ON MISSION NETWORK

We share help, hope and healing. Effectively.

TRAIN.EQUIP.DEPLOY.

Response that matters:

How the On Mission Network provides professional-grade disaster relief with some of the best-trained volunteers in the country

Since 1967, partners of the On Mission Network have developed one of the strongest and most extensive volunteer disaster relief systems in the world. When we partner with other network members, we are the third-largest volunteer relief organization in the U.S. And, because of our long-running track record in relief, we've developed an effective method for responding quickly to needs in the U.S. and around the world. Here's a general timeline for how we respond:

fast-assessment phase



Train to serve

On Mission Network staff and volunteers are some of the most knowledgeable and experienced responders in the country, in part because of our emphasis on extensive training. We help volunteers be the most effective they can be by offering some of the most effective training they can receive.



Monitor threats

If a natural or man-made disaster is eminent, On Mission Network leadership monitors news reports, interacts with governmental and nongovernmental entities to begin coordination and places volunteer teams on standby. In some cases, we pre-stage volunteers to assess and respond immediately.



Assess needs

A few short hours after a disaster strikes, highly-trained On Mission Network assessors move through affected areas and determine what resources can best be provided by On Mission Network volunteer teams.



Rebuild, retrain

While we bring help, hope and healing through disaster response, some people need help making it not only through the response phase, but recovery phase, reestablishing their lives and their homes. We offer rebuilding services in some situations. In addition, we assess and learn from previous deployments and apply and train for best practices.





Coordinate with other responders

Disaster response is at its most effective when multiple responding groups work together. On Mission Network coordinates with civil authorities and other response entities to act in the best interest of affected communities.

Manage relief efforts and assign response teams

On Mission Network is a leader in managing large-scale relief efforts and is part of several networks that can respond with us. As part of these efforts, we begin sending appropriate teams to affected locations.



On Mission Network is constantly training in several response disciplines and can call on more than 3,000 volunteers trained in a variety of responses, including (clockwise from top): Water ministry; heavy equipment debris removal, chain-sawing fallen trees, serving hot, nutritious meals: providing asset protection, mudding out flooded homes; chaplaincy; shower and laundry services; temporary roof repair; electric and electronic support; assessment; and distributing boxes and packing belongings.





Phase out, deployment assessment

The On Mission Network continuously assesses its effectiveness and need in the field, and eventually begins to transition volunteers and assets out of the field. After the incident response, On Mission Network leaders assess the response for performance and improvement, incorporating new information into future training and responses.







