

ENLA Disaster Mission Statement Worksheet

Your disaster mission statement defines the role your organization will play in disaster preparedness, response, and/or recovery within your community. Below is a template of suggested language to give you a set of guidelines to develop this statement. Choose the options from each field below that best suit your organization's specific situation and intended role in your emergency network.

[Your Organization's Name Here], in an effort to best serve our...

Organization / Worship Center / Congregation / C	Constituents / Clients /	/ Employees /	Neighborhood /	Community
City / County/ Region / Other	,			

We will engage in the following Preparedness Activities:

- Disseminate emergency preparedness information for various emergency scenarios
- Participate in and/or conduct training seminars/workshops with local response agencies
- Participate in and/or conduct drills for various emergency scenarios
- Stockpile and help others to stockpile emergency supplies (food, water, batteries, etc.)
- Develop a written emergency plan
- Other

We will function as or provide the following Response and/or Recovery Activities:

- Advocacy services
- Animal shelter/services
- Clean up and disposal services
- Communications and information services
- Day care and childcare services
- Financial assistance
- Food and meals for survivors and/or volunteers
- Housing/temporary shelter to survivors
- Interpretation/translation services
- Legal services
- Material assistance distributing goods
- Medical health services/first aid
- Mental health services
- Repairing and rebuilding services
- Search and rescue teams
- Special needs care for the elderly and disabled
- Temporary storage for personal items
- Transportation for victims and their families
- Volunteer center services
- Worship center/Pastoral care
- Other

Your Next Steps:

- 1) Utilize the suggested language in the template above or provide wording that makes sense for your organization, to develop your organization's custom-made Disaster Mission Statement;
- 2) Have your organization's governing body approve your Disaster Mission Statement; and
- 3) Share your final Disaster Mission Statement with ENLA.

You're on your way to a better-prepared organization and a more comprehensive response/recovery effort. You may want to work on your own **Disaster Plan** (what your organization plans to do during a disaster to provide services), **Resilience Plan** (what your organization plans to do proactively to anticipate and reduce the potential impacts of a disaster on individuals, communities, and organizations), and/or **Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)** (what your organization plans to do to get your doors back open and systems up and running immediately following a disaster). Talk to us about templates and workbooks for these plans as well.

Thanks for your participation in ENLA!