

# EARLY RESPONSE TRAINING

## ERT

**SATURDAY, September 3, 2016 8:00 AM—5:00 PM**

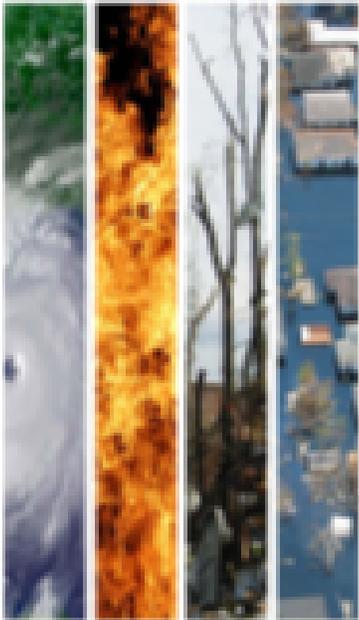
**First UMC, Alexandria, LA**

**Registration \$25.00**

**(includes meal, day fee, snacks and materials)**

**Additional \$15.00 for Certification to be ERT Certified**

**Think Volunteer Fire Department: If you are willing to skip your grandchild's birthday party when another community is hit by disaster...come to this training.**



## ERT—EARLY RESPONSE TEAM Training

Not a first response group of emergency workers nor a recovery rebuild or repair team: ERT's fill a specific need in the early days after a disaster to establish the presence of the church. Various tasks are assigned to an ERT by those selected by the community to command the response, but no task is more important than the purpose of ERT. Teams provide a Christian presence—not a TASK, however it may be the most important thing a team can do. The team takes further steps to prevent damage to a family's personal property: tarping, debris removal, cleaning out of flooded homes. The team may be asked to manage donated materials or other tasks deemed necessary by the community. Some teams form to observe the needs of survivors and report these to local operations. Each team is to be part of the caring ministry of "listeners" who help survivors begin to heal. Team members must realize that some work on damaged homes may, in fact, jeopardize the survivor's eligibility for greater assistance. Teams and team members must pledge to be part of the solution and not become the problem, to join in the response rather than initiate their own desires. ERT team members must also be able to respond much like a Volunteer Fire Department which means putting personal and family plans on hold when the call to respond comes your way.

### Registration:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Church \_\_\_\_\_ Home District \_\_\_\_\_

## PROVIDING A CHRISTIAN PRESENCE IN THE AFTERMATH OF DISASTER

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