

Statement of Partnership

This Statement of Partnership is hereby made and entered into by and between the San Diego Interfaith Disaster Council, hereafter to be referred to as “IDC” and _____ hereafter to be referred to as “faith-based organization” or “FBO”.

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Statement of Partnership is to continue to develop and expand a framework for cooperation between IDC, San Diego County faith-based partners and the San Diego County Office of Emergency Services (“OES”) to provide resources and services to residents of San Diego County in the event of a disaster.

II. STATEMENT OF MUTUAL BENEFIT AND INTERESTS:

The partnership outlined in this document will be of mutual benefit to partnering organizations in that it will be a tool which facilitates the accomplishment of the vision, mission and objectives of the IDC;

Vision –IDC will identify and coordinate faith-based organizations and their resources in San Diego County, determine core competencies and, in cooperation with governmental and community-based organizations, facilitate and coordinate a collaborative plan to prepare for and respond to disasters.

Mission –To establish and maintain a coordinated faith-based preparedness and response to disasters in San Diego County.

IDC is collaborating to develop a coordinated faith-based response to disasters in San Diego County. The objectives of IDC are:

1. To encourage personal preparedness.
2. To assist individual faith communities with organizational disaster preparedness.
3. To coordinate faith communities to respond to disasters throughout San Diego County
4. To work in concert with OES

Benefits

- ◆ Some benefits for the *Faith-Based Organization(FBO)* are:
 1. Assistance in the development of an all-hazard disaster preparedness plan that provides strategies for personal & home preparedness, organizational preparedness and organizational response.
 2. Access to county-wide resources for networking, planning and partnership
 3. Assisting OES in its effort to prepare its residents.
 4. Opportunities to interact with other Faith-Based Organizations and share information.
 5. Ability to participate in coordinated countywide preparedness activities
- ◆ Some benefits for *IDC* are:
 1. Assisting each partner organization in establishing personal preparedness and organizational readiness.

2. Ability to establish collaborative relationships with San Diego County Faith-Based Organizations.
3. Communication structure across denominational lines.

◆ Some benefits for OES and the San Diego County Operational Area are:

1. Access to resources of the local and national faith-based community in the event of a disaster.
2. Ability to coordinate relief services within the County from local and national faith-based organizations.
3. Assistance in reaching goals to prepare San Diego County residents for disaster.
4. A centralized point in the coordination of San Diego County faith-based resources.
5. Ability to communicate with faith leaders before, during and after disasters.
6. Ability to train and prepare Faith-Based Organizations on how to respond in a coordinated manner to disasters.

III. STATEMENT OF ACTIONS:

A. The FBO SHALL:

1. Identify three representatives to participate in IDC, at least one of which needs to be a decision-maker for the organization.
2. Ensure that representatives have completed approximately 20 hours of on-going training, to include but not limited to: orientation, Incident Command System training 100 & 200, and other trainings identified by IDC.
3. Participate in personal preparedness planning for the membership, including announcements, evaluation of effectiveness, and semi-annually reinforcement preparedness message to membership (March and September).
4. Participate in organizational planning process, facilitated by IDC representatives.
5. Work in partnership with denominational or national disaster response agencies affiliated with denomination/organization.
6. Participate within the San Diego County Operational Area disaster response framework as established by OES and the Unified San Diego County Emergency Services Organization ("USDCESO").
7. Assist in developing a plan to test IDC capabilities two times a year.
8. Allow IDC to reference the FBO in public relations documents and fund raising activities.
9. Provide an official, high-resolution logo to IDC to use in conjunction with the partnership.

B. San Diego Interfaith Disaster Council (IDC) SHALL:

1. Assist in identifying the core competencies of organizations to participate in IDC.
2. Facilitate approximately 20 hours of on-going training, including but not limited to: orientation, Incident Command System training 100 & 200, and other trainings identifies by IDC.
3. Assist in personal preparedness planning for the organizational membership, including announcements, evaluation of effectiveness, and semi-annually reinforcement of preparedness message to organizational membership (March and September).
4. Assist in training technical assistance representatives for participation in Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) process for the facility.

5. Facilitate & coordinate deployment of any denominational or national disaster response resources as appropriate in the event of a disaster.
6. Coordinate participation in the IDC Disaster Response Plan within the San Diego County Operational Area's disaster response framework as established by OES and USDCESO .
7. Coordinate the development of a plan to test readiness of the IDC capabilities two times a year.
8. Allow FBO to reference IDC in public relations documents and fund-raising activities.
9. Provide an official, high-resolution IDC logo to partners to use in conjunction with partnership.
10. Assist in the development of an inter-denominational communications system.

C. OES will, to the extent permitted by law, funding and circumstances:

1. Participate by providing guidance in determining the most effective tools to ensure that IDC members are prepared in the event of a disaster.
2. Assist in providing access to training for members of IDC.
3. In the event of a disaster utilize Chaplain Unit Leader in the San Diego County Operational Area Emergency Operations Center to communicate with leadership of IDC.
4. Incorporate IDC in trainings and drills.

IV. Code of Conduct

- A. FBOs or IDC will not use their position in IDC to secure special privileges or advantages.
- B. FBO and IDC leadership or representatives, while acting in any capacity related to IDC activities, will not allow personal interest to impair objectivity in the performance of duties
- C. FBO and IDC leadership or representatives will not use his or her position in IDC activities to promote any partisan political or religious purposes
- D. While acting on behalf of IDC, FBO and/or IDC leadership, participants will clearly distinguish between any public statements which are a personal view and those that are statements and positions which are made on the behalf of IDC. Comments will not be made while representing a City or County, but deferred to established governmental Public Information Officer.
- E. IDC partners will report, without reservation, any corrupt or unethical public behavior which could affect the integrity of the organization
- F. FBO and IDC will honor and respect OES rules and regulations.
- G. FBO and IDC representatives shall avoid engaging media representatives at County or City lead facilities and defer to County or City media representatives.

V. IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT:

1. MODIFICATION. Modifications within the scope of the instrument shall be made by mutual consent of the parties, by the issuance of a written modification, signed and dated by all parties, prior to any changes being performed.

2. PARTICIPATION IN SIMILAR ACTIVITIES. This instrument in no way restricts the San Diego Interfaith Disaster Council(IDC), the Faith-Based Organization, or the San Diego County Office of Emergency Services, from participating in similar activities with other public or private agencies, organizations, and individuals.

3. PRINCIPAL CONTACTS. The principal contacts for this instrument are:

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4. COMMENCEMENT/EXPIRATION DATE. This instrument is executed as of the date of last signature and is effective through *insert date* at which time it will expire unless extended by mutual agreement of all parties to this "Statement of Partnership."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this agreement as of the last written date below.

San Diego Interfaith Disaster Council

(Printed Name) (Signature) (Date)

Faith-Based Organization

(Printed Name) (Signature) (Date)

San Diego County Office of Emergency Services

(Printed Name) (Signature) (Date)