DISASTER FAITH NETWORK SHELTERING 101: HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Chatham Emergency Management Agency

Workshop Agenda

- Personal Preparedness: The First Step
- Preparing to Help: A Review of the Disaster Faith Network Program Guide
- Provide a Basic Overview of Shelter Operations that will help you understand the Sheltering Process and what's Involved.
 - **ODetail what makes a great shelter.**
 - Discuss the six step shelter process.
 - Describe the support mechanisms that are in place to help you have a positive sheltering experience.

What is your name?

Any Disaster Response Experience?

Hello

What House of Worship do you represent?



PREPARING TO HELP

Are You Ready? Is Your Congregation

Section 1: General Guidelines

Available Exits:

EMERGENCY EVACUATION

PLAN

Doody?

Family Emergency Plan

• How will I receive emergency alerts and warnings? • CEMA? Local News Station? • What is my family/household communication plan?

• What supplies do we need?





How Can I Receive Emergency Alerts?

Stay informed before, during and after an event by following CEMA on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @ChathamEMA.

For emergency text alerts, text CEMA to 77295









How to Stay Informed

Whether you stayed in Chatham County or evacuated to a safer location, you will still be able to use the following to stay informed:

- Disaster website- ready.chathamcountyga.gov
- CEMA Alerts
 - Both text messages and emails
 - Register at <u>www.ChathamEmergency.org</u>
 - Text <u>CEMA</u> to <u>77295</u> for a "fast follow" option!
- Local News Stations mobile apps or website
 - Watch local news, LIVE!
- Social Media
 - BUT, be sure they are official sites!
 - Don't create OR share misinformation
- NOAA Weather Radio
 - If you are still in Chatham County, this will allow you to receive local weather alerts, immediately

Disaster Supplies

- Build A Kit
 - o 5-gallon bucket
- Plan for at least 3 days
 - Drinking water
 - One gallon/person/day
 - o Non-perishable food
 - o Important medication
 - o Essential Devices
- Include copies of important documents
- Store in an easy to access location







Personal Plan

- Are you properly insured?
 - Do you have a Flood Policy?
 - Do you have a Named Storm clause?
- Have you documented/photographed your home and possessions?
- Can you withstand going days without utilities?
- Where will you stay during repairs?



PREPARING TO HELP

Chatham County Disaster Faith Network Program

Introduction to the Guide

- DFN aims to engage leaders within
 Chatham County's Houses of Worship to build more resilience within faith-based communities
- Provides a venue for:
 - Open dialogue and information sharing
 - Houses of Worship to assist before, during and after emergencies or disasters





Program Benefits:

- Volunteer Training:
 - Volunteers can be used to bolster staffing in County Managed shelters.
 - Volunteers can be trained to develop emergency plans and guides for their House of Worship and teach preparedness actions to their congregation.
- Use of Facility:
 - HOWs can be used to meet a wide variety of needs to include use as a:
 - General Population Shelter
 - Mass Feeding Site
 - Staging area for distribution of emergency supplies
 - Warehouse or Community Distribution Center for donated goods
 - Staging area for emergency equipment or responders.

Legal Protections

O.C.G.A. 38-3-32

- "When any person, firm, or corporation owning or controlling any real estate or other premises authorizes and permits any emergency management agency, board, or other authority of this state or of any political subdivision of this state to use the premises without charge therefor for the purpose of sheltering persons during an actual or practice emergency or disaster as contemplated by Articles 1 through 3 of this chapter, the person, firm, or corporation, at such times and for such periods during which the premises are occupied and actually employed for purpose of emergency management, shall be **clothed with sovereign immunity** of the state."
- "No civil action shall be brought or maintained against any such person, firm, or corporation to recover damages for personal injuries or death of any person while on the premises during an actual or practice emergency, disaster, or enemy attack, or for the loss or destruction of personal property brought upon the premises by any person seeking shelter thereon during an actual or practice emergency or disaster."

