

Arms of Compassion

Disaster Relief Ministry Outline

*"If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday... Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called *Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings*." _____Is 58:10-12*

Mission

The *ACM Disaster Relief Ministry* has a three-fold purpose. We will...

1. **Extend** compassion to those affected by Disaster.
2. **Equip** the local church to respond in times of Disaster in their community, as well outside their community as part of a statewide Disaster Relief Ministry.
3. **Exalt** the Kingdom of Christ in all that we do.

Organization

The *ACM Disaster Relief Ministry* is composed of local *Disaster Relief Teams (DRT's)* organized at the church or associational level, operating under the auspices of the *ACM Disaster Relief Ministry*.

Response

The ACM Disaster Relief Ministry responds to disaster at multiple levels:

- **Personal Response:** Members will respond in times of disaster by caring for themselves, their families, and their immediate surroundings; then making themselves available to their local DRT.
- **Local Response:** Local DRT's will respond in cooperation with local emergency management and in communication with the state DRT director as needed in times of local crisis. *They will also schedule other periodic community service events throughout the year. These events are for the purpose of outreach, training, team building, and exalting God.
- **State Response:** Other teams from around the state will be called upon as needed per request of the local response team, local emergency management, and/or at the discretion of the ACM Disaster Relief Director.
- **National-Scale Response:** The *State Disaster Response (Blue Tarp) Team* responds to Disasters outside Oklahoma per the request of the NAFWB, any FWB entity, OKVOAD, and/or at the discretion of the ACM Disaster Response Director.
- **Outside Assistance:** During times of catastrophic disaster, ACM will work in cooperation with the Executive Office of the NAFWB's, OKVOAD, and other Disaster Assistance Resources as needed in securing needed outside assistance.

Areas of Response Concentration

- **Local DRT's** respond as needed in times of local crisis. Their area(s) of concentration are determined by their leadership team with consideration being given to the gifts of their team, as well as the needs of their community.
- **The ACM Blue Tarp Team** will be composed of various qualified individuals from around the state that are willing and able to respond on a moment's notice in times of state and national disaster. The Blue Tarp Team will provide temporary covering to roofs damaged by storms, winds, etc. until permanent repairs can be made.
- ACM will provide **Journey Packs and Care Kits** through the local DRT's to children affected by disaster.
- Other **Statewide Areas of Concentration** will be determined as the need dictates and the resources permit. Possible future areas of concentration include reconstruction, mobile kitchen, medical teams, counseling teams, etc.

ACM Responsibility

- Provide general oversight of the various Statewide Disaster Relief Ministries.
- Receive and distribute funds as available and needed in times of disaster.
- Secure and provide needed tools and resources as available for training, events, and disaster.

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- Provide credibility through its oversight and membership with the Oklahoma VOAD.
- Provide template for certification badges and needed forms for certification.

Funding

- ACM will include Disaster Relief in its budget, making funds available for training and in times of disaster as needed and available.
- Consequently, the local DRT's are asked to encourage their membership, churches, and associations to support ACM on a regular basis.
- Additional funding is expected to become available in times of disaster as people respond to immediate need.
- Unused portions of monies received during times of disaster will remain in the Disaster Relief account, unless otherwise designated, and be available for use in future disaster relief efforts.

Training

Provided at the local level with guidance provided at a state level. Training will include:

- **Disaster Preparedness** – Administered by the DRT's local emergency management, a qualified team member, or other qualified emergency responder. Training outline provided by ACM.
- **First Aid** - Administered by the Red Cross, a qualified team member, or qualified emergency responder, etc.
- **Specialty Training** – Administered by local DRT leadership in area of concentration.
- **Subsequent Training** (Recommended, but not required): **CPR, Fire Safety and Suppression** (extinguisher usage), **CERT** (provided by local emergency management or OEM), **Team Building** (Ropes Course, etc.), **Debris Removal**, etc.
- **Statewide Training** is offered periodically in order to train and certify members to participate on the ACM Blue Tarp Team

Certification

Certification is approved and monitored by local DRT and/or ACM. Certification requirements are as follows:

- Recommendation from pastor
- Completion of above training
- Signed Background Check and Medical Release
- Agreement with Standards of Conduct
- Minimal attendance to DRT events and training

Local DRT Organization

- Organize leadership team consisting of at least four people, preferably including at least one pastor and one emergency responder (Firefighter, EMT, etc.). Assign tasks to team: coordination, recruitment, training, and certification (clerical), etc.
- Schedule Organizational Meeting with ACM Disaster Relief Director
- Initiate communication and cooperation with local emergency management.
- Determine a purpose statement, and develop a plan for organization and promotion of the DRT.
- Schedule the first training session, which should include the certification training listed above.
- Determine specific membership guidelines, etc.
- Schedule at least 4 events per year, one of which must be training, with the remainder being community service
- Encourage regular associational and/or church financial support of Arms of Compassion.
- Badge template issued by email to secretary to be personalized and printed on business cards and laminated (optional).

**This plan is a work in process and will change as experience and circumstances dictate.*

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Background Check Release

Please read this form carefully and be aware that by allowing Arms of Compassion to investigate your background with Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, you will be waving and releasing all claims for damages you might sustain arising out of the criminal background check and review.

I, the undersigned, authorize Arms of Compassion, a ministry of Oklahoma Free Will Baptists, to obtain criminal records about me from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI). I also authorize ACM to provide such records to the ACM local Disaster Relief Team (DRT) for the purpose of evaluating my history in order to allowed to participate in ACM Disaster Relief Exercises.

Please Print

1. Personal Information:

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (MI)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

How long have you lived: at this address? _____ in Oklahoma? _____

Social Security No.: _____ - ____ - _____ Drivers License No.: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

Home phone number: () _____ Daytime phone number: () _____

If you have lived in Oklahoma less than 10 years, give your previous address:

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

2. Maiden or Other Name(s) Used:

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (MI)

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (MI)

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (MI)

Applicant's Signature

Date