Purpose of this Training

To provide volunteers information concerning the Southern Baptists of Texas Disaster Relief Ministry:

- Deployment & reimbursement procedures
- Relationships with SBC, govt. agencies & non-govt agencies
- Credentialing: Capture your info, background check, & DR badge
Biblical Foundation

Matthew 25:31-3
Our Call to Ministry in the Name of Jesus

...Then the King will say to those on His right hand (His people), ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry & you gave Me food; I was thirsty & you gave Me drink; I was a stranger & you took Me in; I was naked & you clothed Me; I was sick & you visited Me; I was in prison & you came to Me.’
Hope In Crisis

We are here to share the hope of Jesus Christ to a spiritually lost world

• Prepare to share
• Evangelism training
• Pray for opportunities to share
How are we funded?
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Special Offerings

• Given by individuals, churches, Vacation Bible Schools, Sunday School classes

• Given to SBTC & designated to “Disaster Relief Most Urgent Need.”
What is a “Disaster”

An unexpected event that disrupts or halts the normal routine of an individual’s life.
Types of Disasters

- Wildfires, tornadoes, floods
- Hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis
- Terrorist attacks, industrial explosions
- Ice & snow storms
- Drought, disease outbreak
- Transportation accidents
Levels of Disaster Relief Organization in the SBC

**Individual or Team Response**
- Complete required training in a selected ministry area
- Participate on a unit or a team
- Be ready when called

**Church/Association**
- Pray & ask God for a vision in your church/association for disaster relief
- Get disaster relief training
- Look for potential ministry opportunities should a disaster take place
- Organize a team to work on a disaster relief unit
- Respond to needs around the state
Levels of Disaster Relief Organization in the SBC

State

• Provide standardized training for volunteers
• Provide guidance to churches in planning & preparing new units
• Coordinate the disaster relief ministry of the SBTC
• Cooperate with other agencies in providing disaster relief assistance
• Cooperate & participate with other SBC Disaster Relief ministries
Levels of Disaster Relief Organization in the SBC

National (NAMB or SBCDR)
• Coordinate multi-state responses
• Provide national leadership for the on-going ministry of disaster relief in the SBC

International (IMB & BGR)
• Provide coordination for international disaster relief responses of the SBC
How Southern Baptists of Texas Provide Disaster Relief Ministry

SBTC Disaster Relief Task Force

• State Disaster Relief Director
• Task Force Director for Ministry Areas
  • Feeding / water purification
  • Cleanup & recovery/ Assessments
  • Chaplaincy
  • Child care
  • Communications
  • Administration
  • Shower & laundry
  • Hispanic development
SBTC Disaster Relief Task Force

Assists the State SBTC DR Director

• Assigned ministry areas of disaster relief
• Disaster relief training
• Establishing & implementing disaster plans
Volunteer Preparation

- Spiritual preparation
- Emotional preparation
- Physical preparation
Follow Your Employer’s Guidelines

DO NOT PUT YOUR JOB IN JEOPARDY!

• Get approval to be absent from work
• Coordinate vacation days
Volunteer Guidelines

Prepare a list of items to take on a disaster

- Bible
- Disaster Relief badge
- Driver’s license
- Appropriate clothing, shoes, boots
- Health & hygiene items: RX
- Bedding/towel
- GO BAG
Volunteer Guidelines

Volunteer Traits

• Willing spirit (Can do attitude!)
• Working as a TEAM
• Leadership: as assignments & needs arise
• Fluid: everything constantly changing; be fluid as we work together
Volunteer Guidelines

Ethical Guidelines

• Actions should always reflect your faith in Christ
• Listen to victims with love & compassion
• Respect the belongings of others (volunteers & victims)
• Respect the confidentiality of victims
• Be sure the info you share is accurate (no rumors)
Volunteer Guidelines

Safety Guidelines

• Shots & immunizations up to date
• Avoid over exposure to heat, cold, sun
• Know & communicate your limitations
  • Physical, mental, emotional
Safety Guidelines

• Get plenty of rest
• Eat regular meals & drink plenty of water
• Use caution in disaster areas
  • Consider all downed electric lines as energized
  • All natural gas/propane lines are dangerous
  • Check buildings for structural damage
Safety Guidelines

• Wear all safety equipment
  • Recovery: steel toe boots, hardhats, safety vests, chainsaw chaps, gloves, etc...