Program Roles

CEMA Outreach Coordinator

- Chelsea Sawyer
- Engage with interested HOWs
- Work with CEMA staff to provide training for HOWs

• Partner Liaison

- Member of HOW that serves as CEMA's primary contact for all outreach and activation requests
- Promote preparedness with the congregation and encourage volunteers
- Maintain a roster of volunteers
- Volunteers
 - Emergency Workforce

Program Requirements

- A signed Memorandum of Agreement outlining the resources the House of Worship is willing to provide to CEMA and how CEMA will assist with their preparedness efforts.
- Regular **Training** for staff wishing to serve as Volunteers.
- Ability to conduct Facility Surveys on a reoccurring basis if allowing CEMA to utilize a facility.
- Ongoing, Active Engagement in CEMA hosted events or preparedness activities.





When there is a need, the CEMA Outreach Coordinator will host a call with Disaster Faith Network's participating response entities.

Volunteers Only:

• If a House of Worship chooses to provide volunteers, these volunteers should be trained and prepared for a disaster assignment.

Volunteers and Use of Facility:

- CEMA will collect information from all Houses of Worship willing to assist.
- During this time, Partner Liaisons should notify their volunteer teams or facility managers of the possibility of being put on standby for an activation.

 If a decision to activate the Disaster Faith Network is made, the Partner Liaisons will then be contacted by a CEMA Representative, which could be a Duty Officer or member of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

• An official request to put staff and/or facilities on standby will be made.

- We recommend that the Partner Liaison conduct a call down of their trained volunteers (if applicable) and/or prepare the facility
 - Upon completion of the call down, the Liaison will provide the CEMA Representative with the number of volunteers willing to participate.
 - If the facility has been requested, the Liaison will inform the CEMA Representative of its availability.

- If chosen to activate, the CEMA Representative will provide the Liaison with a location and timeframe for their volunteers to meet.
- Volunteers should notify their Liaison upon arrival on scene and when departing the scene. This should immediately be followed by signing in or out of the site.





Annual Program Evaluation

- The annual review exists to document and evaluate the progress of the relationship between CEMA and the Houses of Worship engaged in disaster response.
- Program Liaisons will be contacted by the Outreach Coordinator to ensure their continued interest in support of the Network, the use of their facilities and/or volunteers.
 - If the facility is designated as a shelter, another CEMA staff member may tag along or update the shelter survey at this time.



PREPARING TO HELP

Sheltering 101: Open, Operate, Close



When Could we Need a Shelter?

- Hurricane
- Tornado
- Large Fire
- Flooding
- Hazardous Materials Incident
- Winter Weather

Options



FACILITY

STAFF





Fundamental Principles

Emergency shelters should provide a **safe** and **secure** place for individuals and families to stay after an emergency or disaster.

- We provide services to the Whole Community
- We strive to meet the cultural and faith-based preferences of the residents
- We accommodate those with disabilities and their supporters (aids and family members)
- We safeguard personal information
- We ensure those with acute healthcare beyond the capacity of the shelter are referred to an appropriate facility





