

Contra Costa Psychological Association Disaster Response and Crisis Response Networks

On behalf of the Contra Costa Psychological Association (CCPA), Crisis Response (CRN) and Disaster Response Networks (DRN), I would like to welcome you to our website page. On this visit with us, you will be given an overview of the different functions of the Crisis Response Network (CRN) and the Disaster Response Network (DRN), and their respective roles on crisis and disaster response support operations.

If you are a provider of crisis intervention services, or are interested in further increasing this area of your practice, you will learn about our Crisis Response Network (CRN). This is a new network the CCPA Board is offering. Its successful development will largely depend on the interest level of members who have relevant skills and expertise. If you are interested in developing competence in this area, you must also be a member of the Contra Costa Psychological Association (CCPA) Information & Referral (I&R) network. *Please, consider this your invitation to join.*

If you are interested in learning about conditions on local and national disaster assignments, you may glean insights from our DRN psychologists who have served on disaster response operations. Excerpts of their deployments will provide snapshots of the range of their assignments, such as the work and living conditions they shared with their co-workers and the harsh challenges facing the disaster victims they served. Contact Dr. Deirdre Moriarty or Dr. Marge Joehnk.

DRN psychologists generously and compassionately volunteer their time, often in the most unimaginably challenging conditions. Their generosity and compassion are not different from that of other mental health providers who are providing care for the mental health needs of others. The distinguishing qualities of DRN psychologists are their extraordinary level of commitment, adaptability, capacity for sacrifice, and their ability to function competently during times of chaos and ever-worsening conditions.

If you decide to become part of the CCPA CRN or DRN please contact Dr. Karyn Goldberg-Boltz, President of CCPA at 925 939-3909 or Dr. Marge Joehnk, DRN Chair at 925 451-2054.

If you are seeking information, such as a schedule of American Red Cross training programs, American Red Cross contacts, or you are looking for other crisis response or disaster response agency contacts, please Contact Deirdre Moriarty @ (925) 682-4891

If, after learning about the work and living conditions of the DRN psychologist on deployment or the exposure to traumatic incidents of the CRN psychologists, you are still interested and undaunted, you are needed.

Please continue with your visit. Thank you for taking the time to learn about our efforts.

Wishing you well,

*Joseph Salais, Ph.D., CTS
CRN and DRN, Chair 2006*

Crisis Response Network FAQs and Resources

What is the Crisis Response Network (CRN)?

The CRN is an affiliation of licensed psychologists who provide essential services for critical events that do not meet American Red Cross, or other disaster response agencies', criteria for 'disaster response.' These 'non-disaster' events are sometimes referred to as "critical incidents." CRN psychologists can offer the following services:

- Psycho-education on effects of traumatic events
- Compassion fatigue training for caregivers and first responders
- Resilience training for trauma victims and their families and friends
- Stress management training
- Treatment for recovery from traumatic events
- Assessment and referral of crisis victims to appropriate mental health providers
- Pro bono services for crisis victims who unable to pay
- Immediate psychological first aid, and emotional support for individuals, families, and groups

Who are Crisis Response Network (CRN) clients?

Potential clients include:

- Emergency first responders, such as fire and rescue teams.
- Law enforcement officers,
- Victims of industrial accidents,
- Victims of traffic accidents,
- Groups and organizations in crisis or preparing for crises.

Current Crisis Response Network Members

At this date, the following psychologists are members of Contra Costa Psychological Association (CCPA) Crisis Response Network (CRN):

- Dr. Karyn Goldberg-Boltz, CRN Member, 925.939.3909, KGoldboltz@aol.com
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How do I join the CRN and list my name and services to receive referrals?

First, you must join the Contra Costa Psychological Association (CCPA) and the Information & Referral (I&R) Network. By joining the CCPA I&R you will be able to list the services you offer on our website.

Disaster Response Network FAQs and Resources

What is the Disaster Response Network (DRN) and why was it formed?

