



Greetings from the Rapid Response Team!

As we face days of uncertainty with a need for greater preparation and readiness for response, we want to thank you for responding and applying to be a Billy Graham Rapid Response Chaplain. Being a chaplain can be one of the most rewarding ministries, but at the same time, it can pose difficult challenges and wear one down because of the emotional and spiritual demands of the disaster situations that surround the ministry. In light of this, please read this document carefully and prayerfully before filling out the application and mailing it in. We trust that God will then continue to speak to your heart as to your continuing on in making application to be a RRT chaplain.

I. RRT Essential Job Functions:

When deployed into disaster areas, we know it's very difficult for Chaplains when they experience physical, emotional and spiritual challenges. Therefore, please review the following functions to determine your confidence and ability to meet potential challenges when deployed.

Physical Functions:

- You must have good physical health.
- Sleep on the floor in a room with others in close proximity.
- Share bathroom facilities with many others.
- Showers may be in a shower trailer with time limitations.
- Minister outside in extreme weather conditions.
- A deployment day starting at 6 am to 8 pm (14 hour days).
- Electricity may be limited or not be available.
- Daily tasks could include cleaning bathrooms, kitchens, and/or showers, mopping floors, sweeping and helping to carry bags of trash.
- Ability to lift at least 25 pounds.
- Cell phone service may be limited or not available.

Emotional, Spiritual and Mental Functions:

- Be a person of emotional and spiritual maturity.
- Always demonstrate a servant's heart.
- Ability to be a good listener for extended periods of time.
- Focus on the emotional and spiritual care of others.
- Demonstrate God's love through compassion and care.
- Never allow your personal problems to affect your ministry to the broken-hearted.
- You must be free of any medication that would impair your thinking or activity.

II. Training Standard:

In order to strive for a higher standard of excellence as a RRT Chaplain to provide emotional and spiritual care and to operate in accordance with expected standards of the disaster community, all RRT Chaplains will need to complete the following minimum training requirements within 24 months of being accepted.

1. **One of the following regional RRT training seminars:**

- Sharing Hope in Crisis
- His Presence in Crisis

Note: Visit www.billygraham.org/RRT for the 2010 seminar schedule

AND

2. **Two Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) courses.** These are available at the RRT Chaplain Training Conference in Asheville, NC on June 14-17, 2010 (see RRT website: billygraham.org/rrt). The recommended CISM courses can also be completed through the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (icisf.org), American Association of Christian Counselors (aacc.net) and the Salvation Army.

The RRT recommended CISM courses are:

- Individual Crisis Intervention and Peer Support **(Required)**
- Grief Following Trauma
- Emotional and Spiritual Care in Disasters
- Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention
- Pastoral Crisis Intervention I
- CISM Application with Children in Disaster
- Law Enforcement Perspectives for CISM Enhancement

When you complete a RRT seminar, we will have that record. For all CISM courses completed, please fax (704-401-3003) or scan and email a copy of the certificate of completion to Rosemary Moore at rmoore@bgea.org.

If you have other crisis intervention training, please submit to the RRT the certificate and/or the class description and it will be considered on a case by case basis.

III. Chaplain Background Checks

In accordance with RRT policy for all Chaplains and to be better prepared for deployment alongside of local, state or federal government agencies all chaplain candidates must have a completed and approved background check. This is done by printing, answering and mailing the attached "Applicant Disclosure & Consent Form" with your chaplain application.

- You will also need to enclose a \$40.00 check payable to BGEA (with a note on the memo line "Background Check").

Note: With more than 3,000 Chaplains in our data base, each Chaplain must pay for the cost of their background check.

In summary, to become a RRT Chaplain, you need to:

- **Agree to the essential job functions as outlined.**
- **Be willing to complete the required training as stated.**
- **Be willing to pay a \$40 processing fee for a national background check to meet RRT deployment standards.**
- **Be willing to deploy at least one week every two years if called.**
- **Fill out the application, the background check application and mail in the packet!**

As we give thanks to the Lord, over the past seven years the RRT has deployed 93 times and has responded to disasters in nine countries. The Chaplains have ministered to over 450,000 people, prayed with over 113,000 and have seen more than 8,300 individuals make a decision for Jesus Christ. In addition to an RRT in Canada that started in 2007, last September RRT was also started in the United Kingdom with plans to launch a RRT in Puerto Rico in the spring of 2010.

Thank you for your prayers, and we trust we will see you in the field!

God Bless You!

Jack Munday
Director, Rapid Response Team



Date of Application _____

Dates Available for Deployment _____

RAPID RESPONSE TEAM VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN APPLICATION

(Must be 18 Years or Older)

Full (Legal) Name _____

Preferred Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (work) _____ (home) _____ (cell) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Marital Status: Married Single Divorced Separated Widow/Widower

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Church Affiliation _____

Pastor's Name _____

May we contact your Senior or staff Pastor as a reference? _____

If yes, Pastor's name and contact information:

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Church Name: _____ E-mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____

1. How did you hear about the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team?

2. Why do you desire to serve as a Volunteer Chaplain?

3. Please circle the letter of the ministry role(s) you have served in the past.

<u>Ministry Role</u>	<u>Dates Served</u>
a. Pastoral – a ministry to Pastors	_____
b. Chaplain:	_____
Specify: Military, FBI, Police, Fire, etc.	_____
c. Christian Counseling (Licensed/Certified)	_____
Specify: Adult, Youth, Children	_____
d. Trainer:	
Crisis Intervention	_____
Clinical Trauma	_____
Disaster Response	_____
e. Youth or Children’s Ministry	_____
g. Hospice Worker	_____
h. Administrative Support	_____
i. Prayer Intercessor	_____
j. Marriage Ministry	_____
k. Other (please describe)	_____

