



SC Baptist Disaster Relief Fall 2021 Training Class Descriptions



Assessment - 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.

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.

Communications (Amateur Radio)

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.

Family Emergency Preparedness

Is your family prepared to deal with a hurricane, tornado, or earthquake? Learn how to create a Family Emergency Plan, build an emergency kit, and stay informed, to help keep your family safe after a disaster.

Feeding (aka Mass 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. We will review new requirements, refresh sanitation & safety skills, and rethink food service.

Introduction to Chaplaincy (required for prospective chaplains)

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)

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.

Mud-Out (Flood Response)

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 survivors.

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

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.

Portable Generator Safety

Proper operation of generators is critical to assure the safety of all individuals and the equipment being served. This course will cover the hazards of Monoxide Poisoning, Electrocution, Fire and noise. In addition to the hazards, we will cover sizing of cords for various loads and lengths as well as estimating total load and starting inrush currents for generator sizing.

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

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

We will discuss how these units are used for the survivors 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.)*

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!