IS-280 The Role of Voluntary Agencies in Emergency Management

★ Offered by: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

★ Purpose: To provide a basic understanding of the history, roles, and services of disaster relief voluntary agencies in providing disaster assistance.

★ Objectives:
- Describe the unique strengths that voluntary agencies bring to the emergency management community.
- Identify important historical milestones in the development of voluntary agencies in the U.S.
- Describe briefly the history of each National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD) member agency.
- Identify the roles and services that voluntary agencies provide throughout each phase of the emergency management cycle (i.e., mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery).
- Explain the importance of collaboration and coordination among voluntary agencies and between voluntary agencies and their emergency management partners.
- Describe the entities (e.g., National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, the Donations Coordination Team) that foster government/voluntary agency coordination throughout the emergency management cycle.

★ Audience: General public and those involved in emergency management

★ Prerequisites: None

★ Format: Online, self-study

★ Length: Varies with the individual

★ Cost: None

★ Certification: Pass a written exam of 50 multiple-choice questions

★ Contact: http://training.fema.gov/?IS/crslist.asp

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