



SCENARIO EXERCISE DESCRIPTION

SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION STRATEGIES, OBJECTIVES & TACTICS for **DISASTER RESPONDERS & SURVIVORS**

SPECIAL NEEDS HURRICANE SHELTER

PURPOSE

SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION for Disaster Responders presents a variety of emergency, disaster, and extreme event scenario exercises as a way to practice the PREPARE and RESPOND SKILLS SETS and the six SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION strategies, applied first to you and your team (with disaster response roles) and applied to disaster survivors you serve.

MATERIALS

SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION **FLIPBOOK**
SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION **LAMINATED SHEET**
SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION **SCENARIO EXERCISE WORKSHEET**
SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION **SCENARIO EXERCISE DESCRIPTION** (this form)

PROCESS

READ the scenario.

DEFINE YOUR RESPONDER ROLE in the scenario.

DEFINE THE SURVIVOR GROUP(S) YOUR TEAM IS SERVING in the scenario.

APPLY the SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION FRAMEWORK:

- 1 **PREPARE SKILLS SET: IDENTIFY** the most important PREPARE SKILLS to plan, practice, and prioritize stress management for this scenario.
- 2 **SFA STRATEGIES FOR RESPONDERS: SELECT, ADAPT, APPLY and CUSTOMIZE** objectives and tactics that will SAFEGUARD, SUSTAIN, COMFORT, CONNECT, ADVISE, and ACTIVATE you and your team.
- 3 **RESPOND SKILLS SET: IDENTIFY** the most important RESPOND SKILLS to approach and appraise survivors, and attend to their special needs.
- 4 **SFA STRATEGIES FOR SURVIVORS: SELECT, ADAPT, APPLY and CUSTOMIZE** objectives and tactics that will SAFEGUARD, SUSTAIN, COMFORT, CONNECT, ADVISE, and ACTIVATE survivors of this event.
RECORD findings on your SFA SCENARIO EXERCISE WORKSHEET
DISCUSS with team members.

YOUR ROLE

OPTION 1 Assume the role you and your team would play in this event.

OPTION 2 Assume a realistic responder role and “play through” that role. Roles and response duties differ for each scenario. However, you can use any scenario to practice the use of the SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION FRAMEWORK.

SPECIAL NEEDS HURRICANE SHELTER SCENARIO

During the first week of September, a hurricane forms in the mid-Atlantic and arcs toward the continental United States, taking aim at the coastline closest to your community. Hurricane watches and warnings are issued. Your community activates its emergency operations center, community hurricane shelters, and a Special Needs Shelter for electrically-dependent patients and those with a variety of other special medical needs. At landfall, hurricane winds of 115 miles per hour are expected (a “major” hurricane).

The shelter is in a fortified municipal structure. Building security and maintenance personnel will remain through the storm. A powerful auxiliary generator will maintain lighting and air conditioning despite power outages in the area. Patient transportation has been pre-arranged by the county. The shelter is staffed by disaster response personnel including first responders, EMS, fire/rescue, and local law enforcement professionals. Food is prepared and distributed to the bedside by community volunteers. Food, water, cots, blankets, medical and pharmacy supplies are stockpiled in the shelter. Patients bring their own oxygen support and medical equipment and arrive with a caregiver (typically the patient’s spouse or close relative).