

DEFINITION: Teams that help the people in their geographical area as well as members of their congregation clear debris, make temporary repairs etc. This ministry should be especially focused on the elderly, the disabled, single women, etc (the “vulnerable population”). This applies to both the “chain saw crew” for initial work as well as the “clean-up crew” for removal of debris and general clean up (getting debris to the public curbs for pick up etc.). The city/county will not pick up debris unless it is sitting along a public road.

Work Teams include:

- * Chain Saw Crews
- * Clean-up Crews
- * Tarping Crews
- * Mud-out Crews

VOLUNTEERS: Able bodied men, women, and young people of all ages.

MINISTRY:

- Help people in your geographical area and church people with physical labor for temporary repairs, clean up, etc.
- Be a source of information for what help is available and how to access it.
- Be a part of the post-hurricane Door-to-Door Personal Needs Assessment Teams.

TRAINING:

- Crew leaders need to know the resources available for physical damage so the church doesn't put money or effort where other resources could.
- They also need to be able to educate home owners or renters on what they need to do, the resources available, where to go, and how to accomplish what needs to be done etc. i.e. they need to be an informational resource for people concerning their houses and property as well as being there for physical labor. They need to know the system.
- Properly, they need to get permission (preferably signed) to work in someone's yard and we are suggesting the use of disposable cameras to photograph the damage before doing any work. The camera can then be given to the owner of the property.

NOTES:

- The Work Teams Leader needs to have a systematic approach, be able to coordinate out of town volunteers, keep track of what families have and have not received help etc.
- Through the Door-to-Door Assessment, he must be able to prioritize the needs according to the damage, but also giving priority to the elderly, the disabled, and single women.
- This team should also plan ahead concerning what they will need to do their job. This would not only include the tools, but flat tire kits etc.