

# Oklahoma Conference of Churches DISASTER SPIRITUAL CARE TEAM

## Categories, Training, Qualifications, and Accountability

OCC currently trains three categories for credentialed Disaster Spiritual Care Providers, each with specific training courses, qualifications, and accountability requirements.

**Local Spiritual Care Responders** are trained and prepared to respond to disasters in their local areas. This training is open to clergy and non-clergy, although only clergy qualify for credentialing at this level. ***\*\*This training is required for ALL additional courses and Provider categories\*\****

**Deployed Spiritual Care Responders** are further trained and prepared to respond to disasters *outside* of their local areas. The Local Spiritual Care Responder training is a prerequisite for this category.

**Team Leaders** are trained and prepared to coordinate and direct teams of trained responders. Both the Local Spiritual Care Responder and the Deployed Spiritual Care Responder trainings are prerequisites for this category.

### OCC Credentialed

## LOCAL SPIRITUAL CARE RESPONDERS

(Those who respond to disasters in their local communities)

### Experience required

- Must be clergy to be credentialed at this level
- Non-clergy may be credentialed once completing the “Deployed Spiritual Care Responder” qualifications.

### Training required

OCC’s one-day “Local Spiritual Care Responder” training

***\*\*Note: This training is required for all additional OCC courses and Provider categories\*\****

### Accountability requirements

- Attend a one-day training workshop sponsored by OCC
- Agree to abide by the National VOAD Disaster Spiritual Care Points of Consensus
- Undergo an OCC criminal background check
- Agree to abide by the OCC privacy and confidentiality standards
- Agree to abide by other agency and site-specific guidelines established by OCC

### OCC Credentialed

## DEPLOYED SPIRITUAL CARE RESPONDERS

(Those who respond to disasters in their local communities and beyond)

### Experience required

- May be clergy or non-clergy
- Must have prior experience in disaster response, trauma, grief, outreach and/or crisis response

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(OCC Credentialed DEPLOYED SPIRITUAL CARE RESPONDERS, cont.)

**Training required**

- Intermediate Disaster Spiritual Care Responder (“Local Spiritual Care Responder” training is pre-requisite)
- Religious and Cultural Competence (“Local Spiritual Care Responder” training is pre-requisite)
- Psychological First Aid ~ OCC-approved
- QPR (“Question, Persuade, Refer”)
- FEMA ICS 100 (Online course. Provide copy of certificate to OCC.)
- FEMA ICS 700 (Online course. Provide copy of certificate to OCC.)

**Accountability requirements**

- All accountability requirements listed above for Local Spiritual Care Responders
- Two completed and submitted OCC recommendation forms from persons who know you well and who preferably also know the field of disaster spiritual care. At least one must have served as your supervisor.

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**DISASTER SPIRITUAL CARE TEAM LEADERS**

(those who coordinate and direct teams of credentialed spiritual care responders)

**Experience required**

- May be clergy or non-clergy
- Must have minimum of 3 years’ experience in disaster response, trauma, grief, outreach and/or crisis response

**Training required**

- All courses for credentialing as a “Deployed Spiritual Care Responder”
- Disaster Emotional Spiritual Care Team Leader (“Local Spiritual Care Responder” training is pre-requisite)
- ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills) 2-day training
- FEMA ICS 200 (Online course. Provide copy of certificate to OCC.)
- FEMA ICS 300 (Provide copy of certificate to OCC.)
- FEMA ICS 800 (Online course. Provide copy of certificate to OCC.)

**Accountability requirements**

- All accountability requirements listed above for “Local Spiritual Care Responders”
- All accountability requirements listed above for “Deployed Spiritual Care Responders,” which include two (2) completed and submitted OCC recommendation forms from persons who know you well and who preferably also know the field of disaster spiritual care. At least one must have served as your supervisor. *If already submitted and been approved for the “Deployed Spiritual Care Responder” credentialing, you do not have to re-submit.*

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