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Neighborhood Rapid Disaster Assessment Tool



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Following any Disaster

What's the greatest need?

INFORMATION

What's happened?

Where did it happen?

Who is hurt?

How bad?

Who can help?

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Rapid Disaster Assessment:

- Conducted early - a few hours after the onset of a disaster.
- Provides information on needs and priorities for assistance

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Rapid Disaster Assessment:

- Not a detailed survey
- Involves the affected population

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The Previous “Block Captain” Program

- Utilized pre-assigned “callings”
- Required pre-training and assignments
- Those assigned moved or forgot or were unable to follow-through
- Reporting procedures required pre-assignments that were difficult to maintain
- Use of radios could be advantageous, but for some it was complicated
- While the initial setup of the program may have been adequate, time took its toll on the program, and it had to be re-vitalized from time to time

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Neighborhood Rapid Disaster Assessment Tool

- An optional method for quickly assessing post-disaster situations.
- Not to take the place of existing methods that are successfully being used.

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The Tool

- No previous “calling” or block-captain assignment is required.
- Can be implemented with spontaneous volunteers.
- Can be managed by the first person at the designated meeting place, with no initial training.
- Does not require electric power, phones, or radios.
- Requires production of a notebook containing a neighborhood map and assessment forms for each household.
- Utilizes pre-determined group gathering locations.

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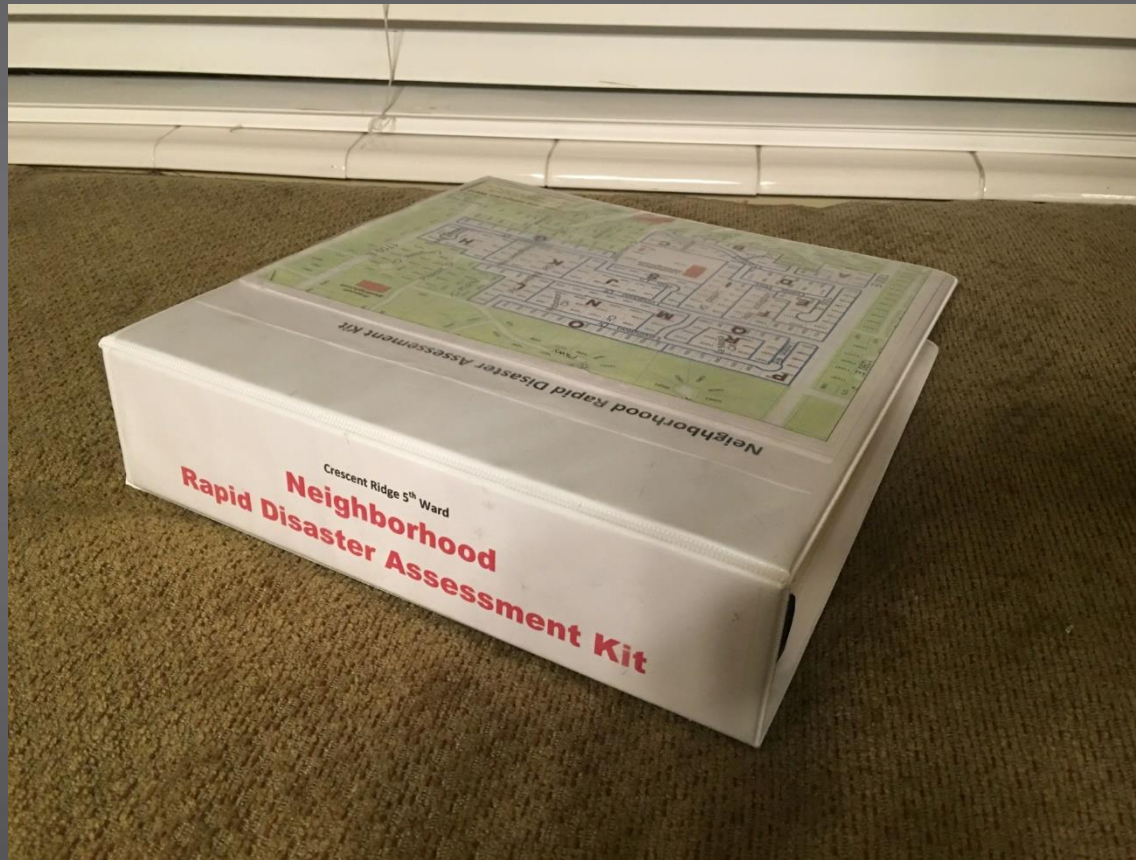
Pre-Determined Group Gathering Locations