Supporting Agencies













CHATHAM COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

ESF-6 ANNEX

SOG 6-1 GENERAL POPULATION SHELTERING

DECEMBER 2019



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TAB I: REGISTRATION STAFF DUTIES										
	Ensure that all shelter occupants are greeted and registered upon arrival.									
	Complete, legible and accurate information about the residents is necessary to track the shelter population and mana									
	Maintain a system for check for any period of time. Funct		SAMPLE	SHELTER LAYOUT						
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	Total number of family mem	Food Supplies		Item	Number Required	Source				
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Ц	Pre-disaster address	1.0000000000000000000000000000000000000		Cots, Special Needs	2 each	Trailer Body				
	Phone numbers and email a		Hall	Blankets	90 each	Trailer Body				
	Method of transportation to			Paper Towel Rolls Clamshell Containers (200	24 each 0) 3 boxes	Trailer Body Trailer Body				
Π.	Method of transportation to			Foam Cups (1,000)	1 box	Trailer Body				
	Primary language and name			Foam Cup Lids (1,000)	1 box	Trailer Body				
_		Food		Coffee Urn	1 each	Trailer Body				
	Information on individual me	Preparation	Feeding	Medical Shower Chair	1 each	Trailer Body				
	 Name 		-0	Medical Commode Riser	1 each	Trailer Body				
	• Age		- 709 Hum	Yard Sign Stakes	10 each	Trailer Body				
	Gender		000	Children's Entertainment		Trailer Body				
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		Area	Area	Toilet Paper	32 each	Hygiene Box, Clear				
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	relocation address.			Tampax	2 boxes	Hygiene Box, Clear				
	Place completed registrat			Hygiene Pads	2 boxes	Hygiene Box, Clear				
-	confidentiality.			Baby Wipes	2 boxes	Hygiene Box, Clear				
	,			Sheet Sets	15 dozen	Sheet Set Box, Clear				
	ely ask if anyone in the famil	Mental	Health Waiting	Pillows, Inflatable	100 each	Pillow Box, Green				
		Health	Services Area	Pillow Cases	100 each	Pillow Box, Green				
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				Plastic Cutlery (200)	3 boxes	Cooler				
_				Flashlights AAA Batteries	12 each 34 each	Cooler Cooler				
				Hand Sanitizer	2 each	Cooler				
				All Purpose Cleaner, Liqui		Cooler				
				Clipboards	2 each	Shelter Manager's Kit, Blue				
				Pens (Black and Blue)	12 each	Shelter Manager's Kit, Blue				
				Pencils (Mechanical with I		Shelter Manager's Kit, Blue				
				Index Cards, 3" by 5" (100		Shelter Manager's Kit, Blue				
	-			Ruler	1 each	Shelter Manager's Kit, Blue				
				Rubber Bands	1 bag	Shelter Manager's Kit, Blue				
				Stapler	1 each	Shelter Manager's Kit. Blue				

The Emergency Operations Center





Shelter Trailers



Four Shelter Trailers

Capacity to support 100 residents each

- Cots
- Blankets
- Hygiene Kits
- Towels
- Functional and Access Need Supplies
- Signage
- Shelter Manager's Kit







The **GREEN** box contains 100 pillows and 100 pillowcases.

The **BLUE Shelter** Manager Kit Contains:

- Admin. Supplies
- Forms
- SOG 6-1 (Job Aids)

The hygiene kit contains: Kleenex

- Toilet Paper
- Q-Tips
- Soap Bars
- Tampons
- Pads
- Baby Wipes





Each box has an inventory placed on the side of each container.

Item	Number Required	Source
Directional Yard Signs	10 each	Cooler
Shelter Banner in PVC Tube, 2' by 5'	4 each	Cooler
Trash Bags, 40 gallon (200)	1 box	Cooler
Plastic Cutlery (200)	3 boxes	Cooler
Flashlights	12 each	Cooler
AAA Batteries	34 each	Cooler
and Sanitizer	2 each	Cooler
Il Purpose Cleaner, Liquid	1 each	Cooler



Shelter Information Poster Kit in Spanish

2 Please Posters 2 Welcome Posters 2 Schedule Posters



item	Number Required	Source	Lais
Cots, Folding Military Style	75 each	Trailer Body	
Cots, Special Needs	2 each	Trailer Body	
Blankets	90 each	Trailer Body	
Paper Towel Rolls	24 each	Trailer Body	
Clamshell Containers (200)	3 boxes	Trailer Body	TC
Foam Cups (1,000)	1 box	Trailer Body	
Foam Cup Lids (1,000)	1 box	Trailer Body	T
Coffee Urn	1 each	Trailer Body	
Medical Shower Chair	1 each	Trailer Body	
Medical Commode Riser	1 each	Trailer Body	
Yard Sign Stakes	10 each	Trailer Body	
Children's Entertainment Items	Assorted	Trailer Body	
Kleenex	6 each	Hygiene Box, Clear	
Toilet Paper	32 each	Hygiene Box, Clear	
Q-Tips	2 boxes	Hygiene Box, Clear	
Soap Bars	6 each	Hygiene Box, Clear	
Tampax	2 boxes	Hygiene Box, Clear	
Hygiene Pads	2 boxes		-
Baby Wipes	2 boxes	Hygiene Box, Clear	
Sheet Sets	15 dozen	Hygiene Box, Clear	
Pillows, Inflatable	The second s	Sheet Set Box, Clear	
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ndex Cards, 3" by 5" (100)	2 packs	Shelter Manager's Kit, Blue	
Ruler	1 each	Shelter Manager's Kit, Blue	TC
Rubber Bands	1 bag	Shelter Manager's Kit, Blue	TC
Stapler	1 each	Shelter Manager's Kit, Blue	
Staples (5,000)	1 box	Shelter Manager's Kit, Blue	
Staple Remover	1 each	Shelter Manager's Kit, Blue	
Tape Dispenser	1 each	Shelter Manager's Kit, Blue	
Таре	5 each	Shelter Manager's Kit, Blue	
Painter's Tape	1 each	Shelter Manager's Kit Blue	12
Manilla Folders	1 box	Shelter Manager's Kit, Blue	
Binder Clips (assorted)	1 box	Shelter Manager's Kit, Blue	12
Scissors	1 box	Shelter Manager's Kit, Blue	

