

Identifying Disaster Volunteer Positions

1. What is the primary purpose of your organization? (In two sentences)
2. What is the primary purpose of your job? (List three main focus areas)
3. How might a major disaster affect the community you serve?
4. How might a major disaster affect staffing of your organization (both paid staff and regular volunteers)? How will you overcome staffing issues during the response and recovery phase of a major disaster?
5. In what ways might your organization need assistance to continue operations following a major disaster? (E.g.: clean-up, answering phones, data entry/tracking hours, reorganizing files, reaching-out to homebound clients)
6. In what ways might your organization be able to assist with response and recovery that is not a typical function of your daily operations? (E.g.: provide space for day care, host a food and water station for homeless pets, collect donations for distribution by another CBO)
7. How will you further assess the real and potential needs that may be addressed by engaging emergent volunteers following a disaster?