

DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING CLASSROOM DESCRIPTIONS

Introduction to Disaster Relief Training – 2-hour class. This is the introduction to Disaster Relief giving the history of the program, lists what the program does, organizations that we work with in this program, the equipment/units used in the program, and lists the characteristics of a volunteer. **(THIS IS A PREREQUISITE TO ALL SPECIALIZED CLASSES.)**

SPECIALIZED CLASSES

Trainings held on a local level as requested

Chainsaw Operation and Safety Training — 2-hour class. This training covers the use and safety requirements for using a chainsaw during a disaster operation. It discusses the various activities during a disaster operation and including maintenance of the saw, suggestions for brush/limb pulling, and cutting techniques. Chainsaw team members need to take Rebuild Training, so they are prepared to close holes in houses/roofs after trees have been removed. (It is recommended that hands-on training be offered after taking the classroom training.) Skills needed: be in good physical shape, able to work in adverse conditions including hot and cold weather.

Flood Recovery (Mudout) Training - 1.5-hour class. This class covers the techniques for drying out a house after it has been flooded or just wet from having the roof blown off during a storm. We discuss the possible contamination after many floods and the measures needed for decontamination and drying out the building and items in the building. Flood recovery units are prepared to remove flooring, carpet, and sheet rock to help dry out and sanitize the home after a flood. Skills needed: be in good physical shape, able to work in adverse conditions including hot and cold weather.

Rebuild Training - 1.5-hour class. This training reviews the general construction problems we face during a disaster and the possible solutions. It emphasizes the safety aspect of disaster rebuild operations for work immediately after a storm and later long term rebuild activities. Rebuild units are prepared to replace floors, walls, roofs, etc. (This is more of a Baptist Builder class.) Skills needed: be in good physical shape, able to work in adverse conditions including hot and cold weather.

Shower/Laundry Trailer Training – 1.5-hour class. This team gives aid to relief workers and other who are in need by providing showers and laundry support in the disaster area. The trailers have private shower stalls as well as washing machines, dryers, storage, and folding areas. Volunteers receive and assist those requesting their services, do laundry, sanitize showers, empty trash, replace needed supplies, and keep the trailer area neat. The class time covers the technical aspects of transporting, setting up and breaking down the unit. There is a detailed explanation of the process used to clean the laundry from the intake of clothes through the distribution of the clothes back to their owner. Included are job descriptions and materials used. Must be in good physical shape to work in hot and cold situations.

Spiritual Preparation/Evangelism – 3-hour class. This training covers spiritual preparation for the volunteer and includes evangelism training for the volunteer to be able to use with Disaster Relief victims or in their daily walk. *(This class needs to be taken in addition with another specialty class for callout purposes such as mass feeding, chainsaw, flood recovery, etc.; this class is to prepare you for a callout.)*

REGIONAL TRAININGS

Trainings held in our 3 Grand Divisions

These classes are in addition to the classes that can be held on a local level.

Chaplaincy - 16 hr. includes reading the manual before the event – Provides spiritual and emotional care to volunteers and survivors. Skills needed: good people skills, compassion, non-judgmental, able to learn new techniques for helping people in crisis.

Damage Assessment - 1.5-hour class. *(Contractor or building skill knowledge is helpful.)* Damage assessment function is to provide decision-making information for a Disaster Relief operation of any size. Damage Assessment will gather, analyze, interpret, and distribute accurate and timely information about the extent of damage, overall impact, weather conditions and demographics of a disaster-affected community. Damage assessment will cover two areas: 1) community and 2) house-to-house. Team members go ahead of Ashout, chainsaw, and flood recovery teams to evaluate damage and inform follow-up teams on the scope of each job, including equipment that will be needed. Team members should be comfortable meeting people in distress, work well with others, usually in pairs, be able to read and complete paperwork, and understand the work of chainsaw, cleanup, and temporary repair teams. **You must have completed the TBDR training in the recovery specialty you wish to assess and have TBDR experience serving on a crew in that specialty.**

Fire Recovery – 1.5-hour class. This class teaches you what to do as an individual and a team member when you arrive at the burn site. You will be helping homeowners cleanup personal dwellings. We will discuss each state's burn regulations and you will learn that safety is the main concern at a burn site. You will learn how to separate the metals, ash, etc. and the proper way to dispose of them. Skills needed: be in good physical shape, able to work in adverse conditions including hot and cold weather.

Ham Radio Communications Training – 6-10-hour class including hands-on training. This module covers the use of radio equipment during the time of an emergency. It gives you a hands-on experience in setting up the antennas and running the different radios on the Command Trailer. Individuals taking this course should have an Amateur Radio License or be considering getting one.

