

SAN DIEGO FIRES VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

THANK YOU FOR INQUIRING ABOUT THE SAMARITAN'S PURSE DISASTER RELIEF TEAM! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE AND WE HOPE THAT YOUR EXPERIENCE IN MEETING THE NEEDS OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN HARD HIT BY THE FIRES IS REWARDING AND LIFE-CHANGING. FAR BEYOND THE PHYSICAL HELP YOU WILL EXTEND TO THE VICTIMS, THE SPIRITUAL AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT YOU OFFER TO THEM IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT, AS THEY TRY TO PUT THEIR LIVES BACK TOGETHER.

OUR INITIAL RESPONSE WILL BE TO HELP HOMEOWNERS SIFT THROUGH ASH, RECOVER BELONGINGS, DEBRIS CLEANUP FOR THE UNINSURED, AND TREE REMOVAL AND CHIPPING. WE WILL ALSO SUPPLY HOMEOWNERS WITH SHOVELS, RAKES, MASKS, GARBAGE BAGS, ETC. SO THAT THEY CAN BEGIN CLEANUP ON THEIR OWN.

SOME EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED. IF VOLUNTEERS ARE ABLE TO BRING SCOOP SHOVELS, N95 MASKS, HAND RAKES, YARD RAKES, SIFTERS, GARBAGE BAGS, SAFETY GLASSES, AND METAL GARBAGE CONTAINERS IT WOULD BE HELPFUL. VOLUNTEERS SHOULD PROVIDE APPROPRIATE VEHICLES TO TRANSPORT TEAMS AND EQUIPMENT TO AND FROM THE WORK SITE.

IN ORDER TO MAKE YOUR EXPERIENCE, AND THE EXPERIENCE OF EVERYONE ELSE ON THIS TEAM, SAFE, ENJOYABLE, AND SATISFYING, WE ASK THAT YOU ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES:

- **WORK ASSIGNMENTS.** AS VOLUNTEER TEAMS CONVERGE ON A PROJECT SITE, EXPECTATIONS AND WORK ASSIGNMENTS CAN AT TIMES BE MISUNDERSTOOD. TO AVOID CONFUSION, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT EACH TEAM MEMBER BE PREPARED TO FOLLOW THE LEADERSHIP OF THE SAMARITAN'S PURSE SITE MANAGER. QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, AND DECLARATIONS OF THE SKILL/EXPERIENCE LEVEL OF YOUR TEAM NEED TO BE FULLY ADDRESSED WITH THE SAMARITAN'S PURSE SITE MANAGER **PRIOR** TO YOUR SERVICE.
- **USE OF ALCOHOL, DRUGS, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, FOUL LANGUAGE OR UNCLEAR JOKES IS PROHIBITED,** WHETHER YOU ARE ON-SITE OR OUT IN THE COMMUNITY.
- **COMMON COURTESY** IS TO BE EXTENDED TO ALL TEAM MEMBERS AT ALL TIMES:
 - ✓ IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH ANOTHER TEAM MEMBER, GO DIRECTLY TO THAT TEAM MEMBER TO WORK THINGS OUT. IF YOU FAIL TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE, BOTH PARTIES NEED TO GO TO THE SITE DIRECTOR FOR GUIDANCE.
 - ✓ **BE ON TIME.**
 - ✓ **PHOTOGRAPHY**—TAKING PHOTOS AT THE JOB SITE IS ALLOWED, AS LONG AS YOU OBTAIN PRIOR PERMISSION FROM THE HOMEOWNER! PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS IS THEIR HOME AND SENSITIVITY TO WHAT THEY ARE GOING THROUGH IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE.
- **YOUR SAFETY** IS VERY IMPORTANT.
 - ✓ WHILE ON THE JOB SITES, PLEASE BE SURE TO WEAR APPROPRIATE WORK CLOTHES, WORK GLOVES, HEAVY-DUTY SHOES, A HAT OR CAP AND SUNBLOCK.
 - ✓ PLEASE **DO NOT WEAR SHORTS** WHILE WORKING ON A JOB SITE.
 - ✓ ALWAYS REMEMBER TO KEEP HYDRATED.
 - ✓ REPORT ANY INJURIES IMMEDIATELY TO THE CREW CHIEF OR THE SITE MANAGER.
 - ✓ SANDALS OR FLIP FLOPS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE JOB SITE.
 - ✓ TEAM MEMBERS **MUST BE 16 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.** IF 16 OR 17 YEARS OLD, A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST BE WORKING WITH THE CHILD ON SITE AND SIGN A RELEASE ON SITE. TEAM MEMBERS 18 YEARS OF AGE DO NOT NEED A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN PRESENT.
 - ✓ SAMARITAN'S PURSE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ITEMS LOST OR STOLEN.
- **WE ASK THAT YOU FOLLOW THESE RULES IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN AN ORDERLY, PEACEFUL, LOVING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS. TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE TREATED, AND REMEMBER – YOU ARE AN AMBASSADOR FOR JESUS CHRIST. BE THE VERY BEST ONE YOU CAN BE AND EVERYONE WILL HAVE A GREAT TIME!**