• Work safely
• Caution with animals that are disoriented or sick
• Watch for snakes, rats & the occasional alligator
Volunteer Reimbursement Policy

Trained Volunteers

- Fuel or mileage
- Tow vehicles, designated vehicles
- Hotel accommodations while traveling
- Meals
- Submit receipts within **30 days**
**SOUTHERN BAPTISTS OF TEXAS CONVENTION**

**Disaster Relief Volunteer Reimbursement Form**

**PAY TO THE ORDER OF:**

Name: ____________________________
Address: __________________________
City / State / Zip: __________________
Telephone: ________________________

Meeting Attended / Deployment: __________________________
Dates of Meeting / Deployment: __________________________
Role at Meeting / Deployment: __________________________

**MILES TRAVELED IN PERSONAL CAR:**

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**TOTAL EXPENSES** $ __________

Date: ____________________________  Signature: ____________________________

**FOR FINANCE OFFICE:**

*Please type your name(s) here and sign all papers as all receipts are reviewed and copied.

*1. Date(s) on top of page must match the date(s) on the receipt(s).

*2. All receipts must be submitted with this form.

*3. Receipts must be original and in good condition.
Disaster Unit
• Vehicle which is used to house & transport tools & other equipment used in a disaster relief response

Disaster Team
• Credentialed volunteers
• 18 years of age
• Signed written agreement, personal information form, release & indemnity agreement
Child Care

• Child care unit
• Trained volunteers
• Temporary
Clean-Up + Recovery
Incident Management Team

- Administration
- Maintains paperwork for reporting
- Meets logistical
- Planning
- Gives operational oversight to SBTC DR while in the field
Assessments

- Prepares paperwork ahead of the recovery teams
- Visits each worksite to visit with homeowners
- SBTC Disaster Relief does needs assessments
Communications

Support the emergency communication needs of SBTC Disaster Relief through:

- Amateur or “Ham” radio
- Business band radio
Feeding

- Mass feeding
- Support of other DR ministry areas
Water Purification

- Clean & purify water for our feeding units.
- Able to pull water from almost any source for purification.
Chaplaincy

- Crisis/trauma intervention
- Provide spiritual care
  - Individuals
  - Team
  - Church
**Shower/Laundry**

- Units supporting our SBTC Disaster Relief volunteers
- Occasional support of first responders & the general public
  - Shower units
  - Laundry units
  - Bunk house unit
Uniforms

- Cap
- T-shirt
- I.D. badge
- Collared shirt
  - Yellow, khaki, blue with patches
- To be worn on deployments, representing DR, training events
Uniforms

- Order from Cajun Creative website
- iwantyellow.com
- Located in Brenham, TX
Credentialing & Orientation

• Must be at least 18 years of age
• Required for all disaster relief volunteers
• Part 1: Introduction to Southern Baptists of Texas Disaster Relief
Phase 1

- **Part 2:** Basic Manual in selected ministry area (Recovery, Feeding, Chaplaincy, etc...)
- Yellow hat is awarded for the completion of Phase 1 Training
- All Disaster Relief volunteers must renew credentials every three years
Phase 2: Team Leader Training

- Must have completed Phase 1 & Phase 2 training must be in the same ministry area
- Clean-up & Recovery must complete Chain Saw School before Phase 2 training
- CPR & First Aid: American Red Cross, or American Heart Association, or other recognized agency
Phase 2

- Advanced manual in selected ministry area
- Will be trained in all reporting:
  - PI form
  - Master volunteer list
  - Daily report
  - Incident report
Unit Director Training

• Must have completed Phase 1 & Phase 2 in same ministry area
• Must be recommended from the leadership of a cooperating SBTC Disaster Relief unit
• Unit Director - Team Leader Manual
• OSFA / Stress Management
Unit Director Training

- Incident management training
- Table top drill
- Awarded blue hat upon completion
Deployment Procedures

SBTC DR Director notified by:
- local church, association, other agency

Task Force notified
- type of response planned

Unit leadership notified
- volunteers requested to respond
Deployment Procedures

Volunteers Requested to Respond by

- Phone call
- Text messaging
- Email
  - Mass email
  - Individual
Operational Levels of Readiness

Alert

- Contact made twice daily
- Team notified
- Unit checked for readiness & availability
Operational Levels of Readiness

Stand By
- Contact made several times a day
- Team placed on two-hour call
- Unit contacted as necessary
Operational Levels of Readiness

Go/No Go

- Contact made several times a day to keep everyone updated
- Team mobilized
- Team deployed
- Team maintains contact with unit off-site director
Relations With Other SBC Agencies

• Other state conventions
• North American Mission Board
  • National Coordinator
  • Multi-state
• Baptist Global Response (BGR)
  • International
**Government Agencies**

**Local government**
- EMA - Emergency Management Agency
- County and/or city government

**State Government**
- Coordination
- Texas Department of Emergency Management (part of DPS)
Non-Government Agencies

TVOAD
Texas Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters

AR
The American Red Cross

TSA
The Salvation Army
Will you share your hope in Christ?