

# What do Long Term Recovery Teams do?

- LTRTs are needed throughout the recovery phase of a disaster to be the Hands and Feet of Christ on the ground. They work with a servants' heart to bring hope and renewal to the families and to the community.
- LTRTs enter the scene only after the area has been cleared for reconstruction and

Schedule all projects with the local Volunteer Coordinator.

Work with and through the Local Long Term Recovery Committee in a coordinated effort so as to not duplicate services to a client.

Must have release forms from the property owner to enter.

Work to repair or rebuild homes.

- May work as
  - Roofers
  - Carpenters
  - Plumbing/Electrical repair
  - Drywallers
  - Painters

- Clean up crews
  - Tile / carpet / flooring work
  - Case Management
  - Donations Management
- Other positions as needed

May work one day or several weeks as able.

# Long Term Recovery Teams and Training Overview:

Training for Long Term Recovery Teams is an average of 6 to 8 hours long.

Suggested attendance of the class is between 5 and 35 people.

While there is no upper age limit, all participants need to be in good physical health.

No one under the age of 18 years should serve on an ERT.

Both men and women are welcome.

LTRT trainings will be specific to the type of work the Volunteer or group of Volunteers chooses to do.

Training will be done by CC Arch Indy / Indiana State Council Disaster Response Coordinator with the help of task qualified member Volunteers specific to the project course. (Roofers, Carpenters, Drywallers, Plumbers, Electricians and Flooring Installation persons).

LTRT Volunteers are encouraged to join other CC Arch Indy / K of C groups with like purposes.

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# Long Term Recovery Team Training

**A collaborative effort of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Disaster Response and Knights of Columbus Indiana State Council Disaster Response.**



**Providing a caring Christian presence in the aftermath of disaster.**

**Volunteers Trained and Deployed by CC Arch Indy and Indiana State Council Disaster Response Network**





## Why a plan?

When disasters strike, everyone is trying to figure out where to go, what to do and who to call. If only we had a plan...

Local churches and church organizations are in a unique position to be a positive force in response to disasters.

Many congregations already address the special needs of their community. People will naturally turn to the church in times of crisis, seeking meaning, peace and healing.

While local plans cannot lessen the physical impact of an incident, a well thought out and followed plan can help mitigate the emotional and spiritual impact.

A plan can speed the immediate response and help lessen those feelings of loneliness and isolation that are so common after disasters.

## What's in a plan?

- A statement of purpose: How does the plan fit with the church's or organization's mission?
- What types of situations are likely to occur in your community?
- What needs are not being met in the community?
- A concept of operation:
  - Who do we help?
  - When do we help?
  - How do we help?
- How do we manage the people who want to help?
- An assignment of responsibilities
- **A system of communication**

## How do we make a plan?

CC Arch Indy and Indiana Knights of Columbus have guidelines and a program to assist the local church and its' organizations in developing a plan for disaster ministries.

The plan must be consistent with the mission of the local church, with the council plan and relative to the community's resources.

A good disaster ministry plan will utilize volunteers that have a need to help others in times of crisis. In a plan, all actions are clearly defined and local resources are confirmed and included. Once completed, the plan is presented to the disaster coordinators.

The Catholic Charities Disaster Response Coordinator and the Indiana Knights of Columbus Disaster Response Coordinator provide guidance to the local churches and Knights of Columbus Councils in preparing a viable plan.