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The Tool



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Elements of the Tool

- **A 3-Ring Binder containing:**
 - A page of Instructions
 - Team Time-Out / Time-Back pages for tracking volunteers and summarizing assessments
 - Maps of the neighborhood divided into alpha sections
 - Assessment pages for each section of the neighborhood
 - Separate pages for families needing help with detailed information

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A

B

C

D

E

F





Instructions

1. Pair volunteers into teams of two.
2. Record the names of the team members and their Time Out
3. Give the team an alpha section packet containing a map and assessment pages
4. Explain how teams should record the info. on the Assessment Form
5. Give the team a roll of red tape for identifying homes needing assistance.
6. Upon each team's return, record their names and their Time Back
7. Note each home's status, based on the rapid assessment
8. Record details for those homes that Need Help on a separate page
9. CERT Teams and Emergency Responders can be given the addresses where "Need Help" is indicated.

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Neighborhood Rapid Disaster Assessment Summary Page

Team: TIME OUT / TIME BACK IN

Neighborhood Section A

Name: _____ Phone: _____

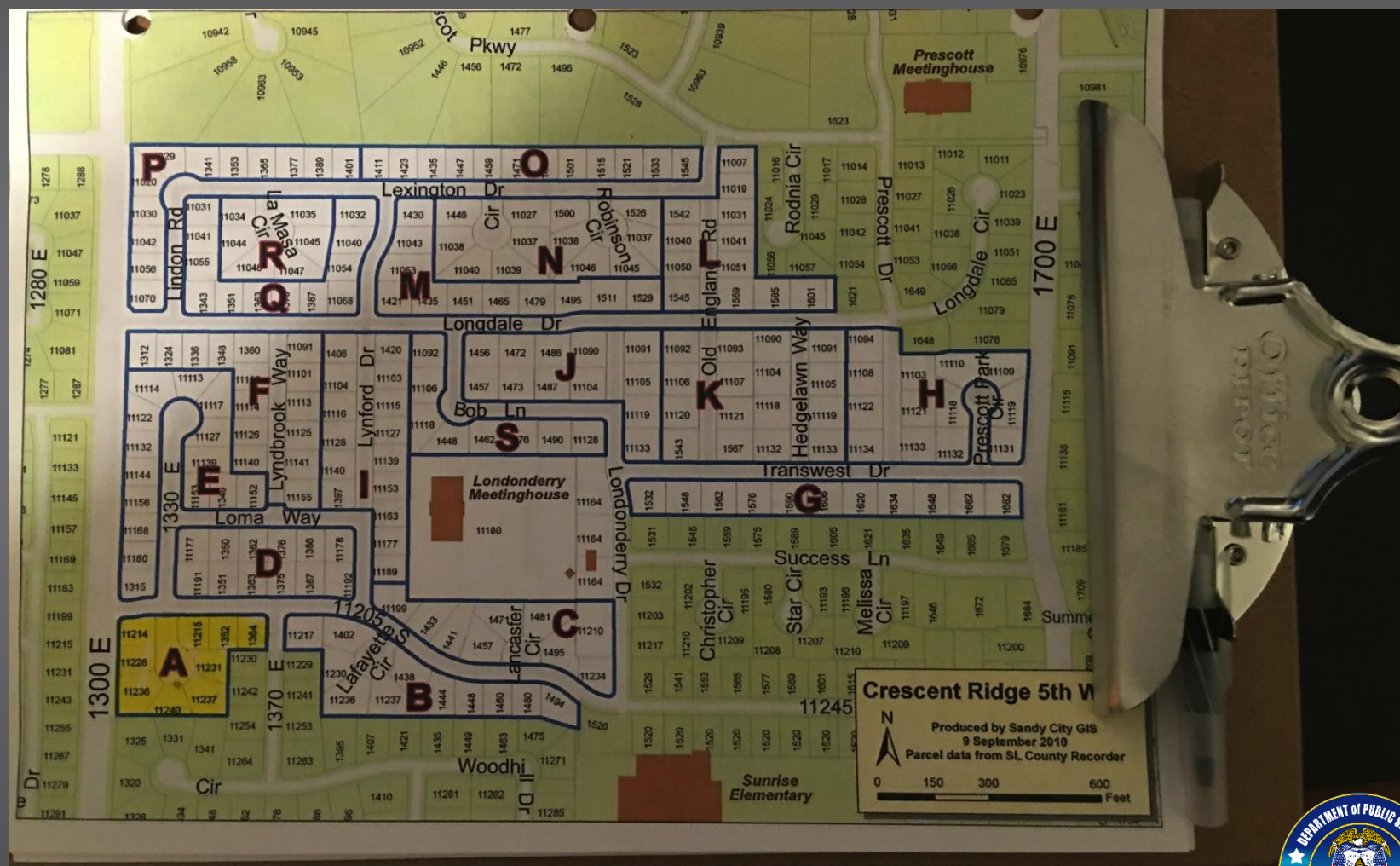
Name: _____ Phone: _____

Time Out: _____ Time Back In: _____

Addresses	OK	No Resp.	Need Help	Comments
11214 S. 1330 E.				
11228 S. 1330 E.				
11236 S. 1330 E.				
11240 S. 1330 E.				
11237 S. 1330 E.				
11231 S. 1330 E.				
11215 S. 1330 E.				
1352 E. 11205 S.				
1364 E. 11205 S.				

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Section

A

Record Family Name, if available.

Check appropriate status box for each address: (OK / No Response / Need Help)

Note in Comments: Death, Severe Injury, Power Off, Water Off, Gas Off, Phone Off, Wall Collapse, Roof Damage, Windows Broken, Chimney Damage, Flood Damage, Other Comments

