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In Response to Announcement of Federal Disaster Assistance, Volunteer Houston launches VIRTUAL Volunteer Reception Center to Aid Nonprofit Agencies and Organizations in Flood Relief Efforts in Houston

In response to the recent announcement that federal disaster assistance has been made available to the state of Texas, an online Virtual Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) has been activated on the Volunteer Houston website for those interested in providing assistance to the Southwest Texas flood relief efforts in Harris County and surrounding areas..

Virtual VRC – Volunteer Houston

To sign-up as a new nonprofit agency requesting assistance from volunteers, please visit: <http://www.volunteerhou.org/agency/signup/>

The Disaster Response Module videos outline the process to post volunteer opportunities on the Volunteer Houston website and it provides a response system. This systems allows for direct communication between the nonprofit agency and volunteers interested in assisting.

For more details about navigating the online system used by Volunteer Houston, please watch the short videos below to learn how the Disaster Response Module can help nonprofit agency managers.

[How to post a disaster-response need in Get Connected](#)

- [How to view, edit, and export your volunteer list](#)

After successfully creating an account,, if an agency is still experiencing difficulties , please send an email to the email addresses below and answer the following questions:

1. How many volunteers do you need?
2. What, if any, specific skills are you looking for? (If none, please answer "N/A")?
3. VH does not offer integrated background checks. Would you still like volunteers sent to you without a background check?
4. When do volunteers need to start?
5. How many days will volunteers be needed?
6. How many hours per day?
7. Are there specific shifts? (If none, then please answer "N/A")

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AmeriCorps members from Volunteer Houston, in coordination with the Harris County Office of Emergency Management has established a Virtual VRC to give volunteers the opportunity to learn about, and sign up for, volunteer opportunities throughout Harris County. Partnering with numerous groups and organizations who are providing disaster assistance, the VRC provides the public with a central location for getting involved. Upon registration, volunteers will be matched with opportunities based on interest, skill, and availability.

Affected citizens who need volunteer support are also encouraged to come to the VRC in order to register for assistance.

Emergency Management Officials request that all volunteers register with the VRC or volunteer agencies.

For additional information about resources available in your community, please dial 211.

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