



AFTER A DISASTER OCCURS

The chairperson should review their approved club, district, multiple district Lions ALERT plan and then mobilize trained (or credentialed) members of the Lions ALERT team.

This step-by-step checklist is one part of a Lions ALERT plan.

The Lions ALERT chairperson is responsible for the following actions.

- Contact the local emergency manager. Since the disaster may have altered the original Lions ALERT Team plan, adjustments may be necessary.
- Inform the district governor concerning an application for an LCIF emergency assistance grant as well as liability and insurance needs of Lions ALERT Team members.
- Confirm the assigned duties of certified Lions ALERT Team members. In some areas, disaster relief volunteers must be pre-approved or certified by an emergency response organization to receive access to the disaster site. Lions who are trained as first responders such as firefighters, paramedics, law enforcement personnel, and healthcare professionals can also participate as Lions ALERT Team members.
- Contact certified Lions ALERT Team members. Provide team members with a meeting location and a time schedule.
- Remind Lions ALERT Team members to be aware of their own personal safety. For example, Lions should wear rubber boots if assisting after a flood, long-sleeve shirts if removing debris after a tornado, and snowshoes if involved in a snow-related disaster.
- Remind Lions ALERT Team members to wear a Lions ALERT vest, hat, shirt, etc. This will provide instant identification as a Lions ALERT Team member.
- Display a large, Lions ALERT Team banner or other Lions-logo sign on vehicles and at the disaster relief location. This will serve as an identifier to Lions and the public of the presence of a Lions ALERT Team.
- Contact the media of the volunteer involvement of the Lions ALERT Team.
- Communicate with Lions Clubs International Headquarters about the contributions of the Lions ALERT Team.

The information provided in this checklist is intended as a guideline. Lions should work with local emergency officials and first responder organizations to define the Lions' role, responsibilities and operational actions needed for a coordinated response. For detailed information and resources on developing a Lions ALERT emergency preparedness plan, view Lions ALERT (IAD 911) and the Lions Web site (www.lionsclubs.org).