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Disaster Services

Mass Casualty Disaster ARC 3079 1F

Course Purpose

The purpose of this course is to prepare Red Cross employees and volunteers to provide a more effective initial response to a mass casualty disaster.

Learning Objectives

- Define mass casualty disasters.
- Describe the Red Cross categories of mass casualty disasters.
- Describe the characteristics of the community response.
- Explain the Red Cross response to each category of disaster.
- Identify planning and preparedness activities that will strengthen the chapter response.

Participants

Participants will be Red Cross employees and volunteers who may respond to a mass casualty disaster in their own community.

Required

Participants must successfully complete the Introduction to Disaster Services (ARC 3066) course. Participants must have responded to a large disaster either within their community or preferably on a DSHR assignment.

Length

The course is 8 hours in length. Attendance the entire time is necessary.

How the Course Is Scheduled

The sponsoring Red Cross unit will schedule the course for a suggested minimum of 14 and a maximum of 28 participants.

Instructors

This Basic Disaster Training Course will be taught by a team of Disaster Services instructors who have experience on national disaster relief operations. Instructors for this course must have a solid foundation of knowledge of and experience in the Red Cross Disaster Services program in order to explain the differences between response to a mass casualty disaster and response to more typical large-scale disasters. Chapters should select a pair of instructors who can provide a combination of extensive operational experience and knowledge of state/local plans for responding to mass casualty disasters.

Prior to teaching the course, instructors must familiarize themselves with all applicable mass casualty guidance from national headquarters including:

- Response to Disaster, ARC 3030.
- Disaster Services Connection #98, Initial Planning Guidance for Chapters to Prepare for Response to Events Involving the Use of Weapons of Mass Destruction. Released March 14, 2000.
- Disaster Services Connection #95, Law Enforcement incident Guidance.



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- Disaster Health Services, ARC 3042.
- Disaster Mental Health Services, ARC 3043.
- Disaster Services Preparing for and Developing Procedures to Respond to An Aviation Disaster <https://corpweb.redcross.org/comm/ds/fy98/conn/avndoc.html>

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