

Class & Job Descriptions for Disaster Relief Units

Volunteers are the heart and soul of **Arizona Disaster Relief**. Every level of **AZDR** utilizes the skills, talents, and commitment of volunteers. Volunteers assist in providing organizational leadership, conducting training classes, supervising response sites, administering the disaster operations center, and most importantly providing the front-line ministry of disaster relief.

BASIC CLASS

Those interested in working in disaster relief through Arizona Southern Baptist Disaster Relief must complete the introductory course, ***Involving Southern Baptists in Disaster Relief***. This course offers a look at the history of Southern Baptist involvement in disaster relief and serves as an introduction to how you can become a productive member. Discover your field of interest and giftedness in this “hands on” ministry. This is included in the Friday night session of our training. *(Required for each new volunteer.)*

CHAINSAW

Be a part of a recovery team that responds quickly during a time of disaster. Learn the efficient and safe procedures of taking down trees and roof work. This type of unit is usually one of the first to respond after disaster strikes. Safety is of utmost importance when working on this unit.

CHAPLAINCY

Disaster Relief Chaplain Training is the North American Mission Board’s first step in preparation to serve as a chaplain during disasters. This course includes the following topics: the uniqueness of crisis ministry, overview of the crisis response, human needs in crisis, the trauma response, listening skills and techniques, crisis intervention models, compassion in crisis, comforting grief in disasters, ministry in cultural and religious diversity, and the spiritual dimensions of trauma.

SHOWER UNIT

This class will show how to operate and maintain the shower unit during disaster relief response. Participants will learn how to maintain, clean and supply the unit. Individuals who cannot handle more stressful responses are ideal for this ministry. This is an ideal option for those desiring to work as a couple out in the field.

FEEDING UNIT

This class prepares the participant to be a part of the Arizona Disaster Relief Feeding Unit. With the addition of our third Feeding Unit, multiple teams are needed to staff the kitchens and provide relief for the feeding teams on extended deployments. The course will teach safety and food preparation processes with a focused concentration on sanitation and health issues dealing with food preparation, various jobs in the operation, serving the food, and clean up.

MECHANICS

This class will prepare you as a maintenance person to manage and repair the equipment which is used in all our units. You will need to understand the importance of your responsibility in this role and a working knowledge of small equipment and general electronics is advisable.

DRIVER TRAINING

Disaster Relief Volunteers that own and are willing to use their ¾ ton or larger trucks to haul Disaster Relief Equipment are required to attend this one hour class. Volunteers will be contacted when there is a need to move equipment for events, maintenance and callouts.

Other descriptions will be added as they are available.