

Disaster Relief Chaplaincy
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Types of DR Chaplains

- A. Assistant DR Chaplain – May deploy with Chaplain Mentor
- B. DR Chaplain – May deploy solo
- C. DR Chaplain Mentor – DR Chaplain who may also deploy with and serve as a mentor to Assistant Chaplain

Disaster Relief Chaplain Training Requirements

- A. Southern Baptist Chaplain Training Course (8-hour course)
- B. Spiritual Care Provider Course (2-hour course)
- C. Assisting Individuals in Crisis Course (13-hour course)
- D. One Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Elective Course:
 - Spiritual & Psychological First Aid (SPFA)
 - Emotional & Spiritual Care in Disasters (ESCD)

Other DR Chaplain Requirements

- A. Physical Requirements
 - Be able to drive a vehicle as needed (copy of valid driver's license required to verify eligibility to drive).
 - Have good physical health.
 - Be willing to sleep on an air mattress or cot in crowded facilities.
 - Be willing to share bathroom facilities with others.
 - Understand showers may be in a shower trailer with time limitations.
 - Be willing to minister outside in extreme weather conditions.
 - Be willing to endure a deployment day lasting from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. (14-hour days)
 - Understand electricity may be limited or not available.
 - Be willing to do daily tasks, including cleaning bathrooms, kitchens, and/or showers, mopping floors, sweeping, and carrying bags of trash.
 - Be able to lift at least 25 pounds.
 - Understand cellphone service may be limited or not available.
- B. Emotional, Spiritual, and Mental Requirements
 - Be currently active in an SBCV church.
 - Be a person of emotional and spiritual maturity.
 - Be a good listener for extended periods.
 - Be free of any medication that would impair your thinking or activity.
 - Always demonstrate a servant's heart.
 - Always be prepared to share God's hope.
 - Always avoid letting personal problems affect your ministry to the brokenhearted.

- Always focus on the emotional and spiritual care of others.
- Always demonstrate God's love through compassion and care.

Training Progress and Deployment Opportunities for DR Chaplains

- A. Assistant DR Chaplain – can deploy with a Chaplain Mentor
 - Spiritual Care Provider Course (2-hour course)
 - Southern Baptist Chaplain Training Course (8-hour course)
 - Pastoral Reference or Church Leader Reference

- B. DR Chaplain – can deploy solo or with other DR Chaplains
 - All of the requirements for Assistant DR Chaplain plus...
 - Operational Stress First Aid (OSFA) Course (8-hour course)
 - Assisting Individuals in Crisis (AIC) Course (13-hour course)
 - Three Personal References / Interview with State DR Director
 - Skill Proficiency – Lead a DR Group Prayer; Lead a DR Devotional

- C. DR Chaplain Mentor – Can deploy as a mentor to an Assistant DR Chaplain
 - One CISM Elective Course (SPFA or ESCD)
 - One Specialized Training Course (4-hour course)
 - Skill Proficiency
 - ✓ Minimum 3 SBCV DR Deployments
 - ✓ Cross-training in one or more DR Activities (Feeding, Chainsaw, Flood Recovery, etc.)