The DRN is an affiliation of psychologists who have been oriented and trained by a disaster response agency, such as the American Red Cross. Initially, the DRN was created as a result of the American Red Cross and American Psychological Association's 1991 Statement of Understanding (SOU). DRNs were, subsequently, formed by county branches of a national affiliation of licensed doctoral level psychologists who are oriented by the American Red Cross (ARC) for Disaster Mental Health services (DMH).

Organizationally, each county psychological association DRN has a Chairperson whose communication and training functions are coordinated by a California Psychological Association, Disaster Response Network State Coordinator. Our DRN State Coordinator, Dr. Denruth (Dennee) Longeay (dennelou@cox.net), is also our American Psychological Association, Disaster Response Network State Coordinator.

By what authority was the Disaster Response Network granted its role in disaster response?

The short version—

As presented above, the DRN was created as a result of agreements made between the federal government, the American Red Cross, and state and local psychological associations to provide mental health services for national and local disaster response operations.

[The long version—](#)

In 1905 the American Red Cross was chartered by Congress to “carry on a system of national and international relief in time of peace and to apply the same in mitigating and sufferings caused by pestilence, famine, fire, floods, and other great national calamities” and to “promote measures of humanity and welfare of mankind.”

This Congressional charter obligated the American Red Cross to fulfill roles delegated by the federal government; some of its primary objectives are to:

- Fulfill the provisions of the Geneva Conventions protecting the victims of conflict, to which the United States is a signatory,
- Provide family communications and other forms of support for the U.S. military, and
- Maintain a system of domestic and international disaster relief, including mandated responsibilities under the Federal Response Plan coordinated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

In the process of responding to their Congressional mandate, American Red Cross personnel experienced emotional distress associated with their disaster response operations. In order to meet their spiraling mental health needs, the American Red Cross (ARC) enlisted the support of the American Psychological Association. This agreement was formalized in 1991, by the signing of a Statement of Understanding (SOU), see full text, <https://crossnet.redcross.org/every/sou/arc4468.pdf>. Organizationally, this agreement defined roles and gave oversight authority and responsibility to the American Red Cross over state and county psychological associations. Operationally, the SOU subordinated volunteer state and county psychological association psychologists to American Red Cross management and supervision while on their disaster relief operations.

The resulting obligations of the 1991 SOU signing necessitated a standardized, well coordinated means of maintaining a pool of trained volunteer mental health providers for disaster response services. In 1992, the Disaster Response Network (DRN) was created by county psychological associations who were tasked with organizing the enlistment of member psychologists to volunteer for American Red Cross (ARC) Disaster Mental Health (DMH). In this manner, DRN psychologists received training in disaster response, were deployed to disaster sites, as American Red Cross (ARC) Disaster Mental Health (DMH) providers and worked cooperatively with ARC Disaster Action Teams (DAT), as well as with outside agencies who were simultaneously sharing in disaster response.

Then, in 1996, Congress passed the Federal Aviation Disaster Family Assistance Act that applied to the civilian population. Its purpose was to insure that needed mental health care would be provided for families and friends of passengers involved in aviation disasters. This legislation appointed the National Transportation and Safety Board (NTSB), which is a federal agency, the responsibility for ensuring availability of family support services. In effect, the American Red Cross was further tasked to provide services for aviation disasters, in cooperation with host airlines. Hence, an additional area of responsibility was undertaken by ARC DMH, which included DRN psychologists.

Have any agreements been made between neighboring county Disaster Response Networks to help one another in the event of local crises?

Local crises that do not fit the American Red Cross criteria for “disasters” are not likely to be supported by a disaster response agency. Rather than merely relying on a handshake agreement to help one another during crises, some psychological association Disaster Response Networks have proposed signing

Statements of Understanding (SOUs), which would formalize a reciprocating support agreement with neighboring Disaster Response Networks. The Contra Costa Psychological Association Disaster Response Network has not entered into such agreement with its neighboring counties.

What is the American Red Cross (ARC) Disaster Services Human Resources (DSHR)?

The Disaster Services Human Resources (DSHR) is a comprehensive database system that provides criteria for enrollment and deployment of personnel nationwide for disaster response. It enables long term oversight of disaster response functions and identifies essential task competencies and the specific associated skills, knowledge and abilities required of various disaster response personnel.

