GATHERING FOR A CAUSE

DISASTER LEADERSHIP TEAM

Introduction of Long-Term Recovery Groups (LTRG) for areas new to disaster
YOU ARE GATHERING FOR A CAUSE

YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED A DEVASTATING DISASTER IN YOUR COMMUNITY

WHAT NOW?
How will you help your neighbors or the most vulnerable, the elderly, disabled or poor living month to month?
TAKE A DEEP BREATH

NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO TAKE STOCK OF WHERE YOU ARE

ASK YOURSELVES SOME QUESTIONS & DISCUSS

- What are your three biggest challenges right now?
- Where are your people?
- Which organizations are currently in town?
- What do your residents need?
RESULTS

These questions and their answers might lead you in the direction of establishing a:

Long-Term Recovery Group

LTRG
WHAT IS IT?

MONEY
MANPOWER
(PEOPLE POWER)
MATERIALS
MENTORS

- Aware of the community’s need
- The ‘clearinghouse’ for all those who desire to help with recovery
- Made up of all types of individuals, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO), faith-based groups, businesses and organizations
When Does the LTRG Form?

1. WARNING/ANTICIPATION
2. IMPACT/EMERGENCY/RESCUE
3. AFTERMATH/ASSESSMENT
4. RELIEF/REMEDY
5. SHORT-TERM RECOVERY
6. LONG-TERM RECOVERY/RECONSTRUCTION

Long-Term Recovery Group

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TWO MAJOR PHASES OF RECOVERY

SHORT-TERM & LONG-TERM
SHORT-TERM RECOVERY
occurs in weeks and sometimes months

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Most Emergency and Relief Work is Completed
Basic Infrastructure Restored
Community identifies local resources to form a Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG)
Plan for permanent housing begins
LONG-TERM RECOVERY
OFTEN TAKES YEARS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Transition from National organizations to State and local community

Disaster case management and recovery initiatives administered by the local community

Construction/repair activities for homes occurs
WHY DO YOU NEED A LTRG?

• Assessment of needs
• Centralizes recovery efforts
• Distribute resources fairly
• Shared responsibility long-term
• Advocacy for those affected who need help
• Guidance for recovery
• Avoids duplication of benefits and services
• Fosters a shared mission
• Champion of your LTRG
• Partner and advocate for the group
• Can provide a clear path to rebuild/repair, especially with permitting process

Craig Fugate stated:
“All disasters start locally and end locally.”
Your community is in charge of the LTRG!
City requests to the County
County requests to the State
State requests to other State agencies or Federal
Federal
Individuals and organizations who have resources to help recovery:

- Disaster Recovery Organizations
- Local Businesses
- Local Faith-based Organizations
- Philanthropic, Education & Government Partners
- People who get things done
- People who have the best intentions for your community and can put egos aside
STRUCTURE OF A LONG-TERM RECOVERY GROUP

• Highly structured approach with a formal organization
  Board of directors, management team, and staff
• Less structured with a committee
  Representatives from local agencies

KEY TO LTRG:
Challenges & benefits to each approach
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COMMUNITY LEADERS THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

- This is a marathon, not a sprint
- You will be dealing with high stress/frustrating situations
- Do this work for the right reasons
- You’ll be working among a unique group who come to the table with different skills and communication styles - which has many benefits and drawbacks

Get Mental health/faith-based listeners involved BOTH FOR YOUR FOLKS AND FOR YOU!
• Everyone experiences trauma differently
• People who are the most affected may not be those who have the greatest need
• Patience & compassion required
• Check judgement and ego at the door
• Confidentiality must be respected

Everything may feel overwhelming, but you will get through this
What drives the direction and magnitude of the recovery?

Data and Dollars

Identify your community need:
Submit a letter of Routine Use to FEMA if it is a Federally declared disaster

• Very important to gain access to this info
Ask for all information you may need including:

- Registration number
- Damaged dwelling address
- Current mailing address & zip code
- Current telephone number
- Email addresses
- Ages
- FEMA inspected loss amounts for FEMA applicants
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Listen to your community
Advocate for your community
Be Determined
Be Strong
Be Open-Minded & Inclusive

This is not going to be easy
Track information

- Volunteer hours including:
  - Your own hours
  - Equipment operators
  - Emergency responders
  - Anyone who helps

- Donations
  - In-kind or physical items
  - Monetary or money
Identify stakeholders who are committed to the recovery of your community, and to the long-term recovery process.
What to look for in a leader for your LTRG

- Passionate and compelling vision
- Active community members
- Driven
- Connected

- Highly motivated
- Good communicators
- Confident, optimistic and self-aware
- Trustworthy
- Consensus builder

Your Community Champion for this Cause
LEADERSHIP

KEY TO LTRG:

Locate people who are in a position to help
Local people who care about their neighbors who have gone through the disaster but have come out relatively whole

Be open to other assistance:

- Social Services
- Public Health officials
- Faith-based individuals
- University faculty/staff
- Workforce development
- Mental health providers
- Disability services
SET A MEETING DATE TO INITIATE THE LTRG

Sign-up for a free conference call # if you don't already have one
www.freeconferencecall.com

• Use media, social media, and all formal post-disaster contacts to get your message out

• Create a flyer and distribute to churches, community organizations:
## FIRST MEETING

**AROUND THIRD WEEK POST DISASTER**

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• Establish strategies for delivery of service

Disaster Case Management

• Engage media & local community organizations

• Disseminate hand-outs, establish website, social media

• Establish fiscal agent and/or 501 (c)(3)

• How will affected individuals contact your group?

• How will we rebuild and repair homes?

• How are we going to raise funds?
YOU CAN DO THIS!
WE'VE BEEN THROUGH IT & WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU
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