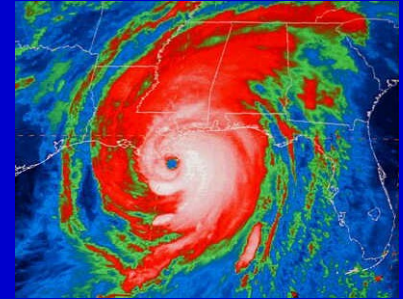


**Volunteer
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with Mass Care
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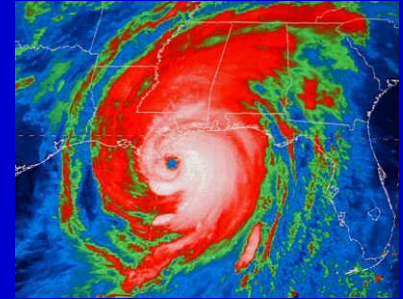
BACKGROUND



Executive Order RP57

Founded upon the Texas Governor's directive for State Agencies to prepare and participate in the development of a program of preparedness to meet the needs of special needs populations in the event of a catastrophic event (hurricane or man made disaster).

BACKGROUND...



- **State and local jurisdictions are seeking resources (manpower) to train and prepare for activation in the event of an disaster.**
- **Area Agencies on Aging are participating by accessing volunteer and staffing resources to assist with preparation and implementation of the Texas Governor's program of emergency preparedness.**

Opportunities

- **Medical Care Facilities**
- **Red Cross Shelters**
- **Faith-Based Shelters**
- **Local (City /County)**



MEDICAL SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER

Designed for those whose age, frailty, mobility, functional and/or medical disability make them vulnerable and at risk in disaster situations.

MSNS are intended to provide a safe environment for those requiring limited medical assistance or surveillance.

Temporary, providing emergency special/supervised housing and medical care.



RED CROSS SHELTERS

- Established in response to a disaster
- Provide temporary shelter & housing assistance
- Provide limited financial assistance & clothing/furnishings
- Provide service coordination
- Provide nutrition



FAITH-BASED SHELTERS



- Operated by churches and other religious groups
- Provide pastoral care
- Volunteer coordination
- Limited monetary assistance
- Donation management & distribution

LOCAL SHELTERS



- **Established in response to a disaster**
- **Provide temporary shelter**
- **Provide nutrition and basic support services**
- **Provide service coordination**

MEDICAL SPECIAL NEEDS POPULATIONS

- **Classification**

Category 1.. Persons Dependent on Others

Category 2.. Persons with Disabilities

**Category 3.. Persons Needing Assistance with
Medical Care**

**Category 4.. Persons Requiring Extensive
Medical Oversight**

Category 5.. Persons in Institutional Settings

OTHER SPECIAL POPULATIONS (NON-MEDICAL)

- Older Americans
- Children
- Homeless
- Non-English Speakers
- Visitors/Tourists



DISABILITY GROUPS



- **Basic and specialty communication skills (sign language, etc)**
- **Sensitivity training**
- **Basic knowledge of disability**
- **Maintain dignity and confidentiality**



Your Role in the Process

- **Assist with registry of evacuees,**
- **Conduct assessments of need,**
- **Advocacy,**
- **Assist with triage,**
- **Assist with specialty services**



**Language barriers, aging and
disability issues**



Certification and Training

NIMS (National Incident Mgmt System)

<http://nimsonline.com/>

American Red Cross

<http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/>

FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/>

RESOURCES continued..

CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams)

<https://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/>

VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters)

<http://www.nvoad.org/>

Local Texas Area Agencies on Aging

http://www.dads.state.tx.us/contact/aaa_directory.html

More Information

- For More Information concerning Volunteer Opportunities during times of Emergency and Disasters contact...
- Local American Red Cross Chapter
- Local Area Agency on Aging