4. Please circle the letter of any training you have attended, fill in date and location.

- a. Sharing Hope in Crisis – RRT _____
 - b. His Presence in Crisis – RRT _____
 - c. International Fellowship of Chaplains (IFOC) _____
 - d. Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) _____
 - Course(s): _____
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e. Other (please describe):

5. Please describe past experience and duties in disaster, grief, trauma, or crisis intervention, or mission.

14. Please list five references we may contact: (friends, business associates, etc. Do not include family members or Senior or staff Pastor listed above. Must have known for at least 6 months. For Pastors who are applying, please include a Spiritual Mentor).

Name _____
Relationship and dates known _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Daytime Phone _____ Email _____

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Relationship and dates known _____
Address _____
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15. Please explain any crisis or time of grief you have personally experienced in the past 12 – 18 months.

16. Please explain your personal salvation experience in the Lord Jesus Christ (Use additional paper if needed).

17. Please describe how you have grown spiritually since your decision to follow Jesus Christ.

18. Please include a resume with this application.

PLEASE MAIL THIS APPLICATION TO:

Billy Graham Rapid Response Team
Attention: Rosemary Moore
1 Billy Graham Parkway
Charlotte, NC 28201-0001

By applying for consideration as a volunteer for the Rapid Response Team of Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA), I acknowledge my understanding and agreement that the selection of volunteer staff is at the sole discretion of BGEA, based on its assessment of the overall qualifications of volunteer applicants and BGEA’s ministry requirements.

RRT 0110

**BILLY GRAHAM RAPID RESPONSE TEAM
APPLICANT DISCLOSURE & CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION FORM**

Please print responses to the following required information:

Volunteer name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Other names used: _____

Gender: _____

Current Street Address: _____

Previous Address (1): _____

Previous Address (2): _____

Social Security Number: _____

Driver's License State of Issue and Number: _____
(State of issue) (Number)

Date of birth: _____ **Place of birth:** _____
(City) (State) (Country)

**DISCLOSURE AND CONSENT CONCERNING CONSUMER REPORTS FOR
APPLICANTS**

Please read the accompanying information carefully. This Disclosure and Consent Form has been provided to you by Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) to request a consumer report or investigative consumer report in connection with your application for association with or in connection with your continued association, whichever is applicable. An investigative consumer report may include information regarding your character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and mode of living, whichever is applicable.

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

You, the volunteer chaplain applicant, acknowledge that BGEA may now, or at any time while you are associated with BGEA, verify information within your application, resume, or other related documents. Such verification may include, without limitation, the following: driving records, workers compensation records, credit bureau files, employment references, personal references, educational and licensing institution records, and any criminal record information pertaining to you which may be in the files of any Federal, state, local or foreign criminal justice agency.

The results of this verification process may be used to determine your eligibility for initial or continued association with BGEA. All results will be kept confidential. The information will not be provided to parties other than designated BGEA personnel, unless otherwise mandated by law.

In accordance with the Fair Credit Reporting Act, you are entitled, upon written request made within a reasonable amount of time, to receive a copy of a consumer report or investigative consumer report prepared by a consumer reporting agency, and a disclosure of the nature and scope of the investigative consumer report, if applicable.

Your signature below indicates that (1) you have carefully read this Form and that you understand that a consumer report or investigative consumer report regarding you may be requested by BGEA and reviewed for association-related purposes, including future decisions concerning your association or retention as a chaplain, as applicable, (2) that you understand that such consent will remain in effect indefinitely until you revoke it in writing, and (3) that you understand that you have the right to revoke such consent at any time.

VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN APPLICANT'S CONSENT TO RELEASE INFORMATION

I, the Applicant, understand that in consideration of my application for association, or my continued association, with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA), an investigation may be conducted of my past employment and other activities. I authorize past employers, personal references, and any other persons with whom I am acquainted to answer all questions asked concerning my previous employment record, ability, character, educational background, military service, and credit history. I release all persons, including without limitation past employers, credit bureaus, and government agencies from any liabilities or damages related to furnishing such information.

In consideration of my application for association, or my continued association, with BGEA, I hereby authorize BGEA and/or their agents to conduct such an investigation, and release said companies, including without limitation their officers, directors, employees, agents and representatives from all liability or responsibility for this investigation, which may include, without limitation, the gathering of information regarding personal, professional and educational references, credit or consumer investigations and histories, driving histories, professional license, civil and criminal history information which may be in the files of any local, state, federal or foreign criminal justice agency.

A photocopy or telephonic facsimile (fax) of this Disclosure and Consent Form shall be valid as the original.

I, the Volunteer Chaplain Applicant, do hereby certify that all of the information provided by me for the purpose of association consideration or continued association is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false statements may end consideration of my employment by BGEA, or may be cause for dismissal if I am associated with BGEA.

APPLICANT: _____ Date: _____

(Please type or print name)

(Signature)

(PLEASE INCLUDE WITH THIS SIGNED FORM A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40.00 PAYABLE TO BGEA AND NOTE ON THE MEMO LINE "BACKGROUND CHECK." MAIL WITH APPLICATION FORM TO ROSEMARY MOORE, BGEA-RRT AS NOTED ON APPLICATION.)