

Common Questions Answered

How Does It Work?

1. When a disaster occurs, the MWBC Disaster Relief Director will be notified of a possible call-out for volunteers.
2. Volunteers are notified through email and asked to respond if available.
3. Unit(s) and volunteers prepare and leave for disaster site, ready to minister.

How Long Would I Have To Be Gone?

- Local responses—volunteers can respond for any length of time even just one day.
- When responding to an out of state disaster, most volunteers usually go for 7 to 14 days at a time. This includes travel time.

How Much Does It Cost?

- Volunteers are responsible for all their own expenses however lodging and food are usually provided on site which is noted on the callout information.
- When traveling in a Disaster Relief vehicle, the gas expense is provided.

What if I can't go, but I still want to help?

You can be a part of the Prayer Support Unit that will pray specifically for volunteers and their work while on the response.



What Would I Do In A Disaster?

Some examples of ministering to those in need in the crisis are:

- Preparing meals and working on the feeding unit including inventory
- Cutting and clearing debris
- Cleaning out homes of flood water, mud, and debris
- Providing counseling through chaplaincy
- Ministering to other disaster relief volunteers
- Washing clothes of victims and volunteers
- Providing shower facilities
- Praying for volunteers and disaster survivors
- Administrative assistance including registering volunteers, reports, and paperwork



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How to Become a Disaster Relief Volunteer



We Offer Hope In Crisis

Bringing Help, Healing, and Hope

MWBC Units



- Feeding
- Chainsaw
- Mud Out
- Shower / Laundry
- Chaplaincy
- Recovery
(chainsaw & mudout combined)
- Prayer Support

The MWBC Disaster Relief ministries are called “Units.” You may be involved in as many units as you would like, so long as you have completed the basic training requirements that correspond with each unit.

Listed here are the steps necessary to help prepare you to be a part of

Basic Training Requirements

this exciting ministry. (More information can be found at www.mwbc.org then select the DR Logo at the bottom of the home page.)

Step #1

Complete Volunteer Packet of forms and return to MWBC to be kept on file.

Step #2

Attend the “Involving Southern Baptists in Disaster Relief” training.



Step #3

Specific Unit Training

- a. Each unit requires classroom training.
- b. Some units require “hands-on” training to learn special equipment unique to that unit.
- c. Some units require additional training such as OSFA (Operational Stress First Aid) or other training..



Step #4

Background Check

- Completed
- Acceptable

Step #5

There is a cost for new volunteers. This fee will provide you the following:

- Shirt
- Hat
- Background Check
- ID Badge/Credentials
- Lanyard
- Spiritual Preparation Book

A new background check and updated badge are required every three years.

