



# SC Baptist Disaster Relief

## 2017 Training

### Class Descriptions



#### Administration for Units *(Required for Unit Leaders, open to others)*

Administrative tasks such as submitting rosters and daily reports are a part of every unit's operations. This class will help Unit Leaders and/or their designated administrative team member to learn what is needed and how to accomplish the administrative tasks of a unit. Hands-on practice is included, so please bring your laptop or smartphone!

#### Administration for On-Site Disaster Response Management or *"What to Do When Disaster Relief Teams Come to Your House to Play."*

This two-session course will prepare volunteers to handle administrative tasks needed at a disaster response coordination site. One session will include managing the data coming in and being sent out, and providing information to the site leadership team. The other session will include tracking of units, managing resources & people, and how to set up an on-site admin office. *(Both sessions required)* Hands-on practice is included, so please bring your laptop or smartphone!

#### Assessment

This class will enable you to be on the ground shortly after the disaster to assess the damage from hurricanes, tornadoes, fires, ice storms, and floods. You will be trained to write up work orders and prioritize jobs for recovery teams. If you are a contractor or have building skills, this class is for you.

#### Chainsaw - Classroom and Lab *(Both Required for NEW Chainsaw Volunteers)*

Be a part of a recovery team that responds quickly during a time of disaster. Learn the dos and don'ts of taking down trees. Safety is of utmost importance when working on this unit. The Lab will offer hands-on opportunities to run chainsaws. Removing damaged trees, limbing, brush removal, rope rigging and roof tarping will also be included.

#### Children's Response 1 and 2 *(Both Required)*

Children's Response Teams (CRTs) provide a safe and caring place for young children to play and learn while their parents are dealing with the aftermath of a disaster. This class will prepare volunteers to meet needs of babies through second-graders in age-appropriate ways. Special attention is given to security, safety, and hygiene procedures, activities and methods for a child care setting with limited resources, and helping children deal with trauma. This is a four-hour course, taught in two parts.

#### Communications

This class is designed to offer an overall look at how communication units provide two-way messaging when phone systems are down and to prepare personnel to use the mobile unit in the field. The units are prepared to use radio systems to provide voice communications, digital (telegraphic type messaging), and internet communications via satellite. It covers technical issues and proper message handling. Safety issues such as setting up and dismantling the units are also covered in detail.

#### Earthquake Awareness

This course is designed to make us aware of the potential for earthquakes in South Carolina. We will look at other earthquake possibilities in the United States, e.g. the Memphis, TN, area and both the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas of California. We will also look at the possibilities of a response by SC Disaster Relief volunteers by reviewing excerpts from the State of South Carolina Earthquake Manual.

### **Emergency Response Team (ERT)**

These teams provide safety, security, medical and communications (i.e. ham and GMRS radios) for responding volunteers and local communities. Team members minister to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of our volunteers and local communities.

### **Feeding**

In this class you will learn the processes that are followed in preparing food, serving, and cleaning up in a mobile kitchen or fixed kitchen at a disaster site. An important emphasis in Feeding is sanitation and safety.

### **Feeding Refresher** *(for Returning volunteers only)*

This session is to re-certify volunteers who have previously been trained in Feeding.

### **Introduction to Chaplaincy**

This session will give an overview of what to expect when serving as a DR Chaplain. It is designed for those that want to learn more about it before committing to the full 12-hr. chaplaincy training which will be held in May. You do not need to be a clergy member to serve as a chaplain, and both males and females are needed in this role.

### **Introduction to Disaster Relief** *(Required for each NEW Volunteer)*

Learn the ins and outs of what to do and how the system works in responding to a disaster. How will you be notified, what do you take and what will be expected of you? We will try to answer all your questions as we discuss your involvement in Southern Baptist Disaster Relief. Paperwork will be turned in during this class and ID pictures will be made.

### **Medical – Trauma**

This class is open to all DR volunteers, and is especially recommended for unit leaders. The medical team will teach how to respond to extreme medical emergencies and work with victims until medical help arrives.

### **Mud-Out/Ash-Out**

This class will prepare you for flood and fire response. Learn what you need to do before you do mud-out or ash-out, and then what to do on site. This includes what vaccinations are needed and what safety precautions workers must take. These ministries are hard and very dirty, but provide great one-on-one opportunities with disaster victims.

### **Rebuild/Roofing**

Rebuild units should be prepared to accomplish many different construction tasks including the replacement of floors, walls, roofs, insulation, and occasionally electrical and plumbing. A high degree of FLEXIBILITY is required of volunteers desiring to assist in the rebuild process. Additionally, we will address techniques as well as safety practices for installing temporary roofing and for the permanent repair of roof damage.

### **Shower/Laundry**

We will discuss how these units are used for the victims of a disaster, as well as for DR volunteers working the disaster. You will learn how to run, maintain, and supply the units. This ministry is ideal for volunteers wanting less stressful responses and for those desiring to work as a couple in the field.

### **Unit Leader** *(New Unit Leaders by pre-approval only; Returning Unit Leaders are also encouraged to attend)*

This class is for those identified and pre-approved to serve as a unit leader (Blue Hat). The class will teach the procedures, protocols, and paperwork necessary to coordinate with the SCDR Director, the Disaster Operations Center (DOC), the Incident Commander, and other cooperating organizations and agencies. Proper supervision, coordination, leadership, and safety of the volunteers who make up the teams and/or units will be discussed. Previous experience as an SCDR volunteer (Yellow Hat) is a prerequisite for becoming a unit leader, and additional training classes are required (Admin for Units is required; Medical Trauma is strongly suggested).