

# Rotary District 5030 Disaster Preparedness Program

**Mission Statement:** Encourage and support the Rotary clubs of D-5030 in preparing their members and clubs to be self-reliant in the wake of major natural and man-caused disasters; to train, equip, and exercise participating clubs in responding to local and disaster-related requests from other Rotary clubs or districts.

**Approach:** To achieve this mission, the District Disaster Preparedness Committee will establish a District Support cell, and . . .

- a. Work to achieve Club Preparedness such that member Rotarians are well-prepared to look after themselves and their families for at least 72 hours following a major incident.
- b. Work with Rotary club Disaster Coordinators to achieve the following:
  - Prepare telephone “Recall” list of all club members; update monthly.
  - Prepare a “Skill-set Inventory” of club members, especially in the following areas: engineering, nursing, medicine, trades (electrician, plumbing, roofing), contracting, transportation, veterinary, warehousing.
  - Construct a “Resources Inventory” within the club, especially the following resources: electric generators, chainsaws, solar power, warehousing,
  - Prepare an “Outreach list” to the community links in the club locality (with name, phone #, e-mail address, and position/title), especially the following:
    - Schools
    - Medical facilities
    - Nursing homes
    - Food banks
    - Churches
    - Member businesses
    - Local Fire Department
    - Local Emergency Management Agency Liaison Officer
    - Local Electric Power company(ies)
    - Local Natural Gas Co.
    - Local Water & Sewer Agency
    - Local American Red Cross and Salvation Army
    - Local telephone/ cell phone service providers
    - County Emergency Coordinator and Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
  - Update annually.
- c. Assist clubs with initial training through club presentations on general personal and club-based approach to disaster preparedness by team members and others; introduction to Emergency (Trauma) First Aid and CPR (by an EMT), Business preparedness (Red Cross or team members)

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d. Help clubs develop and draft a basic Emergency Operations Plan to include the following:

- Damage Assessment process: documenting and reporting;
- Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plan
- Update annually.

e. Arrange and/ or conduct appropriate advanced training for club Rotarians and families:

First Aid/ CPR  
CERT  
ICS -100  
Exercises/ Drills / Update

f. Work with Club Representatives to introduce program sustainability:

Annual refresher (on-line) training of club coordinators.

Annual training exercise/ recall/ seminar.

Minimum 3-person team per club with multi-year staggered commitment.

Provide District & Club website preparedness and mitigation info.

Use Social Media

The District Support Cell will be prepared to assemble, if required, and activate specific elements of the District's response, as follows:

- Assemble and maintain a Telephone Recall list of club Disaster Coordinators;
- Produce and update ICS-style "Incident Map" when required;
- Solicit, assemble and post Damage Assessment Summary(ies) of clubs' reports, as needed, to include:
  - Club's Status, Needs, and Plan of Action
  - Available resources (District-wide)
  - Community Service needs
- Receive requests for assistance from clubs;
- Receive offers of assistance from clubs and districts;
- Work with local/ city/ county Emergency Management staff.