

2014 Volunteer Symposium

The Double Tree Hotel Tuesday, June 17, 2014 8:45am - 4:30pm

Target Audience: Family Assistance Centers, Medical Reserve Corps, Behavioral Health Clinicians, Disaster Response Workers.

Conference Goal: The goal of this symposium is to provide an overview of response activities for the State Mortuary Operations Response Team (SMORT) Family Assistance Center (FAC) volunteers after an emergency or disaster where there are multiple fatalities which overwhelm local resources. Information will be provided on the data collection process, working with survivors and family members on site, and providing linkages to community resources for support and social services.

Proposed Conference Objectives:

- Provide an overview of the responsibilities associated with a multiagency response following a disaster
- Discuss the role of family assistance representatives and volunteers when working with family members on site following a disaster
- Explain the data collection process of family assistance workers
- Identify best practices for a successful collaboration with multi agency responders after a disaster
- Discuss the mental profile of volunteers during and after a disaster.

Additional Conference Information:

- There is no cost to attend this conference.
- Pre-registration is available on line at http://www.adph.org/Extranet/Default.asp?action=courseListing&cat=b&box=114
- Continuing education units have been applied for and pending approval from the Alabama Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association (an approved provider for the Alabama Board of Social Work Examiners, National Board of Certified Counselors and Alabama Board of Nursing). If your discipline is not covered by one of these Boards, you will need to consult with your respective licensing entity to obtain advanced approval.
- Lunch will be on your own. Restaurant options will be available on line prior to the conference.
- Parking is available onsite at the hotel.
- Hotel accommodations are also available at The Double Tree Hotel. (334)245-2320.

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