www.uwswa.org](http://www.uwswa.org).

If you are looking for services, visit <https://uwswa.org/coronavirus-response/>. If you are able to help, consider giving to the UWSWA COVID-19 Relief Fund. More information how you can help is at <https://uwswa.org/coronavirus-how-2help/#more-19537> or contact Leslie Schraeder at [lschraeder@uwswa.org](mailto:lschraeder@uwswa.org) or 251.533.7412.



THE SOUTHWEST ALABAMA LABOR COUNCIL IS PLANNING TO HAVE THE MAY E-BOARD AND DELEGATES MEETING IN PERSON AT THE INSULATORS LOCAL 55 / CWA LOCAL 3907 UNION HALL (908 BUTLER DRIVE, 36693) AT 5:30PM. WE WILL SEND AN EMAIL TO CONFIRM THAT IS POSSIBLE.