The Inventory Sheet is laminated.

Use the white board markers in the Shelter Manager's Kit to mark each item as it is returned to the trailer.

Item	Number Required	Source	
Highlighters (Assorted Colors)	24 each	Shelter Manager's Kit, Blue	
Paperclips	1 box	Shelter Manager's Kit, Blue	
Markers (Assorted Colors)	24 each	Shelter Manager's Kit, Blue	
Power Strip	1 each	Shelter Manager's Kit, Blue	
Extension Cord	1 each	Shelter Manager's Kit, Blue	
Work Gloves	5 pairs	Shelter Manager's Kit, Blue	
Lined Writing Pads	24 each	Shelter Manager's Kit, Blue	
Sheltering Forms	35 each	Shelter Manager's Kit, Blue	C
Shelter Resources Notebook	1 each	Shelter Manager's Kit, Blue	
Show-Me Book	1 each	Shelter Manager's Kit, Blue	C

Additional Items

- 2 Medical Cots
- Shower Chair
- Commode Riser
- Coffee Urn
- 10 Dozen Towels
- 1,000 Cups and Lids
- 600 Clamshell Containers


Sheltering Responsibilities

Assist the Chatham County Parks & Recreation Shelter Manager by working in:

- Reception & Registration
- Feeding
- Dormitory
- •Other Areas as Necessary

Additional training is provided by CEMA after your HOW agrees to assist.

Shelter Staff Roles

Shelter Manager

- Every shelter must have a Shelter Manager.
- Provides supervision and administrative support.
- Ensures safety of staff and residents.
- Ensures residents needs are met through the effort's of shelter staff.

Shelter Worker

- Complete assigned activities and fills roles as designated by the Shelter Manager.
- Remains flexible and mindful of resident's needs.

Staffing Details

Parks and Recreation Staff Serve 12 Hour Shifts and Shelter Workers may fill a variety of different roles as assigned by their Shelter Manager. Your volunteer's shift schedule will depend on their availability.



Staffing Details

Minimum Staffing Required:

- 1 P&R Shelter Manager
- 3 Shelter Workers

Additional Staff that May be Requested:

- Health Services (EMS/Hospitals)
- Mental Health Services (Gateway)
- Security (Local Law Enforcement)



Additional Points

- NEVER self-deploy or activate.
- Even if you see a disaster, do not respond until contacted.
- Unless you want to Independently Respond.
- Staff should be prepared to fill any position.
- Come ready and willing to provide excellent customer care.

Disaster Response Activation Process



Shelter Set Up Goals

Set up the shelter in order to effectively register clients.

Ensure equipment is inventoried. Ensure signage is posted to direct individuals to the shelter as well as to services within the shelter.

Initial Staff Briefing

The Shelter Manager will brief all incoming staff on:

- Assigned roles and tasks
- Daily schedule
- Monetary and donated goods acceptance policy









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Please...

Things you CAN do in a shelter:

- Respect quiet hours
- Control your children
- Keep your area clean
- Register when you arrive
- Smoke ONLY in designated areas
- Help us keep the shelter clean
- Sign in when entering and sign out when leaving
- Keep food and beverages in designated areas

Please help in the shelter

THANK YOU!

