



FLORIDA BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF MINISTRY
2025 West Region Training Event

May 31, 2025 / Registration: 8:30 AM | Training: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
St. Andrew Baptist Church, Panama City
3010 W. 15th Street, Panama City, FL 32401 / (850) 785-8596

First Time Volunteers

Registration Fee \$10 per person
THERE IS NO PRE-REGISTRATION

- First Time Volunteers will participate in our New Volunteer Orientation. Information will be shared to help answer all questions.
- First time volunteers will choose one Ministry Area Class of their interest to attend.
- You **may** cross train in other Ministry Areas by attending another regional training event.
- Price includes training materials and lunch. **Note: To receive ID badge at the training, you must complete a Background Check online two weeks prior to the event.** Cost for background checks is \$20.

Returning Volunteers

Registration Fee \$10 per person
THERE IS NO PRE-REGISTRATION

- Returning Volunteers may choose to acquire additional training in **your** primary ministry area.
- After lunch, **you** may choose to attend another ministry area class to receive training in another specialty, thus expanding **your** ability to minister.
- If your badge has expired, a background check will be required when badge is renewed. Cost for background check is additional.
- If your badge has expired for over 2 years, you will need to go through the New Volunteer Orientation.

Training Provided in these Ministry Areas: Mass Feeding • Cleanup & Recovery • Administration
• On Site Management • Logistics • Chaplaincy • Communications • Children’s Crisis Response

You have the option of online training. Visit our website to get all the instructions.

FLDR Webpage: <https://flbaptist.org/disasterrelief/>

Background Check Webpage: <https://flbaptist.org/dr-volunteer/>

Quick FAQs

Who should attend this training? Anyone who wants to become a new volunteer in the Florida Baptist Disaster Ministry or any previously trained volunteer who wants additional training. Volunteers must retrain every 3 years.

Why do I have to be trained to be a volunteer? Emergency Management officials request all volunteers to be credentialed by an organization like FLDR before they are allowed to work in a disaster response area. Training is designed to meet these requirements and prepare volunteers to do effective ministry when called upon.

How do I register? There is no pre-registration. Register at the event site between 8:30 AM & 9:00 AM the day of the event.

What about lunch? Lunch is prepared by trained feeding volunteers on one of our feeding units at the event.

Why isn’t there an event closer to me? The training season can only be done between March and June to be ready to respond to our most likely disaster - hurricanes, between July – November. With a limited number of weekends available, we must do regional events. Our goal is to have at least 1 event within a 2 1/2 - hour drive for volunteers to attend. We move the sites to different associations from year to year within specific regions.

How old do you need to be to attend training? Everyone can attend the training, however, anyone under 18 will be considered a Youth. Youth cannot be called out on their own and will need to respond with their credentialed legal guardian. Youth do not have to pay the registration fee.

Will background checks be mandatory? Yes. The Florida Baptist Convention policy requires all volunteers to have a background check.