



**FLORIDA BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF MINISTRY**

**2017 Regional Training Events**

Registration Starts at 8:30 AM | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

<b>MARCH 4</b>	<b>REGION 3</b>	<b>WESTSIDE, GAINESVILLE</b>
<b>MARCH 18</b>	<b>REGION 5</b>	<b>EAU GALLIE FIRST, MELBOURNE</b>
<b>APRIL 1</b>	<b>REGION 4</b>	<b>FIRST, LUTZ</b>
<b>APRIL 22</b>	<b>REGION 1</b>	<b>ROCKY BAYOU, NICEVILLE</b>
<b>MAY 6</b>	<b>REGION 6</b>	<b>AVON PARK LAKES, AVON PARK</b>
<b>MAY 20</b>	<b>REGION 2</b>	<b>FIRST, LIVE OAK</b>
<b>JUNE 3</b>	<b>REGION 7</b>	<b>BETHEL EVANGELICAL, DELRAY BEACH</b>



**First Time Volunteers**

**Registration Fee \$25 per person**  
**THERE IS NO PRE-REGISTRATION**

- 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.
- First time volunteers will be able to choose Ministry Area Classes for specialized training.
- You can cross train in other Ministry Areas by attending another regional training event.
- Price includes: lunch, training materials, ID badge, t-shirt, hat and pin. These items will be mailed to you after we have received your background check clearance. Cost for background checks is additional.

**Returning Volunteers**

**Registration Fee \$15 per person**  
**THERE IS NO PRE-REGISTRATION**

- Returning Volunteers have several options.
- During the morning, they may choose to get additional training in their primary ministry area in a specialized class.
- After lunch, they may choose to attend another ministry area class to receive training in another specialty thus expanding their ability to minister.
- Price includes lunch and training materials. T-shirts may be purchased for \$10 each.
- If your badge has expired you will need to attend the New Volunteer Class in order to get a new badge. Badges expire every 3 years. Background checks will be required when badges are renewed. Cost for background checks is additional.

**Training Provided in these Ministry Areas:** Mass Feeding • Cleanup & Recovery • Administration  
Temporary Child Care Services • Emergency Response Team • Logistics • Spiritual Care

**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 due to expired credentials. *(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.

**What about lunch?** Lunch is prepared by trained feeding volunteers on one of our feeding units at the event.

**Why is there a fee to attend?** The cost of training a new volunteer is more than \$60. The fee is to help us offset some of the costs.

**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.

**How old do you need to be to attend training?** Everyone can attend the training. Anyone under 18 will be considered a Youth. Youth cannot be called out on their own and will need to respond with their credentialed legal guardian. Youth do not have to pay the registration fee and will ONLY receive a “youth” badge and lunch that day.

**Will background checks be mandatory?** Yes. The Florida Baptist Convention has now added this requirement to continue the practice of protecting those whom we serve.