ENLA Disaster Mission Statement Worksheet

Your disaster mission statement defines the role your organization will play in disaster preparedness, response, and/or recovery within your community. Below is a template of suggested language to give you a set of guidelines to develop this statement. Choose the options from each field below that best suit your organization’s specific situation and intended role in your emergency network.

[Your Group’s Name Here], In An Effort To Best Serve Our:

Organization/Company: Worship Center/Congregation
Constituents/ Clients/ Patients: Neighborhood/Community
City/County/ Region: Other ____________________

Will, In Terms Of Preparedness Activities:

- Disseminate emergency preparedness information for various emergency scenarios
- Participate in and/or conduct training seminars/workshops with local response agencies
- Participate in and/or conduct drills for various emergency scenarios
- Stockpile and help others to stockpile emergency supplies (food, water, batteries, etc.)
- Develop a written emergency plan
- Other ________________________________

Also, In Terms Of Response And/Or Recovery Activities. We Will Function As, Or Provide:

- Communications and information services
- Housing/temporary shelter to survivors
- Food and meals for survivors and/or volunteers
- Material assistance distributing goods
- Volunteer center services
- Clean up and disposal services
- Day care and childcare services
- Legal services
- Financial assistance
- Medical health services/first aid
- Animal shelter/services
- Worship center/Pastoral care
- Repairing and rebuilding services
- Search and rescue teams

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Special needs care for the elderly & handicapped  Interpretation/translation services
Transportation for victims and their families  Financial assistance
Mental health services  Advocacy services
Temporary storage for personal items  Other _________________________.

**Your Next Steps:**
1) Utilize the suggested language in the template above (separately or in combination), or provide wording that makes sense for your organization, to develop your organization’s custom-made disaster mission statement;
2) Have your organization’s governing body **approve** your disaster mission statement; and
3) Send a typed version of your final disaster mission statement to the address listed below with your Statement of Understanding (if you have not already sent it).

You’re on your way to a better-prepared organization and a more comprehensive response/recovery effort. You may want to work on your own Disaster Plan (what your organization plans to do during a disaster to provide services), or your Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) (what your organization plans to do to get your doors back open and systems up and running immediately following a disaster). Talk to us about templates and workbooks for these plans as well. Thanks for your participation in ENLA!