Addresses:

11214 S. 1330 E. Family Name:

OK	No Response	Need Help	Comments

11228 S. 1330 E. Family Name:

OK	No Response	Need Help	Comments



Neighborhood Rapid Disaster Assessment Summary Page
Team: TIME OUT / TIME BACK IN
Neighborhood Section A

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Time Out: _____ Time Back In: _____

Addresses	OK	No Resp.	Need Help	Comments
11214 S. 1330 E.				
11228 S. 1330 E.				
11236 S. 1330 E.				
11240 S. 1330 E.				
11237 S. 1330 E.				
11231 S. 1330 E.				
11215 S. 1330 E.				
1352 E. 11205 S.				
1364 E. 11205 S.				





Address _____

Assigned to Location / Team _____

Need Help

Family Name: _____

Occupants' Names

1	7
2	8
3	9
4	10
5	11
6	12

LIFE – SAFETY (check)

- Death _____
- Severe Injury _____
- Moderate Injury _____
- No Death or Injury _____

UTILITIES (check)

- Power Off _____
- Water Off _____
- Gas Off _____
- Phone Inoperable _____

PROPERTY DAMAGE (check)

- Wall Collapse _____
- Roof Damage _____
- Windows Broken _____
- Chimney Damage _____
- Flood Damage _____

Comments (Use back side too, if needed).

Reported by:

1. _____ Date: _____

2. _____ Time: _____

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rapid disaster assessment

IT TAKES ONLY 3

The first three volunteers to arrive at the check-in location start the process.



VOLUNTEER 1

Section Manager

Delegates assignments to other volunteers



VOLUNTEER 2

Shift Manager

Makes sure volunteers return safely from assignments



VOLUNTEER 3

Information Officer

Collects reports from volunteers returning from assignments

VOLUNTEERS 4+

Anyone walking in and offering to help is paired with another volunteer, then given a simple task to complete.



Training for the assignment takes less than a minute.

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Neighborhood Rapid Disaster Assessment Section A



Record Family Name, if available.

