



TGCRVOAD **Disaster Hospitality Registry** **Shelter, Showers, and Supper!**

When we think of ways to assist in short-term recovery, our list typically includes mucking and gutting homes, managing debris, clearing out houses, removing fallen trees, tarping roofs, distributing water and ice, donating to the food bank, and, of course, comforting survivors. Some will also help by returning calls to Crisis Cleanup or coordinating recovery activities.

Sometimes, the opportunity to say THANK YOU to the many out-of-town volunteers from Texas and across the nation who respond to our call for help is overlooked. They sacrifice the comforts of home and family to drive across the state or the nation, work hard, and sleep on a cot. What can we do to express our gratitude?

A Hearty THANK YOU ...

...and a Shelter, Shower, and a Warm Supper

Disaster Hospitality starts with a heartfelt thank you, but we can do more! Can you assist with shelter (space in a gym, large meeting room, community center, or classroom(s)), showers (either on-site or nearby at a gym), and a hot supper (a functional kitchen, ice, refrigerator, freezer, and donated or home-cooked meals)?

Teams come in all sizes: a small team consists of 10 to 15 people, a medium-sized team includes 25 to 30 people, and a large team comprises 50 or more individuals.

What Does it Take to Support a Team?

Ideally, teams are looking for:

- A large open space (or spaces) where team members can sleep. One hundred square feet per person is ideal. We can usually get access to cots from the American Red Cross.
- Restrooms for both genders (typically one toilet for 8-10 people of each gender)
- On-site showers (one shower for 8-10 people of each gender). If you don't have showers on site, are there shower facilities nearby at a school, gym, or YMCA?
- A functional kitchen area (fridge, stove, oven, microwave, and coffee maker!) where they can cook and eat breakfast and dinner, and a place to store food and make sack lunches. Are there local restaurants that might donate food? Or members of your organization that might consider providing a hot home-cooked meal on occasion?
- Access to an ice machine or ice.

A room that can be dedicated to administrative activities, such as planning the next day's work.

- A parking lot where they can park trucks and vehicles overnight
- A secure location to store tools overnight.
- Air conditioning!
- Access to a washer and dryer.
- Wi-Fi and internet access

How Will This Work?

We are currently creating a registry of organizations that can host a team. Adding an organization's name to the registry does not obligate that organization to host a team. If there is a disaster, and if you are on our registry, and if your location is close to where teams will be working, and if we have a team that needs shelter, showers, and supper, we may call.

If we call, we will ask whether you would consider hosting a team for a specific period. If you are willing and able, we'll introduce you to the team and let you all work out the details. Please let us know if it is a match (Yay!) or if you can't host the team; in that case, we'll continue matchmaking!

Register Now!

Want to know more? Please email chair.tgcrvoad@icloud.com.

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Next Meeting

The May Meeting of the TGCRVOAD will take place on Wednesday, May 14th, from 9:30 to 11:00 at the United Way of Greater Houston. Our guest speaker will be Angela Blanchard, Chief Recovery and Resilience Officer for the City of Houston, and our program will focus on emotional and psychological care for those we serve, as well as for those who provide service. Additionally, we'll concentrate on preparations for the 2025 Hurricane Season! We hope you can join us!

Ready Fort Bend Expo 2025

On May 3, 2025, the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds will come alive as an exciting event unfolds, uniting organizations, businesses, and community members in a vibrant celebration of emergency preparedness.



The gathering promises to energize participants and inspire a collaborative spirit as they engage in crucial conversations and activities designed to enhance safety and resilience in the community.

May 3, 2025 | 10 AM to 2 PM
Fort Bend Fairgrounds – Building C
4310 Highway 36 S
Rosenberg, TX 77471

This is a FREE family event! Admission and parking are complimentary. Enjoy a raffle and door prizes, view emergency vehicle displays, and listen to expert speakers. Meet local community Emergency Response Teams and explore fun Kid Zones.

2025 Disaster Readiness and Resilience Clinic & Expo

Saturday, May 17th | 10 AM – 3 PM
on-site registration begins at 9 AM

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HOUSTON, TX 77010
1001 AVENIDA DE LAS AMERICAS

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The Clinic is an opportunity for at-risk community members with diverse abilities to engage and talk with providers and representatives knowledgeable and involved in disaster response and recovery measures in how to better prepare for events that pose risks. This clinic will provide a navigated and supported opportunity to address their individualized needs and complete their own PRINTED personal preparedness plan.

