

**Who would make a good chaplain?**

Rapid Response Team Chaplains are to be selfless people who are emotionally and spiritually mature and able to share God's hope and comfort with victims of tragedies. If not already trained in chaplaincy or crisis intervention, approved applicants will have two years to complete 30 hours of such specialized training. Chaplains are also to be solidly grounded in God's Word and comfortable praying, when appropriate, with victims.

**What kind of training should chaplains have?**

The RRT requires a minimum 30 hours of training. In addition to a required RRT conference or seminar, additional training hours can be obtained by completing Critical Incident Stress Management courses offered by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF). In addition to these courses being offered at the annual RRT Chaplain Training Conference, they can also be completed through the ICISF and the American Association of Christian Counselors. The RRT also recognizes crisis intervention and Chaplaincy courses offered by the Salvation Army and International Fellowship of Chaplains.

**How do I apply to be a chaplain?**

Every candidate must complete an application form, which is available [here](#). References listed on the application form will be contacted. Please note that completing a training (CISM or Rapid Response Team training) does not automatically guarantee your acceptance as a Billy Graham Rapid Response Team chaplain.

**Are chaplains paid?**

Chaplains serve on a volunteer basis as they are able. This is not a paid position.

**Do you furnish room and board while on a deployment?**

Room and board are furnished to chaplains who deploy with the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team. In physical disasters (fires, floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, etc.), this usually entails sleeping on cots in schools or churches.

**Do you pay for transportation to a deployment site?**

No, the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team does not pay for transportation to or from a deployment site. For this reason, we try to bring in chaplains from within a 200 mile radius of a disaster if possible.

**What are the conditions in which chaplains are ministering?**

Every deployment is different, based upon the type of disaster and the severity of the devastation. Chaplains can expect long days of standing and walking, and emotionally and spiritually intense conversations with victims of tragedies. Chaplains can also expect opportunities to bring hope and love into the lives of people who are going through some of the darkest days they will ever experience.

**Will I be all by myself when I deploy?**

No, a trained and experienced chaplain coordinator will be on-site to guide volunteer chaplains and lead them through an orientation. Chaplains are sent out to minister in pairs.

**How am I notified of a deployment?**

When a deployment occurs, the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team will send an e-mail to their entire network of chaplains, notifying them of the deployment and asking for prayer. The Rapid Response Team will also ask that chaplains within 200 miles of the disaster site check their schedules and availability to see if they are able to join in the deployment.

**What are the benefits of being a Billy Graham Rapid Response Team chaplain?**

Thanks to the name and reputation of Mr. Graham and the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team, we are able to bring chaplains into disaster areas that most people wouldn't be able to get into on their own. If you have a burden to offer hope in the midst of tragedy, your best chance of being able to minister in these areas is as an approved member of an established chaplaincy organization such as the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team.