



SC Baptist Disaster Relief 2021 Training Class Descriptions



Some classes will not be offered at both regional trainings this year – please pay attention to which training is noted for the classes you want to take.

Assessment (April, October) - Previous deployment with an SCDR chainsaw or mud-out unit is now a **required prerequisite** for this course) This class will enable you to assess the damage from hurricanes, tornadoes, fires, ice storms, and floods. You will learn 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.

Asset Protection (April only)

These teams provide for the safety and security of responding volunteers at disaster relief coordination sites and for the surrounding community.

Chainsaw - Classroom and Lab (both required for NEW Chainsaw volunteers) (April, October)

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 sessions required for course credit) (April only)

Children's Response Teams (CRTs) provide a place for young children to play and learn 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 (Amateur Radio) (October only)

This class is targeted to those who are licensed HAM radio operators, those who are interested in getting their license, or those who would like to support the communication unit. The class addresses the technical aspect of emergency communication channels following a major disaster event.

Feeding (aka Mass Feeding) (April, October)

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 Administration (TBD)

This session is for Feeding Unit Leaders, Regional Coordinators, Lead Cooks, Inventory Managers, and Feeding Unit Administrators. We will concentrate on food menus, cooking tips, inventory control and tracking, general reports, and discussion of equipment & needs.

Feeding Refresher (for Returning volunteers only) (October only)

This session is to re-certify volunteers who have previously been trained in Feeding. We will review new requirements, refresh sanitation & safety skills, and rethink food service.

Introduction to Chaplaincy (required for prospective chaplains) (April, October)

This session will give an overview of what to expect when serving as a DR Chaplain. It is designed to help volunteers 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)* **(April, October)**

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 **(October only)**

This class is open to all DR volunteers and is especially recommended for Unit Leaders. Learn how to respond to extreme medical emergencies and work with victims until medical help arrives.

Mud-Out (Flood Response) **(April, October)**

Learn what you need to do before serving in mud-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.

Operational Stress Management *(required for Chaplains & Unit Leaders; open to all)* **(April, October)**

Learn to recognize symptoms and levels of stress among disaster survivors or among Disaster Relief team members. Identify ways to offer spiritual, emotional, and physical support to assist individuals in coping with stress.

Poverty 101: Understanding and Ministering within Generational Poverty **(April, October)**

It's no secret that generational poverty reaches across our state. It is a culture with distinct values, language and practices. Understanding this culture allows compassion to go up and judgement to go down. Join us as we explore the culture of generational poverty and how hope might be cultivated in this environment. *Through Disaster Relief ministry opportunities, or just in your local community, this training will help you serve those impacted by poverty in healthy ways.*

Site Administration 1 & 2 *(Both sessions required for course credit. Previous deployment experience required.)* **(October only)**

This two-session course will prepare volunteers to handle administrative tasks needed at a disaster response coordination site (aka "command post"). One session will cover managing incoming and outgoing data 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.

Shower/Laundry **(April via Zoom, October in person)**

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 Administration *(Required for Unit Leaders, open to anyone interested. Previous deployment experience required.)*

(October only) 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!