Check appropriate status box for each address: (OK / No Response / Need Help)

Note in Comments: Death, Injuries, Unattended Children, Power Off, Water Off, Gas Off, Phone Off, Wall Collapse, Roof Damage, Windows Broken, Chimney Damage, Flood Damage, Fire, Access Issues, Other Comments

Neighborhood Access Issues: _____

12345 Bellagio Way

House #: 1 Name: [OK No Response Need Help Comments]

12346 Bellagio Way

House #: 2 Name: [OK No Response Need Help Comments]

12347 Bellagio Way

House #: 3 Name: [OK No Response Need Help Comments]

12348 Bellagio Way

House #: 4 Name: [OK No Response Need Help Comments]

12349 Bellagio Way

House #: 5 Name: [OK No Response Need Help Comments]

12350 Bellagio Way

House #: 6 Name: [OK No Response Need Help Comments]

12351 Bellagio Way

House #: 7 Name: [OK No Response Need Help Comments]

12352 Bellagio Way

House #: 8 Name: [OK No Response Need Help Comments]

Misc. Notes: _____

Reported by:

1 _____
2 _____

Date: _____
Time: _____

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Detail Sheet

SAMPLE
Neighborhood Rapid Disaster Assessment

12352 Bellagio Way

Last Name: _____ Ward House #: **8**
 Occupants' Names: _____ Team: **A**

Life Safety (check)

Death _____
 Sever Injury _____
 Moderate Injury _____
 No Injury _____
 Unattended Children _____

Utilities (check)

Power Off _____
 Gas Off _____
 Water Off _____
 Phone Inoperable _____

Property Damage (check)

Wall Collapse _____
 Roof Damage _____
 Windows Broken _____
 Chimney Damage _____
 Flood Damage _____
 On Fire _____

Access Issues (check)

Road Flooded _____
 Road Blocked/Broken _____
 Nearby Fire _____

Need Help

No Response

OK

Comments

Reported by:

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 2 _____ Time: _____

Coordinator: _____

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Sample Summary Form



Neighborhood Rapid Disaster Assessment Team A



Name: _____
Name: _____

Time Out: _____
Time Back In: _____

House #:	Residence Address:	Last Name:	Check Status:			
			OK	No Response	Need Help	Access Issues
1	12345 Bellagio Way	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	12346 Bellagio Way	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	12347 Bellagio Way	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	12348 Bellagio Way	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	12349 Bellagio Way	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	12350 Bellagio Way	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	12351 Bellagio Way	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	12352 Bellagio Way	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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QUICK CARD

REPORTING BINDER SET UP



Reporting Binder

Front

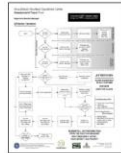


RDAP Instructions Overview

RDAP Instructions 3 Volunteers

RDAP Instructions Assessment Process

Area Map



Set of Flow Charts for reference



Category Sticker Pack

Materials required:

- One 3-4" three ring binder
- One set of alphabetical tabbed dividers
- One package of red, yellow and green stickers
- **Front:** One copy of each of the listed pages
- **Each Section Tab:** One highlighted section map and a Detailed Assessment Form for each Section Address.

Each Section Tab



Section Map



Detail Property Assessment Form
One for each address in section

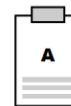
It is recommended to keep a spare set of blank forms (Summary, Section Assessment, Detailed Assessment) available in case something is needed.

QUICK CARD

CLIPBOARD SET UP



Section Clipboard



Back



Section Identifier & Rules Page
Taped or Laminated to clipboard

Front



Section Map
Taped or Laminated to clipboard



Section Assessment Form

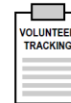


Summary Form
Place on top

Materials required:

- One clipboard for each Section
- One set of forms listed above
- Clear tape or laminating sheets
- One pen or pencil for each clipboard

Volunteer Tracking Clipboard



Volunteer Tracking Form

Materials required:

