

Orientation: The Faith Responder Orientation provides an overview of disaster response and recovery ministries from preparedness and relief to rebuilding and repairs. Learn how your church can be involved in your local community as well as develop a travel Disaster Response Team to help those impacted in other areas. The overview will answer questions like: What will the team be doing? What types of training do we need? What types of tools are needed? How can we help support the teams from home? What roles are there for the field and the base camp? (Approximately 1-1.5 hours in length) Contact Laura Lambert at 850-363-6799 for more information or to schedule an Orientation.

Basic Disaster Response Team Training: The Basic Disaster Resposne Team Training is offered to anyone who wants to learn more about being a part of a Disaster Response Team. A Disaster Response Team is a group of individuals who provide onsite assistance to survivors after a disaster or event. This training will go over entry level spiritual and emotional care, safety protocals and practices for field teams, hands on review of mucking out houses, debris cleanup, tarping a home and other practices. It is encouraged for ALL team members and mandatory for the team leaders. (Approximately 4-4.5 hours in length) BDRT Trainers: Luis Morales and Steve Painter

Spiritual and Emotional Care Training: As the church, our first priority is to share the restorative love of God and the hope of Christ with those impacted by disasters. The Faith Responders Spiritual and Emotional Care training considers how to care for those who have experienced a trauma and provide support to people of all faiths. We follow the tenets of John Wesley's Three Simple Rules: Do Good, Do No Harm, Love God Love People. With this in mind we offer 3 levels of Spiritual and Emotional Care Training: Level 1 is an entry level training embedded in all our field trainings; Level 2 is a deeper training for churches and groups wanting to form a Spiritual and Emotional Care team for response locally and as a travel team; Level 3 is specific for trained professionals providing onsite care as a Field Chaplain. (Approximately 1-2 hours in length depending on the level) SECT Trainer: Shawn Bishop

Disaster Assessment Training: An essential part of the disaster response process is creating an assessment of the survivor's assistance needs. Assessment teams go out to the property prior to a DRT to determine what work is needed whether it is a home cleanout, mucking, tarping, or chainsaw work. The Assessement team determines scope of work to be done, if heavy equipment is needed, priority of work and the skill level of the team needed. (Approximately 1 hour in length and is offered onsite during a response).



Chainsaw Team Training: Many storms involve downed trees and other debris on properties and homes. Faith Responders puts safety first and provides chaps, helmets and other safety equipment for chainsaw work. Even more important is learning safety protocals and concerns for tree removal after a storm as trees can be under pressure and offer a multitude of considerations for removal due to unique situations. This training is encouraged for all team members and mandatory for leaders of teams involved in chainsaw work.

Phone Support and Family Advocacy: Survivors face a multitude of questions, applications and confusing systems following a disaster. Phone Intake volunteers assist in answering questions, completing requests for assistance and providing referrals for resources among other tasks. Phone Support and Family Advocacy volunteers can help from their home or onsite during a response. Contact Laura Lambert at 850-363-6799 for more information.

Badge Requirements: Faith Responders appreciates the dedication of our volunteers and especially those willing to step into the Team Leader and other Leadership Roles.

- Team Leaders receive a Faith Responder badge after completing the Basic DRT, SECT level 2, Assessment and Chainsaw Training.
- Those completing the Basic Training and specific area training will receive an area badge (Chainsaw, Assessments, Spiritual/Emotional Care, Family Adv).

All Volunteers Must Pass an Annual Background Check and Complete an Annual Release Form.

Contact us to schedule an Orientation or Training today!! Call 850-363-6799 or email info@thefaithresponders.org