A volunteer listed in the DSHR system is usually certified in one or more functions such as Mass Care, Family Service, Disaster Health Services, Disaster Mental Health, Damage Assessment, Logistics, and/or Records & Reports.

How are American Red Cross (ARC) and the Disaster Response Network (DRN) assignments coordinated for disaster response?

The national level of the American Red Cross is responsible for coordinating all aspects of the DRN psychologist's deployment to disaster sites with local ARC chapters. Our local chapter is the American Red Cross Bay Area, located in San Francisco, which is commonly referred to by its acronym ARCBA. ARCBA consists of the following six counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Solano.

ARCBA coordinates the participation of the Contra Costa Psychological Association Disaster Response Network (CCPA DRN) in disasters. Some of the administrative and logistical functions of disaster response are expedited through local county ARC offices. The Contra Costa County ARC Office is in Concord, California.

California Disaster Mental Health Coalition

<http://naswca.org/Councils/ARC/coalitioncallout.htm>

Can Disaster Response Network (DRN) members serve on disaster response operations for agencies other than the American Red Cross (ARC)?

Yes. The DRN can provide disaster support services for other agencies that respond to disasters. These agencies may or may not be in partnership with the ARC Disaster Mental Health (DMH). *(Need to develop contacts with other non-ARC disaster response agencies to tell them about our network and to learn about participation in their programs.)*

What is the primary mission of the Disaster Response Network (DRN)?

The DRN's primary purpose is to help mitigate the emotional and psychological effects of traumatic events on disaster response personnel, and on the victims of disaster.

How is the DRN mission accomplished?

It is accomplished through the following objectives:

1. Recruiting and coordinating training for licensed psychologists to participate in disaster response operations.
2. Providing referrals and pro bono mental health care to disaster victims.
3. Providing training and consultation to disaster response agency personnel and to businesses and civic organizations that are proactively preparing to mitigate the effects of disasters.

4. Maintaining professional standards of the disaster mental health care providers by compliance with APA Code of Ethics Guidelines and maintaining competence through continuing education and training.
5. Establishing and maintaining collaborative relationships with other organizations that are emergency first responders, personnel involved in direct disaster relief efforts, and disaster support personnel.

What is the distinction between a Disaster Response Network psychologist, Disaster Mental Health Services and Disaster Mental Health provider?

The terms are not interchangeable and are descriptive of licensure type and agency function. Strictly speaking, the *Disaster Response Network (DRN)* refers to licensed doctoral level psychologists organized for American Red Cross (ARC) disaster response through their membership in a county psychological association.

Disaster Mental Health (DMH) is an American Red Cross (ARC) designation that refers to the range of services of its *Disaster Mental Health (DMH)* providers who are all licensed mental health disaster responders. DMH is a generic term that refers to licensed mental health providers. DMH consists of Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, and Licensed Psychologists. In the State of California, the American Red Cross Disaster Mental Health Services are staffed by mental health providers from the following licensing boards:

- Clinical Social Workers, <http://www.bbs.ca.gov/>
- Marriage Therapist, <http://www.bbs.ca.gov/>
- Psychologists, <http://www.psychboard.ca.gov/>

In summary, all Disaster Response Network (DRN) psychologists in the American Red Cross (ARC) Disaster Mental Health (DMH) are Disaster Mental Health (DMH) providers, but not all American Red Cross (ARC) Disaster Mental Health (DMH) Disaster Mental Health (DMH) providers are Disaster Response Network (DRN) psychologists, some are of other disciplines.

Does the American Psychological Association (APA) Code of Ethics apply when on American Red Cross (ARC) assignment?

Yes. Although the agreement created by the 1991 Statement of Understanding (SOU) obligates DRN psychologists to comply with the assigned duties, policies and procedures of the ARC when deployed, the agreement does not mitigate obligations of licensure or the APA Code of Ethics guidelines.

What advantage is there to joining the American Red Cross (ARC)?