- One clipboard
- One set of tracking forms for
- One pen or pencil

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TABLE SET UP

Table 1 - Assignment Table

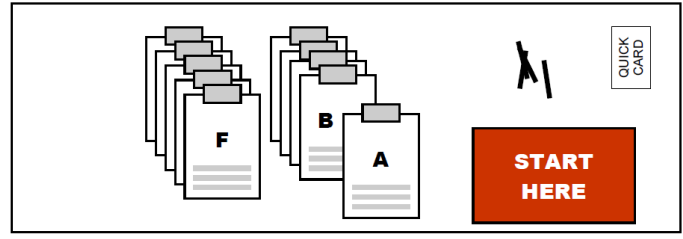


Table 2 - Return Check-In Table

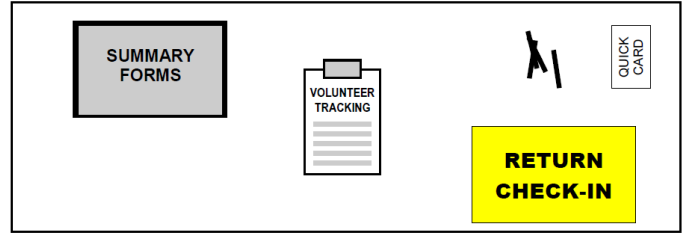
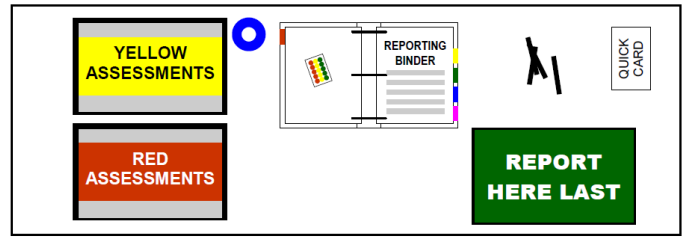


Table 3 - Reporting Table



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VOLUNTEER 1

TITLE: SECTION MANAGER

- 1st Objective:** Prepare Check-In Location
2nd Objective: Instruct Volunteers 2 & 3 on duties
3rd Objective: Delegate assignments to other volunteers as they arrive.

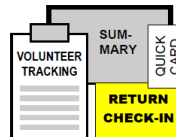
Put on RED lanyard, hat, or vest

Objective 1 Set up three (3) tables in a row.



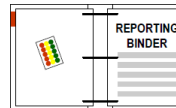
First Table:

- Section Clipboards
- Pens / Pencils
- “Start Here” Table Sign



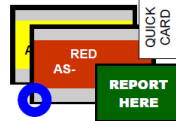
Second Table:

- Volunteer Check-In Clipboard
- Summary Form Tray
- “Return Check-In” Table Sign
- Volunteer 2 Quick Card



Third Table:

- Reporting Binder with Stickers
- Pens / Pencils
- Red & Yellow Assessment Trays
- Blue Tape
- “Report Here Last” Table Sign
- Volunteer 3 Quick Card



- Review the instructions on the first three (3) pages of the Reporting Binder.
- Remove Role Flow Charts from Reporting Binder and place them on their respective tables for reference guides.

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VOLUNTEER 2

TITLE: SHIFT MANAGER

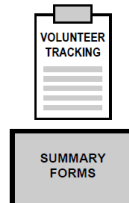
- 1st Objective:** Record Assessment Team member names and time-out
- 2nd Objective:** Make sure Assessment Teams return in a timely manner (>90 mins)
- 3rd Objective:** Alert Section Manager of missing Team.

Put on **YELLOW** lanyard, hat, or vest

Objective 1 Record names and time-out.

The **Shift Manager** ensures Assessment Teams return in a timely manner.

- When **Section Manager** sends a team out, a Summary Form with the names of the team members, and their time out will be handed to the **Shift Manager**.
- **Shift Manager** will copy the team members names & time-out on the Volunteer Tracking clipboard.
- Place the Summary Form into the tray for Summary Forms, or at a specific place on the table for the forms.



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VOLUNTEER 3

TITLE: AREA INFORMATION OFFICER

- 1st Objective:** Receive reports from Assessment Team
- 2nd Objective:** Categorize Assessment Reports
- 3rd Objective:** Maintain Public Information Board / Wall

Put on GREEN lanyard, hat, or vest




Objective 1 Receive reports from Assessment Team

When an Assessment Team is ready to provide it's report:

- Collect Summary Form. Team keeps their Section Clipboard
- Open Section in the Binder
- Review one (1) address at a time
- Ask additional "Find Out" questions to get as much detail as possible. *Example: If reported 'everything' is destroyed, ask more to find out what 'everything' means.*

Objective 2 Categorize Assessment Reports

After reviewing each address, categorize with stickers the status of that property:

-  **"RED" Sticker:** Critical, or potentially critical life emergency
-  **"YELLOW" Sticker:** No response from resident(s). Need to recheck soon.
-  **"GREEN" Sticker:** All OK - No further action required.

