

DISASTER MANAGEMENT WINTER BOARD REPORT

NBC USA Inc.

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To: President Scruggs, Past-President Shaw, Chairman West, Official Family of NBC, USA, Inc.

The year 2011, was a very busy year as we were actively involved in major disaster relief operations in 46 states and territories. We helped to open more than 1,000 shelters nationwide which accommodated more than 130,000 overnight stays.

National Baptist Convention deployed volunteers to Alabama, Mississippi, the Carolinas, New Jersey, Missouri, New York, and Vermont.

In Alabama (Birmingham) working with the Alabama State Missionary Baptist Convention, and the Mount Pilgrim District Association, Dr. Charles Winston, we have renovated a building that now serves as a housing facility for volunteers working to help rebuild the communities that were devastated by the Tornadoes of 2011.

In June of 2011, the Office of Disaster Management launched the NBC Disaster Academy. This is a four (4) year program of instruction co-sponsored by the ARC. The workshop focused on the distinctive task of educating our communities to properly structure, Mitigate/Prepare and respond to disasters and to engage their constituent's participation with their local and state Red Cross Chapters as well as other disaster partners. The areas covered were Shelter Simulation, Shelter Operations and Disaster Services. Thirty eight messengers certificates. It prepares individuals for disaster deployment.

As well, NBC partnered with North Carolina Central University, Department of Homeland Security to develop a National Certified Training Course that will train both the local pastor and the County Emergency Managers on the effective utilization of resources.

Our Blood Campaign, marshaled by our Convention's First Lady, Mrs. Josephine Scruggs, is growing in great capacity. In 2011, approximately 1,500 lives were touched as a result of NBC's blood donations and participation.

In August 2011, it was our pleasure to accompany our President and Mrs. Scruggs on an Executive Briefing to the National Office of the American National Red Cross. This visit included an Executive Briefing at the White House. As a result, the NBC Day at the White House was launched.

As we began this year 2012, it is imperative that preparation for disaster becomes a priority at all levels of our work on the local, state and national levels. We urge our Regional, and State leaders to embrace the NBC Initiative that is inclusive of the works in Disaster Management, but as well, it helps us to prepare for and help mitigate the disasters our people are facings in the many other areas of life concerns.

Submitted by,

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