

Introduction to Southern Baptist Disaster Relief in Tennessee

Why should we help people in a time of disaster?

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief is _____, meeting the urgent needs of hurting humanity in crisis situations.

History of SBDR

_____ Hurricane Carla---- _____ Baptist Men's group responded with feeding

_____ The SBC authorized _____ to be used by the then Home Mission Board (now NAMB) for disaster relief efforts.

_____ After Hurricane Beulah, Bob Dixon and others used _____ for one pot meals to provide food for those affected by the storm.

1973 Southern Baptists' responded on their first _____ disaster Response.

_____ Archie King led Tennessee's first response after the train derailment in Waverly, TN. They assisted in transporting burn victims.

Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief has responded to over _____ different disaster events around the world.

Nationally in 2015 SBDR had 1572 mobile unit and approximately 80,000 trained volunteers from the 42 state conventions.

Why do we do what we do???

Disaster Relief is _____.

Based on the way the Bible teaches us to respond to a hurting people. Matthew 25:32-40, James 2:15-16, Acts 2:42-47, Luke 9:1-6 and Luke 10:25-37

Disaster Relief is now being used as a _____ to draw others to faith in Jesus.

Some of the things we are involved in...

Spiritual Preparation/Evangelism

Recovery----Chainsaw, Damage Assessment, Flood Recovery, Ash-out, Salvage, Bucket Truck, Forklift, Rebuild

Administrative Teams

Communications

Chaplains

Mass Feeding

Interpreters

Shower and Laundry Trailers

Site Security



The Logo

Arch SBC-World Wide Link
Wheat-Physical Help
Fish-Spiritual help
Blue-Loyalty to Christ
Gold-worth of every person to Christ
State Name-you are part of a team

"Official" Uniform

1. Identification Card
2. Yellow Hat, also Blue or White based on job.

Other logoed clothing items are optional.

- To, From, and While on a disaster response
- To, From, and While participating in training
- While participating in local service projects
- When promoting Disaster Relief at events such as mission fairs, etc.
- **Please remember that anytime you wear your apparel you represent Jesus Christ and Disaster Relief. Please represent in a worthy manner.**
- **DO NOT give away your DR clothing to other organizations or people that are not involved in DR. Give them to another DR person, dispose of them or return them to the DR office.**

The Crisis

The American Red Cross defines a disaster as, "an unexpected _____ that disrupts or halts the normal routine of an individual's life." A disaster normally affects more than one person. Typically, there is an element of _____.

Through planning, training and practicing, disaster response teams can be positioned to provide the leadership and expertise necessary in times of disaster.

Who we work with...other Christian Relief organizations, VOAD organizations, ARC, TSA, FEMA, local Emergency Managers and State Level Emergency agencies.

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief

SBDR is primarily a volunteer organization, as such ALL volunteers are responsible for their own expenses, insurance and each volunteer must sign a Waiver of Liability before going as well as agree to abide by the code of conduct expected of volunteers.

As we go, we need to remember that we go as _____ not _____!

Personnel

- **Yellow Hat** – Trained SBDR Volunteer
- **Yellow Hat** (Crew Chief embroidered on side of hat/Chevron) – Crew Chief
- **Blue Hat** - ICS Officers; Unit Directors
- **White Hat**-National Leadership, State Leadership, ICS Incident Commander or Site Commander

Remember---ALL personnel should wear their yellow hat unless they are serving in one of the roles outlined in the previous paragraph. If you have multiple hats, take them with you and wear the one appropriate for the position you are serving in.

Mottos

Sharing Christ in Crisis
Bringing help, hope and healing

Leadership:

National Director
State Director
Associational Director of Missions, Disaster Relief Coordinator, Church Missions Director
Unit Directors and Crew Chiefs
State Trainers

Callout Procedure

Local

State

National

International

Alert System

Alert-Possibility of Response

Standby-There is a probability a response will be needed

Go/No Go-A response is definite and departure is scheduled or no response is needed at this time

Closing-units are shutting down operations and returning home

Be prepared to be Self-Supported

1. Sleeping arrangements
2. Towel and shower Supplies
3. Be prepared to be responsible for your own meals
4. Be prepared to stay for 5-7 days
5. Clothing, Medication (what to pack list) (medical form)

NEVER PUT YOUR JOB IN JEPARDY!!!! Talk to your employer in advance.

Traits of a SB Disaster Relief Volunteer

- Christian qualities
- Trained/Cross-trained
- Follow directions
- Provide leadership
- Versatile and flexible
- Rise to the occasion
- Available
- Trained Christian witness
- Possess: Spiritual Strength, Physical Strength, and Moral Strength
- DO:

Make adjustments as needed.

