



HandsOn
GREATER PHOENIX

Disaster Response Corps

The HandsOn Greater Phoenix Disaster Response Corps is a team of individuals that are affiliated with and trained by HandsOn Greater Phoenix in order to assist HandsOn Greater Phoenix in meeting the needs of our Disaster Response Programming. The Disaster Response Corps will serve in an on-call capacity in times of crisis such as wildfires, flooding, heat emergencies, man-made disasters and other local or state declared disasters.

Disaster Response Corps Volunteers – are committed to all requirements listed below: Volunteer Reception Center Training, CPR/First AID Certification, NIMS Training, Quarterly Meetings and a Background Check.

Volunteer Reception Center Training: When a major disaster occurs, the large number of unaffiliated, spontaneous volunteers who converge to assist with recovery can be overwhelming to an already stressed community. Large numbers of unaffiliated volunteers necessitate a Volunteer Reception Center to be initiated. A VRC is an efficient way to register, educate and place volunteers into needed roles and/or redirect them to other volunteer opportunities. This training will train volunteer leaders how to set up and run a VRC.

CPR/First Aid Certification – We will offer low-cost trainings that will allow our members to obtain their certification.

Quarterly Meetings – Members of the DRC will be asked to participate in quarterly meetings with HandsOn Greater Phoenix staff to keep up-to-date on current disaster-related issues education (such as bird flu and fire mitigation), create personal disaster response plans, and receive required training.

Background Check – Volunteers may serve with vulnerable populations and need to go through a credentialing process required for most state and local disaster responders.

Volunteers will also receive information about other optional trainings and opportunities outside of HandsOn Greater Phoenix including Certified Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) training, American Red Cross Shelter Management, and Government Liaison Training for AZVOAD (Arizona Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster). We will strive to offer at least one opportunity per month.

Disaster Response Corps Volunteers may serve in the following capacities:

- Assist in running a Volunteer Reception Center
- Serve at HandsOn Greater Phoenix Call Center or AZ211 phone bank.
- Project Leader for disaster relief service projects at HandsOn partner site
- Run Hydration Stations during heat emergencies
- Other opportunities as needed

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