



# SC Baptist Disaster Relief 2023 Spring Training Class Descriptions



## Level One Classes: open to all volunteers

### Asset Protection

These teams provide safety, security, and communications (i.e. ham and GMRS radios) for responding volunteers at disaster relief coordination sites and for the surrounding community.

### Chainsaw - Classroom and Lab *(both required for NEW Chainsaw volunteers)*

Learn the dos and don'ts of taking down damaged trees. Safety is of utmost importance when working on this unit. Removing damaged trees, limbing, brush removal, rope rigging and roof tarping are a part of chainsaw ministry. The Lab will offer hands-on opportunities with chainsaws.

### Children's Response 1 and 2 *(Both sessions required for course credit)*

These teams 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 childcare setting with limited resources, and helping children deal with trauma. This is a four-hour course, taught in two parts.

### Feeding – Fixed Kitchen

Learn the processes that are followed in preparing food, serving, and cleaning up in a church kitchen at a DR command post for the volunteers working in the disaster. An important emphasis is sanitation and safety. An Introduction to Mass Feeding will be included in this class.

### Introduction to Chaplaincy *(required for prospective chaplains)*

This session gives 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, usually 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 our 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. Information forms will be turned in during this class and ID badge pictures will be taken.

### 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. Mud-Out is hard work and very dirty, but provides 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 people and equipment. This course will cover the hazards of monoxide poisoning, electrocution, fire and noise. Additionally, we will cover sizing of cords for various loads and lengths as well as estimating total load and starting inrush currents for generator sizing.

## Shower/Laundry

Learn how to run, maintain, and supply these units to serve residents or volunteers in a disaster area. This ministry is ideal for volunteers wanting less stressful responses and for those desiring to work as a couple in the field.

## **Level Two Classes**

**Prerequisites are required, therefore these classes are open only to EXPERIENCED volunteers.**

**Assessment** (*Previous deployment with an SCDR chainsaw or mud-out unit is 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. Also, this class is a good fit for those desiring to serve together as a couple.

**Unit Administration 1 & 2** (*Both sessions required for course credit. Previous deployment experience required. This is a required class for Unit Leaders.*)

This two-session 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. The first session will cover the basics of organizing team information and communicating with team members. The second session will focus on submitting rosters and daily reports via the electronic reporting system, Formstack. Hands-on practice is included, so please bring your laptop, tablet, or smartphone!

## **Level Three Classes**

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**Site Administration 1 & 2** (*Both sessions required for course credit. Prerequisites: previous deployment experience, and completion of Unit Administration Parts 1 & 2*)

This two-session course will prepare volunteers to handle administrative tasks needed at a disaster response coordination site (aka “command post”). The first session will cover management of incoming and outgoing data and providing information to the site leadership team. The second session will include tracking of units, managing resources & people, and how to set up an on-site admin office.