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FLORIDA BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF MINISTRY

2023 West Region Training Event

June 3, 2023 / Registration: 8:30 AM | Training: 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

FBC on Bayshore, Niceville

622 Bayshore Drive, Niceville, FL 32578 / (850) 678-4621

First Time Volunteers

Registration Fee $10 per person
THERE IS NO PRE-REGISTRATION

• First Time Volunteers will participate in our New Volunteer Class that is designed to prepare volunteers to be able to respond effectively with our ministry. Information will be shared to help answer the questions that all new volunteers typically have.

• First time volunteers will be able to choose Ministry Area Classes to obtain specialized training in the area they most likely want to work.

• You may cross train in other Ministry Areas by attending another regional training event or by doing online training.

• Price includes training materials and lunch. Note: To receive ID badge at the training, you must complete a Background Check online two weeks prior to the event. Cost for background checks is $17.

Returning Volunteers

Registration Fee $10 per person
THERE IS NO PRE-REGISTRATION

• Returning Volunteers have several options:

1. During the morning, you may choose to get additional training in your primary ministry area.
2. After lunch, you may choose to attend another ministry area class to receive training in another specialty, thus expanding your ability to minister.

• Price includes lunch and training materials.

If your badge has expired, you will need to attend the New Volunteer Class to receive a new badge. Badges expire every 3 years. Background checks will be required when badges are renewed, and the cost is $17. To receive the ID badge on the day of training you must complete a background check online two weeks prior to the event.

Training Provided in these Ministry Areas: Mass Feeding • Cleanup & Recovery • Administration • On Site Management • Logistics • Chaplaincy • Communications • Temporary Child Care

You have the option of online training. Visit our website to get all the instructions and for the link to the Background Check webpage. https://flbaptist.org/dr-volunteer/

Quick FAQs

Who should attend this training? Anyone who wants to become a new volunteer in the Florida Baptist Disaster Ministry or any previously trained volunteer who wants additional training or needs to retrain due to expired credentials. (Volunteers must retrain every 3 years)

Why do I have to be trained to be a volunteer? Emergency Management Officials now require all volunteers to be credentialed by an organization like ours before they are permitted to work in a disaster response area. Our training is designed to meet these requirements and prepare volunteers to do effective ministry when called upon.

How do I register? There is no pre-registration. Register at the event site between 8:30 AM & 9:00 AM the day of the event.

What about lunch? Lunch is prepared by trained feeding volunteers on one of our feeding units at the event.

Why isn't there an event closer to me? The training season can only be done between March and June in order to be ready to respond to our most likely disaster - hurricanes, between July – October. With a limited number of weekends available, we must do regional events. Our goal is to have at least 1 event within a 2 1/2 - hour drive for volunteers to attend. We move the sites to different associations from year to year within specific regions.

How old do you need to be to attend training? Everyone can attend the training, however, anyone under 18 will be considered a Youth. Youth cannot be called out on their own and will need to respond with their credentialed legal guardian. Youth do not have to pay the registration fee and will ONLY receive a "youth" badge and lunch that day.

Will background checks be mandatory? Yes. The Florida Baptist Convention has now added this requirement to continue the practice of protecting those whom we serve.