



## Mission

The mission of the Deployable Response Group is to provide a self-sustaining, ready cadre of volunteers trained to national standards in Search and Rescue and Disaster Response that can self-deploy to locations within the lower 48 states within 24 hours of a disaster.

These volunteers are specifically trained and equipped:

- To arrive in an area with minimal infrastructure,
- Provide rapid reconnaissance and initial assessment of the affected area,
- Feed intelligence products to other responders,
- Begin search and/or relief operations immediately, and
- Self-sustain for up to 96 hours with no outside support.

## Vision

To empower skilled volunteers to lead the front lines of disaster response — equipped, trained, and ready to make an immediate difference when others cannot yet reach those in need.

# Core Principles

## Know your job

You will be given opportunities to conduct some fantastic training in search and rescue, drone use, communications, and other relevant fields. Take advantage of this training. Become a professional in whatever specialty you pursue. We realize you are a volunteer, and we realize you have a life outside of this group. But our purpose is to be an asset to those in need. We can't do that without being very good at our core technical skills.

## Be an asset, not a liability – show up prepared

This extends beyond simply having the technical expertise to do your job. This is about mental readiness, physical readiness, and equipment readiness. We expect you to maintain physical fitness standards for your safety and for others. We expect you to have your own supplies of food, water, shelter, and comfort items. We intend to go into areas that are in crisis. If you cannot sustain yourself, you become a drain on people who already have nothing. No matter how technically adept you are, if you are a resource suck, you are not an asset. We also expect you to show up locked-in and ready to respond. If you are distracted, you will be a hazard to those around you.

## No unnecessary risk

Risk will be inherent in what we do. But we can operate in a risky environment responsibly. Analyze the risks, decide which are acceptable, and mitigate as much as possible. You're no good to the mission if you're injured.

## Purpose, not glory

When it comes down to it, our mission is assisting those who are going through what will probably be the worst time of their lives. Everything we do is in service of that mission. Yes, we train technical skills. Obviously, we want to use those skills on mission and hope that we will get a chance to do so. But if what is needed on site doesn't require our technical skills, then we pivot and do what is needed. We're not here for our egos – we're here for those in need.