

Disaster Response

The Disaster is OUT there

Not in the staging areas or in the field

And so it begins

- ❑ You become aware of the event – phone, news, whatever.
 - ❑ Gather your log book, change of clothes and necessaries. MEDICATION if you take any. 2 Gallons of water per person.
 - ❑ If you need to evacuate, DO SO before even thinking about responding.
 - ❑ WAIT for activation call. **DO NOT SELF-DEPLOY**
 - ❑ Report where directed
 - ❑ Depending on your function w/in the group, you may sit near the phone on stand-by, or be called out for field work.
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Do Not Self-Deploy

- THE ACTIVATION CALL:
 - Will tell us who is needed
 - Where to go
 - How to get there
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ALL JOBS are important

- Field work
 - Shelter
 - Logistics support
 - ICP liaisons (incident command post)
 - EOC (emergency operations center)
 - Staging or
 - By your phone.
 - ALL ARE IMPORTANT!!!!
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First, nothing is written in stone...

- ❑ Except following instructions which *may* conflict with outlines. If so, roll with it. We **MUST** follow IC directions. We are subordinate to all emergency response personnel
 - ❑ Stay calm, listen, do what needs done to assist anyone who needs help. Drink water, walk, read – BREATHE!!
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Which could mean

- ❑ Trailer teams will report to **Sclar**, as directed, with a full tank of gas and trailer ready to roll.
 - ❑ Logistics volunteers will locate themselves near telephones so they can facilitate supplies procurement.
 - ❑ Telephone teams will be contacting and alerting membership
 - ❑ Communications members will set up HAM radios at the Sclar Staging or where designated.
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Scalar Staging Could Be

- ❑ Any place the authorities want us to set up. It will probably NOT be the same place the fire personnel or the OES is set up.
 - ❑ At the Animal Services Staging
 - ❑ With a Noah's Wish Staging
 - ❑ ANY PLACE they designate for us. Nothing is written in stone.
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1st to Arrive

is Sclar Team Leader

- ❑ If you arrive on scene 1st, you are the Team Leader for Sclar until relieved.
 - ❑ Set up whatever you have at designated area.
 - ❑ Set out & monitor sign-in for Sclar volunteers
 - ❑ Wait
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Check-in, Sign-in & Roll up your sleeves

- Check in with Sclar Team Leader
 - SIGN-IN!!**
 - Determine from Sclar Team Leader if there is an IC sign-in
 - YES!! It is possible you will be signing in twice.
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Sign-in is King

- ❑ Make sure all volunteers reporting are signed in with Sclar Team Leader
 - ❑ Volunteers unknown to us must be referred to the ICP Volunteer Coordinator. At that point, they're out of our hair.
 - ❑ WHERE IS YOUR LOG BOOK? Keep it handy, **make sure your name is on it.**
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Patience is Queen

- ❑ Organize what you can with what you have.
 - ❑ Make sure your ready bag is complete. Don't forget the 2 gal. of water.
 - ❑ Think & list what might be needed
 - ❑ **Wait** for instruction / deployment or task assignment.
 - To reiterate: DO NOT SELF DEPLOY
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None of us are Royalty

- ❑ Stressful situations breed nervous energy which can sometimes create friction.
 - ❑ Be tolerant.
 - ❑ Be flexible. If you get conflicting orders or requests from someone, make them aware. Don't get frustrated or angry.
 - ❑ Unless asked to delegate a job or project, please carry-through as requested. Any supervisor should know who is doing what job and with whom.
 - ❑ ***Is that log book in use?***
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We are a citizen volunteer group

- ❑ We can only do what we are capable of
 - Do not attempt something that is beyond your strength or ability.
 - ❑ Unsafe, dangerous, illegal or unsavory tasks should be discussed with the Sclar Team Leader or Supervisor before proceeding. We can and will go to bat for you if you need help.
 - ❑ Do not put yourself or others in danger
 - ❑ Do not put animals in a more dangerous situation than you find them in.
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SAFETY FIRST & ALWAYS

□ This rule needs no elaboration.

- Your safety and affiliated health issues are immutable.
 - Ultimately, you are the one responsible for your safety judgments.
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SIGN-OUT is CRITICAL

- Be sure you sign-out when you are through:
 - With Sclar and whomever else you may have signed in with
 - We don't want to "miss" you and have to alert authorities that we have someone "missing"
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Debriefing

- ❑ Closing up shop will entail exchanging information with authorities and w/in our organization.
 - ❑ The Sclar IC Liaison will collect all paperwork and provide copies to the appropriate authorities
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THANK YOU !!

- ❑ For taking the time to be involved.
 - ❑ For taking the time to learn
 - ❑ For caring enough to put yourselves out for exercises, drills, and any disaster events as may arise.
 - ❑ We know your time is valuable, and your selfless acts do make a difference within the community and for the animals.
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