

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

A Disaster Relief Volunteer's Responsibility

As a volunteer member of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Disaster Relief team, I agree that, as my availability and ability allow, I am expected to:

1. Complete a disaster relief skill checklist, and keep current my (1) address and phone number, (2) availability status, (3) skills and abilities.
2. Complete the required training and renew required training a minimum of every three years; take optional training, which will increase my usefulness as a team member.
3. Take responsibility for my spiritual and mental preparation as a Disaster Relief volunteer, as well as my work skills needed at the disaster site.
4. Represent my Lord and Savior, church, fellow Christians and team as Christ would want, in my attitude, behavior, speech, dress and work.
5. Wear official disaster relief apparel and display the SBC Disaster Relief logo only as prescribed and only while engaging in a relief event as authorized by the Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief.
6. Protect my health and safety and the health and safety of victims, co-workers and all other persons while en route to or from and while at the disaster site; inform on-site team leaders of any physical limitations to be considered in my work assignments.
7. Inform my team leader of my availability for a disaster response.
8. Take initiative in order to improve my usefulness; increase my availability by making adjustments in my other responsibilities in order to serve as a disaster relief volunteer.
9. Pay my own expenses, arrange my own transportation and bring clothing, bedding and personal items I'll need at the disaster site.
10. Purchase necessary accident and/or liability insurance and provide medical insurance and health information to appropriate persons at the disaster site.
11. Assist with unit preparation, training events and non-emergency use of the unit, as my availability and ability allow.

FYI – Insurance laws in Tennessee state that the vehicle you tow becomes your responsibility even if it is owned by someone else.

Release and Indemnification

By my initials and signature placed below, I do hereby represent and acknowledge that I am entering upon a missionary venture with others, and that as a volunteer am paying my own expenses, including insurance, for the purpose of helping in times of disaster for the glory of God and to demonstrate my faith in Christ; that the work may at times be hazardous and somewhat arduous and will be performed by concerned volunteers and other personnel trained in disaster work; that vehicles transporting said volunteers will be operated by volunteers, who may or may not be professional drivers.

I recognize and acknowledge potential accidents at the disaster site, involving motor vehicles, in or about the living, sleeping and eating areas, or during activities of the disaster relief team; am fully aware of possible injuries to members of the disaster relief team, including myself.

Therefore, I desire to protect, release, acquit, indemnify, and hold all other persons on the disaster relief team with me, those who notified, selected or assigned me to the said team, the state disaster relief director or department, the Southern Baptist Convention, the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Tennessee Baptist Convention, their employees and representatives, successors or assigns, harmless from any and all claims, causes of action, injuries, damages, losses, expenses or attorney fees incurred or suffered en-route to or from the site or participation with the team or in the activity and whether directly or indirectly related to my acts of commission or omission, those of others or otherwise.

For and on behalf of myself, my heirs, administrators, executors, assigns and all other persons, firms or corporations, I do hereby release and discharge from liability all other persons on the disaster relief team with me, those who notified, selected or assigned me to the said team, the state disaster relief director or department, the Southern Baptist Convention, the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Tennessee Baptist Convention, their employees and representatives, successors or assigns, from any claims, demands, damages, actions, causes of actions which I, the undersigned, have or may hereafter, and on account of, or any way growing out of injuries or damages both to persons or property resulting or that may hereafter result from the voluntary venture.