After ARC requirements are met, the psychologist becomes part of Disaster Mental Health (DMH) and is qualified for state and national deployment to provide services to ARC personnel and victims of disasters.

1. The American Red Cross offers disaster response training,
2. Promotion opportunities as a volunteer with increasing levels of responsibility.
3. When deployed, room and board, per diem allowance and travel expenses are provided.
4. Team affiliations
5. Opportunities for developing disaster response skills
6. Gain experience with an internationally recognized volunteer agency with a broad range of expertise in disaster response.
7. Malpractice coverage under ARC while performing authorized disaster response functions.

What duties and responsibilities can psychologists expect to fulfill on ARC disaster response assignments?

First of all, in order to support ARC disaster response efforts, the psychologists must maintain their DRN membership with the CCPA and with the American Red Cross (ARC) as DMH volunteers. Once these membership requirements are fulfilled, they can expect to:

- attend trainings to obtain and update expired mandatory ARC certifications,
- maintain their disaster response skills,
- rotate on weekly ‘on-call’ list of Disaster Mental Health (DMH) that follow-up on Disaster Action Team (DAT) referrals with disaster victims,
- provide support and training to ARC Disaster Action Teams (DAT),
- staff phone banks for large scale state and national disasters,
- participate in at least one “ride along” with a Disaster Action Team on a disaster call (highly recommended),
- provide on-site support for large public events,
- provide on-site support for disaster response drills, and
- provide support for local, state and national disasters as part of the ARC (DAT) deployments.

Requirements for American Red Cross, Crisis Response Network and Disaster Response Network membership

Requirements X=required	ARC “Spontaneous Volunteer “	ARC Disaster Mental Health (DMH)	ARC national deployment	Disaster Response Network (DRN)	Crisis Response Network (CRN)
Current Psychologist Licensure	X	X	X	X	X
Malpractice insurance	ARC coverage	ARC coverage	ARC coverage	X	X
Ride-along with first responders		<i>Recommended</i>		<i>Recommended</i>	<i>Strongly Recommended</i>
ARC Family Services Training		<i>Strongly Recommended</i>	<i>Strongly Recommended</i>		
ARC Mass Care Training		<i>Strongly Recommended</i>	<i>Strongly Recommended</i>		
Ride-along with Disaster Action Team		<i>Strongly Recommended</i>		<i>Strongly Recommended</i>	
Crisis response training or agency affiliation <i>recommended</i>					X
Disaster response agency affiliation, e.g., ARC Member	X	X	X	X	
APA Member				<i>Recommended</i>	<i>Recommended</i>
CPA Member				<i>Strongly Recommended</i>	<i>Strongly Recommended</i>
CCPA Member		X	X	X	X
CCPA I&R Member				<i>Recommended</i>	X

Where are DRN psychologists assigned?

They can be deployed to areas that have been devastated by natural and man made disasters, such as:

- Local disaster sites, such as home and neighboring counties
- Disaster sites anywhere in California
- Disaster sites occurring anywhere in the United States

How are DRN psychologists utilized for local disaster calls?

In general, DRN psychologists are able to participate with any agency that responds to disaster events and utilizes mental health providers. However, when DRN psychologists respond to American Red Cross disaster calls they do so within the American Red Cross' Disaster Mental Health (DMH) and function as Disaster Mental Health (DMH) providers. DMH provides mental health support to American Red Cross Disaster Action Teams (DAT) and to victims of disasters.

Once the DAT has completed providing disaster response services to disaster victims, the victims are referred to Disaster Mental Health (DMH) providers for follow up. Within 24-48 hours, the DMH provider calls the victim(s) to assess their emotional needs and to make appropriate referral for care, if needed. It is not always necessary for the DMH provider to be onsite during local disaster operations. A Family Services worker, who is a part of the DAT, will contact the DMH provider after each case.

What is an American Red Cross Disaster Action Team (DAT) and what do they do?