WELCOME!



Thank You!

Por Favor...

Algunas de las coasas que usted PUEDE hacer en un albergue:

- Respete las horas de descanso
- Cuide sus niños
- Mantenga su área limpia
- Registrese al llegar
- Fume en las áreas designadas SOLAMENTE
- Ayudenos a mantener el albergue limpio
- Recuerde, sus pertenencias son su responsabilidad
- Firme al entrar y salir del albergue
- Mantenga los alimentos y bebidas en áreas designadas

Por favor ayúdenos en el albergue ¡Gracias!

REGISTRATION

& WAITING AREA

Establish a Waiting Area. Those with Access or Functional Needs may not be able to stand for long periods.

REGISTRATION & WAITING AREA

- Set up a table for Health & Mental Health Services.
- Ensure people must pass Registration to enter the Dormitory Area.
- Anyone wanting to enter the shelter's dormitory must first register to stay at the shelter.
- If they do not want to register, they are not allowed access.

REGISTRATION

& WAITING AREA



Shelter Manager's Kit

- The Shelter Manager's Kit is located in the Shelter Trailer and Contains:
 - Administrative Supplies
 - Blank Forms
 - Sheltering SOG
 - Copies of the Job Aids
- Each form has instructions printed on the back.

DORMATORY

- A place to rest. Used for sleeping.
- Ensure Room for Cots.
 - Each Person Should get 40 Square Feet.
 - Think 5 feet by 8 feet per person.
 - Individuals with a Service Animal, Wheelchair or Assistive Device are given 110 Square Feet.
 - Consider Unique Needs: Power & Low-Vision

Separate areas for Families, Women and Men.

Ensure that 4-6 feet are available for walkways.



• If catered, ensure a staging area for the meals as they are dropped off.

FEEDING AREA • Feeding should be in an area separate from the dormitory.

Ensure the schedule is posted throughout the shelter.





SNACK AREA

Provide a snack area in **Registration** with individually wrapped products (sweet and salty) and beverages, to include water and coffee. Should be stocked at all times.

Disaster Response Activation Process



Registration Operations

- Greet shelter residents as they arrive.
- Explain the registration process and rules of the shelter.
- Collect information.
- Screen for any emergency needs.
 - Individuals with immediate needs should be referred to health or mental health services.
 - Health Services (EMTs or Nurses) may be available to help screen individuals as they register.

Registration Operations



The Registration Worker serves as a gatekeeper to keep individuals that do not need dormitory services from entering the dormitory.

Clients, staff and visitors are signed in and out 24/7.

Workers post information such as accessible signage and set up informational bulletin boards as appropriate.

Dormitory Registration Screening

- Before starting the form, take a moment to kindly read, or point to, the shelter rules to the registrant. Ask if they would still like to register. Staff then conduct a rapid visual assessment to determine if an individual can be safely accommodated within the shelter.
- Clients not appropriate for a shelter:
 - Clients on a Respirator
 - Clients Receiving a Continuous IV Therapy
 - Clients who have Open Wounds from a Recent Surgery
 - Clients that are Comatose

Dormitory Operations



Workers in the Dormitory set up, monitor sleeping areas and assist clients with needs throughout the operation.

Ensure shelter rules are followed within the dormitory but remember GREAT Customer Service.

Feeding and Supplies

- Workers in the Feeding area ensure the snack table is stocked and refreshments are available. They also assist with the serving of meals.
- Note any allergies or dietary restrictions.

• Workers in the Supply area ensure adequate inventory of supplies are available in the shelter.

Disaster Response Activation Process



Closing the Shelter

The goal is to return the shelter to pre-shelter conditions or better.

Disaster Response Activation Process



After Action Review

- After the emergency event passes and sheltering operations have concluded, CEMA will conduct an after action review with both the field sheltering staff as well as the EOC staff involved in the shelter operation.
- Information will be collected and adjustments for future operations will be made based on the lessons learned and YOUR recommendations.



Questions?

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