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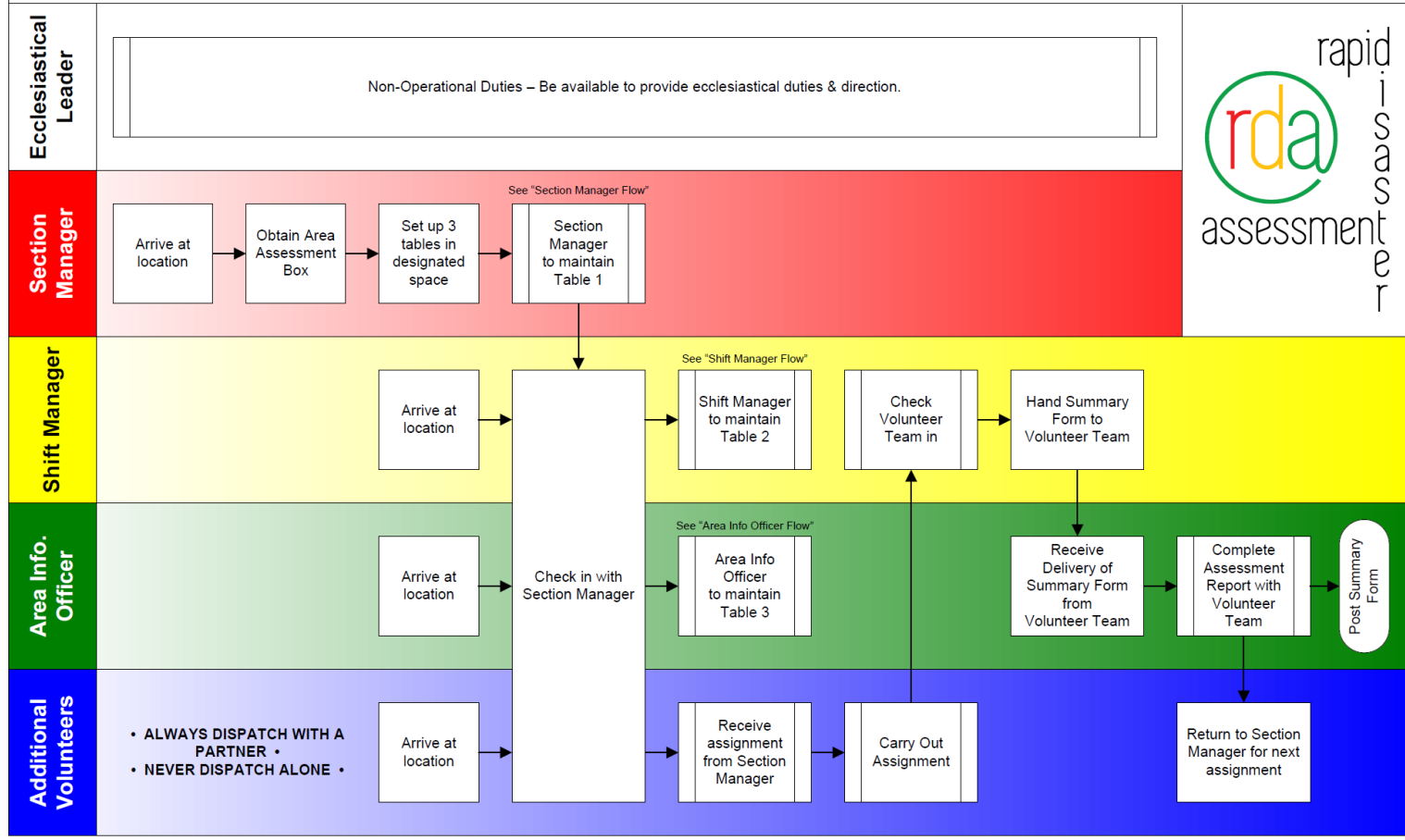




Area (Ward) Volunteer Operations Center – Rapid Disaster Assessment Coordination



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For Consideration:

- Pets
- Food/Water
- Displaced Children
- Check In – Check Out
- Communications
- Search & Rescue

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For Templates:

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