Understand your limitations.

Inform leaders of special interest.

Be flexible and fluid

Inform leaders of preferred work.

- DO NOT:

Expect favors.

Expect to be called first.

Expect to work with only your group.

Expect to work with the same people.

Ethical Guidelines for SBDR Volunteers

- Do not use careless words or actions.
- Represent Jesus Christ and demonstrate his character.
- Listen to victims.
- Do not exceed your training.
- Refer to qualified person.
- Respect the victim's property
- Never accept contributions. Tri-fold Brochure-sent directly to office.
- Be prepared to share your faith.
- Keep in confidence victim's information.

- Respect their property.
- Ask permission before photographing.
- Be sure of your information (You cannot speak for other agencies!).
- Do not spread rumors.
- Do not make promises
- Do not build up hope that may not be available

Disaster situations are inherently **DANGEROUS!!!!!!!!!!**

All workers are responsible for acting in the best interest for the safety of the themselves, other volunteers around them and the homeowners that we are serving.

Safety must be a PRIORITY!

Those acting in an unsafe manner will be asked to do a different job or to stand down.

General Safety guidelines for volunteers responding to a Disaster Sited.

1. Do your best to keep yourself in good health and physical condition.
2. Get any recommended inoculations before going.
3. Take medication as prescribed by your physician. If Possible, have a backup prescription.
4. Work within your abilities and limitations.
5. Take and wear clothing, footwear and special equipment suited to the task and conditions.
6. Avoid extended periods of sitting and standing or exposure to water or sun, or extreme heat or cold.
7. Eat regularly and drink plenty of (good) water.
8. Rest when you can.
9. Do not base your workload on that of another person.
10. Use extreme caution in danger areas where you may encounter heavy traffic, broken glass, nails and downed electrical lines.
11. Report all injuries to the person responsible for first aid. Fill out an incident report.
12. Before entering damaged buildings be sure that all utilities have been cut off.
13. Always assume downed electrical lines are live until power companies notify you they have been cut off. Even then, use care around lines since they can become live due to generators improperly used in homes.
14. Wear safety equipment as provided or required. Heavy-soled shoes gloves, and hard hats are useful.
15. Before entering any building, examine the structure for damage and potential hazards.

16. Carry adequate lighting when entering dark buildings.
17. If you are unfamiliar with power tools, do not attempt to use them until you are properly trained.
18. When using power saws, use protective gear and do not work alone.
19. In flood situations, do not enter flooded homes or basements without probing them to determine where there are holes or hidden objects.
20. After floods, always protect yourself against snakes during cleanup work. Snakes use dark corners and covered areas as hiding places.
21. Never drink water until it is verified as safe.
22. Take care to rest and guard yourself against over-exertion.
23. If you are on medication be sure to have an adequate supply.
24. After clean-up and repair, take care to store tools and ladders to prevent children from playing on them. Always store tools back on the trailer or in a locked vehicle.
25. Make safety a priority and rest and meals a necessity so you and your team can achieve full effectiveness and return safely.

Bottom Line, it is about ministry

DO NOT FORGET what it is all about....it is about MINISTRY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Showing Compassion in Crisis

Three types of victims.... _____, _____, _____.

Allow people to express themselves. Let them tell their story. If needed, refer them to someone else. Relax

Skills of a good Listener....

1. Give complete _____
2. Give occasional _____
3. _____ for clarification if needed
4. Avoid _____
5. Be tolerant of new _____
6. Do not _____

How can you show Compassion affected by Disaster???

1. offer a sense of caring _____
2. hold a _____ or put a hand on a shoulder
3. _____
4. offer a friendly shoulder to _____ on
5. Allow them to tell their _____.

Ways the local church can get involved when their area is affected by a disaster.....

Feeding Center	Childcare	Command center
House volunteers	Volunteers	Staging site
Church Kitchen	Transportation	Shelter
Distribution	Clean up and repairs	Communication
Information	Counseling	Orientation Center

Connecting Points

www.tndisasterrelief.ofg

www.tnbaptist.org

www.namb.net/dr

<http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.aspx>

www.travelwithgallagher.com

REMINDER: Volunteers must be able to bear ALL expenses for preparing and responding to a disaster such as; costs for travel, food, lodging, telephone calls, insurance, etc.

Disasters will continue to come, so be ready to serve.

Be fluid...

Flexible may be too stiff and get you all tied up in knots!

We are grateful to all those who volunteer and serve and we are also grateful to all the churches who give through the Cooperative Program and the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions that make this ministry possible.