



RAPID RESPONSE TEAM CHAPLAIN APPLICATION

Essential considerations prior to accepting deployments with Rapid Response Team (RRT):

A Rapid Response Team Chaplaincy deployment can be a tough physical, emotional, spiritual and mental challenge requiring tremendous effort of each team member. Applicants should prayerfully consider these challenges and apply to the Rapid Response Team only when they are confident that they can personally meet each one.

Applicants are encouraged to approach becoming an RRT Chaplain as a journey of discovering God's plan for you and possibly your family. Self-selection is a major part of the process and it is possible that, at some time during the training, you may decide that it is not for you. Please do not consider that to be a failure, but rather the right decision made in the light of mature consideration of your God given skills and abilities.

I. RRT Essential Job Functions

Physical Functions:

- Must have good physical health.
- Be willing to sleep on the floor in a room with others in close proximity.
- Be willing to share toilet and bathroom facilities with several others.
- Be willing to minister outside in extreme weather conditions.
- Be willing to endure a deployment day lasting from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. (14-hour days).
- Understand electricity may be limited or not available.
- Be willing to do daily tasks around the 'home base', including cleaning bathrooms, kitchens, showers, mopping floors, sweeping, and helping to clear rubbish.
- Must be able to lift at least 10kg.
- Understand 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.
- 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.
- Be free of any medication that would impair your thinking or activity.
- Always be prepared to share God's hope.



II. Training Standard

In order to maintain a high standard of excellence while providing emotional and spiritual care and operate in accordance with expected standards of the disaster community, all RRT chaplains will need to complete the following minimum training requirements within 12 months of being accepted.

- Attend a 'Sharing Hope In Crisis' seminar
- Complete, or show evidence of having completed, at least one Critical Incident Stress Management course.

The RRT-recommended CISM courses are:

- Group Crisis Intervention
- Individual Crisis Intervention and Peer Support
- Pastoral Crisis Intervention

In summary, to become an 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 deploy at least one week every two years if called.

Since September 11, 2001, with God's guidance and direction, the RRT has responded to man-made and natural disasters in nine countries on six continents, offering emotional and spiritual care to more than 450,000 survivors and first-responders. Today, with RRT offices in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and now Australia, we hope to reach even more people with the comfort and hope of Jesus Christ.

We are excited you are interested in becoming a BGEA - RRT chaplain, to share God's love at a moment's notice anywhere in the world. Thank you for your prayers, and we trust we will see you in the field.

God bless you.

Rapid Response Team
BGEA Australia & New Zealand

RAPID RESPONSE TEAM

VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN APPLICATION

Full (Legal) Name _____

Preferred Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Post Code _____

Phone (____) _____ (____) _____ (____) _____
work home mobile

E-mail Address _____

Marital Status: Married Single Divorced Separated Widow/Widower

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Church Attended _____

Pastor's Name _____

May we contact your pastor as a reference? _____

If yes, pastor's contact information: Telephone: (____) _____

Church Name: _____ E-mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Post Code _____

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) in which you have served in the past.

Ministry Role	Dates Served
a. Pastoral—a ministry to pastors	_____
b. Chaplain:	_____
Specify: Age Care, Police, Fire, etc. _____	
c. Christian Counselling	_____
Specify: Adult, Youth, Children _____	
d. Trainer:	
Crisis Intervention	_____
Clinical Trauma	_____
Disaster Response	_____
e. Youth or Children’s Ministry	_____
f. Hospice Worker	_____
g. Administrative Support	_____
h. Prayer Intercessor	_____
i. Marriage Ministry	_____
j. Other (please describe)	_____

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

a. *Sharing Hope in Crisis* (RRT) _____

b. Critical Incident Stress management (CISM) _____

Course(s):

c. Other (please describe):

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

6. Please check one or more boxes below that best describe your ministry training or vocational experience.

- Police Fire Military Personnel Ambulance/Medical
 Christian Counsellor Pastor Hospice Worker Chaplain
 Ministry Leader Trained in Crisis Intervention

Please provide proof of training with this application (copy of certificates, identification cards, etc.).

7. Do you have any physical, emotional, or medical limitations that would hinder your involvement at a disaster site? If so, please explain.

8. Please check below the boxes of the conditions or situations that would be acceptable to you in a deployment:

- Climb stairs
 Sleep on camp bed/mattress
 Lift 10 kg
 No electricity
 Extreme weather conditions
 Work 14 hours per day
 Extended times standing or walking
 Assist with daily chores (cleaning, laundry, etc.)

9. According to 1 Peter 3:15, “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” On the scale below, please circle the number that best describes your level of comfort to share as described.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Not Comfortable Very Comfortable

10. Would you be able to deploy to a disaster, if sent, for one week every two years?

- Yes No

11. If deployed, would you be able to cover your own travel expense?

- Yes No

12. Do you have:

A valid driver's licence? Yes No
A commercial driver's licence? Yes No
A passport? Yes No

13. List any languages you speak fluently in addition to English. (Please include sign language.)

14. Please list 3 references we may contact (friends, business associates, etc.). Do not include family members or pastor listed above. Must have known the person for at least six months. For pastors who are applying, please include a spiritual mentor.

Name _____
Relationship and dates known _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Post Code _____
Daytime phone _____ E-mail _____

Name _____
Relationship and dates known _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Post Code _____
Daytime phone _____ E-mail _____

Name _____
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City _____ State _____ Post Code _____
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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.

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.

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association believes the Bible to be the infallible Word of God, that it is His holy and inspired Word, and that it is of supreme and final authority; in one God, eternally existing in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; He led a sinless life, took on Himself all our sins, died and rose again, and is seated at the right hand of the Father as our mediator and advocate; that all men everywhere are lost and face the judgment of God, and need to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ through His shed blood on the cross; that Christ rose from the dead and is coming soon.

I understand on signing this application that I agree with the statement above, that I will share only the basic Gospel of Jesus Christ, and that I will attempt to meet the expressed spiritual need in light of the Scriptures. I further understand that I am not to advocate any doctrines other than Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and that I am not to proselytize for my church or denomination.

(Signature)

(Date)

PLEASE MAIL THIS APPLICATION TO:

Rapid Response Team
Billy Graham Evangelistic Association
PO Box 346
Penrith NSW 2751