A Disaster Action Team (DAT) consists of American Red Cross volunteers who have been trained to provide immediate on-site disaster services. The primary purpose of the DAT is to meet the immediate, disaster-related needs of individuals and families for such things as shelter, food, clothing, and other essential items and services. DAT members may also inform clients on how to access further Red Cross assistance if necessary, such as referral to Disaster Mental Health DMH providers. Besides residential fires, the DAT also responds to large-scale disasters such as floods, earthquakes, fires, hurricanes, and other large scale manmade and natural disasters.

Typical deployment obligations for Disaster Mental Health (DMH):

- Local: On an as needed basis, lasting from several hours to several days, to areas within a local county or in neighboring counties, overnight stays usually not required.
- State: 1-14 day commitment to areas within the State of California
- National: 14 day commitment to any area within the United States

How are DRN psychologists utilized on American Red Cross disasters?

If the DRN psychologist is an ARC DMH provider, then the range of utilization depends on the time and exigency of circumstances. The closer the deployment is to the time of the disaster the higher the likelihood that the DRN psychologist's utilization will include non-mental health supportive functions. For example, their utilization can include assisting with Family Services, Mass Sheltering or Food Service functions.

Specific Mental Health functions can include:

- Providing mental health services in shelters, on disaster sites, or in the homes of disaster victims.
- Making appropriate local mental health referrals for victims.
- Coordinating benefits with other disaster response support agencies, e.g., FEMA. There will be no shortage of needed tasks for all.

There are specific, routine DMH local support (non-deployment) functions:

- Staff phone banks for local and national calls

- On-call for mental health consultations to American Red Cross disaster responders
- On-call as referral resources to local victims of disasters
- Mental Health support to American Red Cross personnel who staff telephone banks and answer calls from disaster victims or their family and friends
- Mental health “welcome home” contact with ARC personnel returning home from disaster deployments

As a licensed psychologist, can I help in a disaster without being a permanent member of the American Red Cross (ARC) Disaster Mental Health (DMH)?

Yes! There are three options for the provision of your services.

1. You can be granted status by the American Red Cross as a “spontaneous volunteer”, also referred to as a local disaster volunteer (LDV) or as an emergent or convergent volunteer. Your assignments could range from work in a local mass care shelter to administrative work in an office location. You could be asked to provide pro-bono short-term psychological services, staff telephone banks, answer national and local calls from victims during disasters, or assist family services workers during intake. Your assignment duration could range from a few hours to as many days as your stamina and schedule permits.
2. A more committed level of involvement would occur under exigent circumstances. For example with large national disasters, the National Headquarters of the American Red Cross may make exceptions by waiving completion of certain certifications and course work. In this manner the psychologist is “fast tracked” to deployment.
3. The psychologist can join other disaster response agencies that use mental health providers in their disaster response operations (*Link below*).

Can I provide my services for local critical incidents as a licensed psychologist without joining the American Red Cross?

Yes. In the following situations:

- (1) Psychologists can respond to local industrial, civic and public agency crises that are not supported by any disaster response agency.
- (2) Locally, psychologist can respond to disasters supported by ARC DMH by becoming a “Local Disaster Volunteer” i.e., “spontaneous volunteer.” Once the crisis is over, the association between the ARC and the LAV terminates.

Can I contact a mental health provider who has been deployed to a disaster operation to get a first hand account of their experiences?

Yes. You can read about their deployments and or you can contact the following DMH providers, who have agreed to answer your questions and discuss their experiences on their deployments. Remember, DMH providers include Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Marriage & Family Therapists, as well as Psychologists. [Excerpts of deployment experiences](#)

The following CCPA members have offered to provide a minimum of 3-5 pro-bono sessions in their offices, for disaster or crisis victims in need. All volunteers are licensed mental health providers who carry malpractice insurance. [Contact information for pro bono psychologists for disaster victims.](#)

[Current Listing of Contra Costa Psychological Association \(CCPA\) Disaster Response Network\(DRN\) Members:](#)

This is a listing of psychologists who are American Red Cross Disaster Mental Health (DMH) volunteers Contra Costa Psychological Association (CCPA) Disaster Response Network (DRN) members, and their respective roles:

- Dr. Joseph Salais, DRN Member, 925.942.7110, psyche@astound.net
- Dr. Deirdre Moriarty, DRN Member, 925.682.4891, DrDMW@aol.com
- Dr. Tim Browne, DRN Member, 925.937.3999, drbrowne@astound.net
- Dr. Marge Joehnk, CCPA, DRN Chair, 925.451.2054, majoehnk@aol.com
- Dr. Shendl Tuckman, DRN Member, 510.595.5525, dr.tuchman@earthlink.net

American Red Cross Bay Area training and deployment contacts for Contra Costa County Disaster Mental Health Services

Carol Crawford	Manager, Disaster CCC	415.215.8773 925.603.7414	CrawfordC@usa.redcross.org	
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Deirdre Moriarty	CCC DMH Lead	925.682.4891	DrDMW@aol.com	

For national disaster reports, please visit: <https://crossnet.redcross.org/chapters/services/disasters/index.asp>

American Red Cross (ARC), Contra Costa County (CCC), Disaster Mental Health (DMH), Contra Costa Psychological Association (CCPA) Disaster Response Network (DRN) members:

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Crisis Response and Disaster Relief Organizations

Here are examples of crisis response organizations. Check these out...

Crisis Response Organizations

- Catholic Charities
- National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA): <http://www.trynova.org/crt/training/>
The National Organization for Victim Assistance is a private, non-profit, 501©(3) organization of victim and witness assistance programs and practitioners, criminal justice agencies and professionals, mental health professionals, researchers, former victims and survivors, and others committed to the recognition and implementation of victim rights and services.
- Supportive Solutions: <http://www.supportive-solutions.com/services.htm>
A crisis response referral service for businesses.

Here are examples of disaster response agencies. Check them out...

Disaster Relief Organizations

- American Red Cross: <http://www.redcross.org/>
- AmeriCares: opportunities for domestic volunteer work in Connecticut. <http://www.americares.org/>
- Catholic Charities, USA, <http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/about/faqs.cfm>

- Catholic Relief Services, provides international disaster relief services, contact: Janet Trucker, jtrucker@crs.org, 866.608.5978
http://www.crs.org/about_us/careers/volunteer_opportunities/index.cfm, handles xxxxxxxx
- DHS/FEMA: Disaster response includes search-and-rescue dog teams. Search-and-rescue dogs and their handlers play an integral role in urban search-and-rescue (US&R) exercises. Here is an example of the competencies the DHS/FEMA canine/handler team must be certified in for search-and-rescue. http://www.disasterdog.org/fema_system.htm.
- K-9 Disaster Relief Foundation (CDRS): The CDRS is a non-profit humanitarian foundation to: “Assist and stabilize victims of a disaster or critical incident through crisis intervention. Utilizing canines, this is achieved with handlers professionally trained in critical incident stress management to mitigate disabling traumatic stress and restore the victim to a state of adaptive functioning.” K-9 Disaster Relief partners and collaborates with disaster relief organizations, federal and state government agencies, airlines, labor unions, industry, private companies and the community. It brings to bear combined resources and expertise in trauma and crisis intervention to meet the immediate and ongoing psychological needs of victims in crisis.

CDRS is not a membership organization. It is a foundation that provides services to national, regional and local organizations and agencies during a critical incident or disaster. The organization has national Memorandums of Understandings and Statements of Protocol with agencies and organization, whereby, pre-trained handlers and canines who have taken CDRS are qualified to work within “Integrated Care Teams” with other professionals trained in trauma and critical incident response. <http://www.k-9disasterrelief.org/>.

- Family Assistance Foundation (FAF): The Family Assistance Foundation, Inc. is an independent non-profit corporation founded for the purpose of improving support given to survivors and family members following disaster by providing volunteers in partnership with host airlines. http://www.fafonline.org/about_the_foundation.shtml.
- Feed the Children: http://www.feedthechildren.org/site/PageServer?pagename=org_go_on_a_mission
- FEMA: <http://www.fema.gov/>
- Green Cross Assistance (GCA), The GCA was formed by the merger of the Green Cross Foundation and the Green Cross Projects and includes membership in the Academy of Traumatology. <http://www.traumatologyacademy.org/AccreditedPrograms.html>.