The Expo The day includes panels, speakers, demonstrations, kid's activities, exhibitors, and emergency vehicles providing information on disaster preparation. The event culminates in a prize giveaway for all those in attendance, bringing an end to an exciting, informative day.



SCAN TO PRE-REGISTER

On-site registration begins at 9AM
Visit getreadyexpo.org to learn more
#getreadyexpo



CONTRIBUTORS:



- Harris County
- Fort Bend County
- Houston Health
- Harris County Public Health
- TGCROAD
- Montgomery County
- DAFN Workgroup
- Disability Rights Texas
- METRO
- Houston Red Cross
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

CSU Issues Initial Forecast

Colorado State University has released its [April forecast for the 2025 Hurricane Season](#), predicting above-normal activity in the Atlantic basin. Current La Niña conditions are expected to shift to ENSO neutral in the coming months, though uncertainty remains for the summer and fall. Sea surface temperatures in the eastern and central Atlantic are warmer than normal, but not as warm as last year. This combination suggests a favorable environment for hurricane formation and intensification. An above-average probability of major hurricanes making landfall in the continental U.S. and Caribbean is anticipated.

One hurricane can define an active season, so thorough preparations are essential each season, regardless of the forecasted activity

Disaster Preparedness Training

Hurricane season is approaching, making it the perfect time to sharpen your skills, learn new ones, and enhance your ability to lead unaffiliated spontaneous volunteers. Let's prepare ourselves for the next opportunity to make a difference!

These free trainings are led by the Houston Tool Bank, Gulf Coast Disaster Readiness, SBP, and the United Way of Galveston, and sponsored by Frost and Niagara Cares!

Friday, May 9th, 2025, 9:00-12:30

Moody Methodist Church
2803 53rd St.
Galveston TX 77551



Click or Scan
to Register!

9:00 AM	Check In
9:15 AM	Homeowner Preparedness Training
9:45 AM	Break
10:00 AM	Muck-Gut-Tarp Training
12:30 PM	Wrap-Up and Raffle

Saturday, May 17th, 2025, 9:00-12:30

Houston ToolBank
1215 Gazin St.
Houston, TX 77022



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9:00 AM	Check In
9:15 AM	Homeowner Preparedness Training
9:45 AM	Break
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Saturday, June 14, 2025, 9:00-12:30

Metropolitan Multi-Service Center
1475 W. Gray St.
Houston, TX 77019



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9:15 AM	Homeowner Preparedness Training
9:45 AM	Break
10:00 AM	Muck-Gut-Tarp Training
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Contact Us!

We have a lot happening at the TGCROVD and several different ways to contact us. It can be overwhelming, but there is only one address you need to remember. Everything is here!

TGCROVD.org/contact-us/



Join a TGCRVOAD Committee

All our committees are seeking members. We want all Members to be represented and have a voice in how the TGCRVOAD operates. Do you have anyone in your organization that has a gift in these areas? Please get in touch with the respective committee chair.

COMMUNICATIONS - responsible for the website, newsletter, situational awareness, internal communications, and external communication support. Contact: Lesa Skipper
EDUCATION & TRAINING – responsible for training programs for TGCRVOAD meetings. Contact: Amanda Groller
INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY, & COMMUNITY RESOURCES - responsible for the Membership directory, resources by county, and gap analysis. OPEN
MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT - responsible for recruiting Members and Partners and encouraging participation in TGCRVOAD events. Contact Morgan Zeringue.
OPERATIONAL COLLABORATION - support enhancement of Functions in Disaster; interface with the LTRCs. Contact Debbie Allensworth

TGCRVOAD Training Roadmap

All Members are encouraged to take the FEMA Emergency Management Courses. Familiarity with these concepts will help tremendously in our ability to communicate, Cooperate, Collaborate, and Coordinate with each other and the jurisdictions governing the people we serve. We have divided the courses up into quarters representing about 7 hours of work a quarter.

1	IS-288.C	The Role of Voluntary Organizations in Emergency Management - 1 hour
	IS-100.C	Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100 - 2 hours
	IS-700.B	An Introduction to the National Incident Management System - 3.5 hours
2	IS-200.C	Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200 - 4 hours
	IS-800.D	National Response Framework, An Introduction - 3 hours
3	IS-2900.A	National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF) Overview - 3 hours
	IS-2200	Basic Emergency Operations Center Functions – 4 hours
	EC-101	Harris County's EOC-101
	EC-201	Harris County's EOC-201
4	G-191	Incident Command System/Emergency Operations Center Interface – 8 hours (in-person Advanced Study)