

Cheatham Co Flood Relief Meeting
5/5/2010 7:00pm
Faith Community Church of the Nazarene
Ashland City, TN

1. Authorities

- a. Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
 - i. Cheatham County Chamber of Commerce is local command
 - 1. **www.cheathamchamber.org (Hands On Cheatham County)**
 - a. register as a volunteer (list skills and talents)
 - b. Register individually and as groups (home teams, etc.)
 - 2. 615-792-6722
 - ii. Several agencies (medical, fire, law enforcement) from all over TN here now and more from out of state to come.
- b. FaceBook: <http://bit.ly/bMQw5l> for accurate and current information- will debunk any rumors floating around.
- c. No "wildcatting": Work with the permissions of the local authorities
- d. Disaster Zone- NO ADMITTANCE!
 - i. Assume that the city limits of Ashland City and the whole of Chapmansboro Road is the Disaster Zone
 - ii. Other areas that are classified as Disaster Zone are fine to work in without authority permission

2. Process

- a. Register on Chamber site as a volunteer
 - i. List any specialized skill sets you may have (electrical, plumbing, etc.)
- b. On 'Day X' (Day 1 of clean up) you will be called.
 - i. Large general assembly meeting will be at Cheatham Middle School.
 - ii. Groups and individuals will then be dispatched to the specific needed areas
 - 1. Necessary so that you and your group can be supported and authorities know where you are.
- c. Prepare:
 - i. Be Prepared: Safe, Slow, Thoughtful, Calculative
 - ii. **Get Tetanus Shot**
 - iii. Your own rubber gloves
 - iv. Boots
 - v. Particle masks
- d. Timeline
 - i. 4-6 months of recovery
 - ii. Day X expected this weekend or early next week
 - iii. Recovery will be done in phases
 - 1. mud out
 - 2. carpet
 - 3. tear out walls
 - 4. construction
 - 5. etc...
- e. Disposal
 - i. Date not set yet but soon there will be dumpsters around county for debris
 - ii. County dump is open and FREE

3. Be Aware

- a. Dangers in water and flooded homes
 - i. Snakes & Rodents
 - ii. Other animals
 - iii. Chemicals & gases in water
 - iv. Hidden obstacles
- b. Some areas may not be appropriate for children

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- c. Building/Residence Access
 - i. Do not enter any building that has not been 'OK'd' by FEMA/TEMA
 - 1. Structural soundness
 - ii. Talk to homeowners 1st!
 - 1. Need their permission
 - 2. They must know what their insurance will allow them to do/ not do
 - iii. Plan ahead
 - 1. There will be no electricity, water, bathrooms
- 4. Donation Collection/Distribution Center
 - a. In the old Fred's store next door to Tractor Supply on Hwy 49
 - b. Open 8am-8pm
 - c. Volunteers needed! Just show up and you will be put to work.
 - d. Collecting all items, especially cleaning supplies and non-perishable "ready-to-eat" food (pop-top cans, etc.) except clothing and toys (take those to the Bethesda Center on Hwy 12)
 - e. Items are being shared with areas south of the River. If you are donating something specifically for the areas south of the River, let them know and they will transport it.
 - f. Check the Chamber website for the most accurate list of items that are needed.
- 5. Relating with victims
 - a. Be very sensitive to individual people and situations.
 - b. Be respectful of their possessions- treat everything as if it is a family heirloom
 - c. This is a ministry opportunity and you should approach everyone with an attitude of care and love.
 - i. ASK them if you can pray for them
 - ii. Ask what else can be done for them