



SC Baptist Disaster Relief

2017 Fall Training

Class Descriptions



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

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, such as submitting rosters and daily reports. Hands-on practice is included, so please bring your laptop, tablet, or smartphone!

Assessment

This class will enable you 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)*

Learn the dos and don'ts of taking down trees, removing damaged trees, limbing, brush removal, rope rigging and roof tarping. Safety is of utmost importance when working on this unit. The Lab will offer hands-on opportunities to run chainsaws.

Children's Response 1 and 2 *(both sessions required for full credit)*

This class will prepare volunteers to meet needs of babies through second-graders in age-appropriate ways while their parents are dealing with the aftermath of a disaster. 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 will offer an overall look at providing two-way messaging when phone systems are down. The units use radio systems to provide voice communications, digital (telegraphic type messaging), and internet communications via satellite. The class will prepare personnel to use the mobile unit in the field, including technical issues, proper message handling, and safety in setting up and dismantling the units.

Discussion with the Director

SCDR Director Randy Creamer will give an update/briefing on the state of Disaster Relief in the nation/NAMB/SC and will be available for dialogue, questions, and suggestions.

Earthquake Awareness

This course will make us aware of the potential for earthquakes in South Carolina. We will look at other earthquake possibilities in the United States, e.g. Memphis, Los Angeles and San Francisco. 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 minister to physical, emotional and spiritual needs as they provide safety, security, medical and communications (i.e. ham and GMRS radios) for responding 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, to be held next 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.

OSFA – Operational Stress First Aid *(required for chaplains; strongly suggested for Unit Leaders; open to all)*

This class will provide tools to help prevent, identify, and treat stress problems caused by DR operations or by personal or family situations.

Rebuild/Roofing

Rebuild units should be highly FLEXIBLE, as they accomplish many different construction tasks including the replacement of floors, walls, roofs, insulation, and occasionally electrical and plumbing. We will also address techniques and safety practices for installing temporary roofing and for 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 and OSFA are strongly suggested).