



# FLORIDA DISASTER RELIEF MINISTRY

## 2009 Regional Training Events

9:00 AM –3:00 PM

March 21

First Baptist Church, Quincy

April 4

St. Johns River Assoc. (St Augustine area)

April 25

Orange Blossom Assoc. (Sebring area)

May 16

Cornerstone Baptist Church, Inverness

May 30

Pines Baptist Church, Pembroke Pines

June 13

First Baptist Church, Bonifay

June 27

Deltona Lakes Baptist Church, Deltona

### Training Provided in these Disaster Ministry Areas

Mass Feeding

Cleanup & Recovery

Temporary Childcare

Emergency Communications

Spiritual Care

Water Purification

### First Time Volunteers Registration Fee \$25 per person

- **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. The class lasts all morning.
- After lunch, first time volunteers will be able to choose one to attend a **Ministry Area Class** to get specialized training in the area they most likely want to work.  
*(Water Purification is only available for Returning Volunteers)*
- You can cross train in other Ministry Areas by attending another regional training event.

### Returning Volunteers Registration Fee \$10 per person

- **Returning volunteers** have several options
- During the morning, they may choose to get additional training in their primary ministry area in a specialized class or they may participate in our Spiritual Care class.
- Volunteers that are interested in being trained for water purification will attend an all day class that is only open to returning volunteers.
- After lunch, they may choose to attend another ministry area class to receive training in another specialty thus expanding their ability to minister.

## Quick FAQs

**Who should attend this training?** (1) Anyone who wants to become a new volunteer in the Florida Baptist Disaster Ministry or (2) Any previously trained volunteer who wants additional training or needs to retrain. *(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 allowed 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.

**Why is there a fee to attend?** The cost of training a new volunteer is more than \$40. The fee is to help us offset some of the costs. Participants will receive DR shirt & hat, ID badge, training material, instruction and lunch for attending.

**What about lunch?** Lunch is prepared by trained feeding volunteers on one of our feeding units at the event. The cost of the meal is included in the registration fee.

**What about time zones?** The schedule is based on the time zone of the event site.

**Why isn't there an event closer to me?** The training season can only be done between March and June because we have to be ready to respond to our most likely disaster, hurricanes, between July –October. With a limited number of weekends available, we have to 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.



**For Further Information or questions on Florida Disaster Relief Training OR building a Disaster Relief Unit,** contact the Disaster Relief & Recovery Department, 1-800-226-8584 ext. 3121 OR e-mail [awalker@flbaptist.org](mailto:awalker@flbaptist.org)



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