In the event of a disaster or other emergency need, the Green Cross Assistance Program will be able to provide trained traumatology specialists from its worldwide membership to the needed location(s). These specialists will be made available to provide information, education, consultation, and treatment for traumatized individuals or communities that have been affected by natural or human-caused disaster. <http://www.gcprojects.org/>

- Humane Society of the US (HSUS), http://www.hsus.org/about_us/. The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) has worked since 1954 to promote the protection of all animals. With nearly ten million members and constituents, The HSUS is the nation’s largest and most powerful animal protection organization, working in the United States and abroad to defend the interests of animals.
- National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD), <http://www.nvoad.org/>
- Salvation Army, The Federal law has reaffirmed The Salvation Army’s authority to provide disaster assistance with the passage of the Robert T. Stafford Emergency and Disaster Assistance Act, which also created the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This Act specifically names The Salvation Army as a relief and disaster assistance organization. http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/www_usn.nsf.
- Volunteers of America is involved in initial response services aimed at meeting the critical needs of disaster victims, such as making trucks available for transporting victims and supplies to

designated shelters. It also collects and distributes donated goods and provides mental health care for survivors of disaster. <http://www.voa.org/>.

▪ ***Informative Links:***

Fact Sheet From the National Center for PTSD, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Mental Health Interventions for Disasters: http://www.ncptsd.va.gov/facts/disasters/fs_treatment_disaster.html

This is a link to a comprehensive listing and description of many agencies that provide crisis response and disaster relief: <http://www.disastercenter.com/agency.htm>. Have a look...

Did you know...?

The IRS is encouraging employers to establish Hurricane Katrina Relief leave donation programs and is providing special tax treatment to support such programs. See details...

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=148114,00.html>

The American Red Cross responded to 72,883 disasters across the country, fires accounted for 92% of the disaster responses. Read more... <http://www.redcross.org/press/highlights05/>

DRN psychologists have served in Disaster Mental Health Services for civilian aviation disasters, and also, sadly, for family members of the Pentagon, and to the airline, whose loved ones died as a result of the 911 terrorist attacks.

Steps to develop and market DRN & CRN Services, in order to offer:

- Pre-incident training to law enforcement, fire and EMR
- Education on preparing for disasters and crisis, may need to include ARC DAT as a resource
- Pro bono services to victims of disaster and crisis
- Training to psychologist, including other mental health providers, on crisis and disaster response

We need to:

- Contact law enforcement, fire and EMR to establish “ride along” orientations for psychologists
- Coordinate CRN with CCPA I&R
- Develop Crisis Response Network (CRN) membership
- Market CRN services with a link to CCPA I&R
- Invite other professional mental health associations to use our DRN website as a resource

Disaster Mental Health Partners and their roles

American Psychological Association

California Disaster Mental Health Coalition

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The California Psychological Association compiled the names of licensed psychologists who were willing to accept pro bono referrals for disaster victims and forwarded their names to the DRN (Dr. Rick Allen) who provided the names to the American Red Cross for distribution to local chapters.

Special ARC & DRN Resources:

ARC CrossNet, <https://crossnet.redcross.org/index.asp>

Spontaneous volunteers: https://crossnet.redcross.org/chapters/services/disasters/staffing/spontaneous_vol_mgmt.asp.

Disaster Response Network Member Guidelines, <http://www.apa.org/practice/drnguide.html#append>

Crossnet Course descriptions and prerequisites can be found at:

https://crossnet.redcross.org/chapters/services/disasters/train/disaster_training_intro.asp. Choose the level (Basic, Intermediate, or Advanced) from the black box in the window, then choose the class you want to know more about. Training program questions: Deirdre Moriarty, PhD DMH Lead (925)682-4891, email: DrDMW@aol.com

Resources for the public

Managing traumatic stress and resilience: <http://www.apahelpcenter.org/>