Mass Feeding Training - 3-hour class. This module covers the equipment and set up of a mass feeding unit/program. It is heavy on sanitation and health issues dealing with food preparation, various jobs in the operation, serving the food, and clean up. Skills needed: physically able to adapt to kitchen work which includes walking, twisting, and lifting. Expect to work long hours in hot and cold environments.

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Site Security Unit (requires pre-approval before taking the class) – 3-hour class. To provide for the safety of volunteer team members as they serve on disaster relief assignments and to safeguard the equipment and assets assigned to Disaster Relief by the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

- *Participation as a Security Specialist is restricted to current and retired law enforcement officers (who are fully trained and POST certified with current commissions).*
- *Participation as Security Patrol is for those individuals that are willing to become State Certified as an Armed or Unarmed Security Officer. Individuals that only have a current weapon carry permit will not be allowed to exercise this option while serving during a Disaster Relief response.*

Unit Director Training - 1.5-hour class. *(Requires a recommendation from your Director of Missions, Pastor, or DR director)* This class is for those volunteers that will be leading church and association crews. It covers the paperwork needed during an operation and responsibilities of the Unit Director/Crew Chief. We cover how an operation is set up and some of the problems that are countered at the beginning of disasters.

SPECIALTY TRAININGS

Administration – 1.5-hour class. This class teaches you how to use your skills in the Command Post either onsite at a disaster or at the Tennessee Disaster Operations Center in Mt. Juliet. Administration manages the paperwork for the operation including volunteer check-in, finance, and daily reporting. Admin volunteers should have organizational skills, be computer literate (especially Word and Excel), and be able to multi-task. Must be able to work in an office-like environment for long periods. *The volunteer who takes this class needs to be detail-oriented.*

Bucket Truck Training *(must be currently certified in Chainsaw Operations prior to taking this course)*. This training course is designed to provide classroom instruction in the safe and efficient operation of bucket trucks related to Disaster Relief work. *(Volunteers must pass an exit exam to become certified.)*

Classroom training provides: (3 hours classroom training) (MUST TAKE THIS CLASS BEFORE TAKING HANDS-ON TRAINING – Needs to be repeated every 3 years)

- Pre-operation inspections procedures
- Safe operation procedures
- Proper and efficient use of chainsaws from bucket truck

Hands-on training is broken into two classifications -

Class A: (Two Ton High Reaching) (1.5 hours hands-on) (Needs to be repeated every year)

- *To become a Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief Bucket Truck Class A Bucket Truck Operator requires a recommendation from your DOM or DR Director with final approval being made by State DR Director.*
- *Also, Class A Bucket Truck Operators must have completed Chainsaw Operations prior to taking this course.*
- **Class A Bucket Truck Drivers** are required to possess a class A or B driver's license **with** an air-brake endorsement.

Class B (One Ton w/30ft reach) (1.5 hours hands-on) (Needs to be repeated every 3 years)

- **Class B Bucket Truck Operators** must also have completed Chainsaw Operations prior to taking this course.
- **Class B Bucket Truck Drivers** do not need special driver's licenses or endorsements to drive this truck.

First Aid, CPR and AED –Knowing how to respond to a first aid or CPR emergency is one of the most important skills a person can possess. This Standard First Aid, CPR and AED course meets the OSHA requirements and is your tool for training on the latest skills, techniques and expertise in life-saving procedures. The practice and feedback of using related skills in a realistic situation is integrated into the actual teaching experience. These classes can be taken with the local Red Cross, through a local hospital, or other avenues.

Forklift Operation and Safety Training Classroom (OSHA certified) – 2-hour classroom time. Critical Information will be given on various types of forklifts, pre-operation inspections, load handling, fueling and more. *(Volunteers must pass an exit exam to become certified.)* (Often taught along with Skid Steer Training)

Forklift Operation and Safety Training Hands-on Training –1.5-hour hands-on training. *(Volunteers must take this to be certified to operate a forklift onsite during a callout or for other purposes.)* (Often taught along with Skid Steer Training)

Maintenance Training – Approximately 11 hours including hands-on training. This training covers the equipment on the large feeding unit and the required maintenance/service of this equipment. It will also cover the setup and teardown of the large tents. Volunteers must be technically savvy and resourceful. (This is usually an invitation only training.)

Operational Stress First Aid Review (OSFA) (for chaplains and team leaders) – 3-hour class or the full 14-hour course. The OSFA course was developed for Southern Baptist Disaster Relief from materials first developed by the United States Marine Corps. Building resiliency amongst disaster relief personnel and their families is a priority for the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief. This important tool will assist leaders in identifying stress problems as early as possible to take appropriate action to restore personnel to full readiness.



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