

What equipment and resources are available in Disaster Relief?

Indiana units consist of multiple combo trailer units (capable of doing chainsaw and mud-out jobs), shower/laundry units, command/communications units, and mobile kitchens. We also have individually owned tractors and front-end loaders.



What is Disaster Relief Chain of Command?

We follow FEMA's national emergency response organizational layout.

In Indiana we are led by our state Disaster Relief White Hat, who coordinates all operations with N.A.M.B. The State Disaster Relief Coordinator interfaces between the State White Hat and the State Field White Hat.

The State Field White Hat administers all disaster relief activities and call outs.

Blue Hats are under the direction of the State Field White Hat. They are trained and chosen by the State Coordinator and State Field White Hat. Their purpose is to lead and direct trained Yellow Hat Volunteers in the field.

Yellow Hats are trained Disaster Relief volunteers who are willing to serve under the direction of the Blue Hats.

Indiana Disaster Relief is a ministry of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana

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What is Indiana Southern Baptist Disaster Relief?

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief is Christian love in Action. It is meeting the urgent needs of the hurting humanity in crisis with loving care and timely response.

Indiana Disaster Relief works to provide relief to those who find themselves victims of disaster in Indiana, the United States, and other countries.

We work in partnership with the American Red Cross, The Salvation Army, Southern Baptist convention agencies, and other national partners to bring relief and hope to those in need.

How Does Indiana Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Respond?

Indiana Disaster Relief may respond to disaster in one or more ways. Disaster Relief remains ready to respond through mass feeding, chain saw teams, and mud-out volunteers

What are the qualifications to attend Introduction to Disaster Relief

You must be a minimum of 18 years of age, in good physical health, have a servant's heart, and a flexible attitude. You do not need to be Southern Baptist unless you are to be a Blue Hat

What will be required of me at Introduction to Disaster Relief?

Upon attending, you'll be required to fill out a registration form and Indiana Disaster Relief background check form. You will be required to give your social security number and driver's License number. Background checks are now required by FEMA and N.A.M.B (North American Mission Board). There is a fee collected which covers the background check, Disaster Relief ID, lanyard, and Disaster Relief hat.

Every 3 years, you will need to attend our Recertification of Disaster Relief class and have an updated background check done. (A N.A.M.B requirement)

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How do I become a Disaster Relief Yellow Hat?

You must first meet the qualifications stated in attending SCB Introduction to Disaster Relief. You must also attend a SCB Indiana Introduction to Disaster Relief class, taught at an Indiana Disaster Relief sanctioned training, You must also pass the Indiana Disaster Relief background check. Upon completing all these requirements, you are eligible for an Indiana Disaster Relief ID, and to wear a Disaster Relief hat and shirt.

All disaster relief volunteers are responsible for personal expenses while on the field. These expenses are normally low as lodging is usually at a local church and meals are prepared by the feeding unit or at the church. Volunteers are also responsible for their own medical insurance. **Indiana disaster relief does not cover medical expenses.**



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How do I become a Disaster Relief Blue Hat?

Initially, you must meet all the requirements of the Yellow Hat. You must also have attended training in various Disaster Relief specialties. Strong leadership skills, a willingness to work with others and follow directions must be evident. Another requirement is being out on a minimum of 3 Indiana Disaster Relief sanctioned trips. A potential Blue Hat must be nominated by an Indiana State Disaster Relief Blue Hat.

There will be only 1 lead Blue Hat Coordinator per region. Depending on the number of active trained Disaster Relief volunteers, there may be additional Blue Hats who will fill the role as team leaders.

What is a Community Changers Team?

Community Changers Team is a team of people dedicated to help and serve people in need in their community. It is a way to help others in need locally when there are no wide spread disasters to respond to.

A person in need could be an elderly person or someone that is sick. They may not be able to do some chores on their own and could use a little help.

Community Changers uses the outline of Disaster Relief. There are several different areas to serve. Examples include: cleaning, food/meals, general repair. Yard crews, and chainsaw.