



SC Baptist Disaster Relief 2024 Spring Training Class Descriptions



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.

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

Learn the dos and don'ts of safely taking down damaged trees. Removing damaged trees, limbing, brush removal, rope rigging, and roof tarping are a part of chainsaw ministry (note: there is a separate class for roof tarping). The Lab will offer hands-on opportunities with chainsaws. You do not have to run a saw to be a member of a chainsaw team – limb pulling, raking, and other tasks are needed also.

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.

Emergency First Aid

Gain general knowledge of first aid principles and the emergency treatment of injuries. Skills include victim assessment, choking, external bleeding, heart attack, stroke, wounds, and burns.

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. 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.

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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.

Roof Tarping

Tarping a leaking roof after a disaster helps prevent further damage to the home. Getting on a roof is not required of all team members; there is a roof crew and a ground crew. This class will teach safety procedures and processes to protect volunteers and property.

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.

Unit Administration 1 & 2

(Previous deployment experience required. Both sessions are required for course credit. 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!