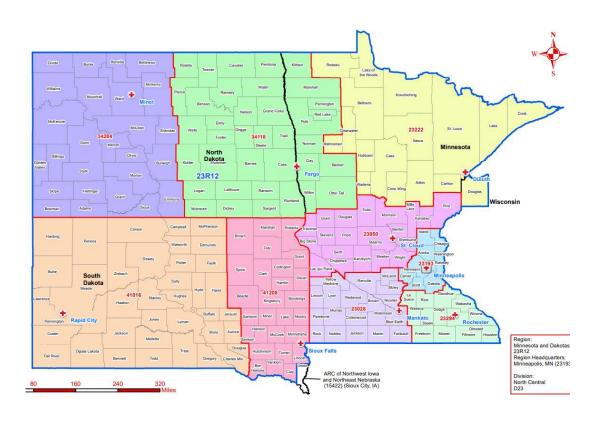




#### **Volunteering During Disasters**

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# Odds Are That Disaster Will Strike

- Disasters happen often and sometimes without warning.
- They can affect any community.
- It's a disaster if:
  - Normal response systems are overwhelmed
  - People are hurt
  - Property is damaged or destroyed

#### Hazards we face?















## Disaster Cycle



## Prepare

- Training
- Exercises
- Inventory
- Building Kits
- Home Fire Campaign smoke alarm installations

















# Respond

- Disaster Action Team
- Distribution of Emergency Supplies
- Shelter Support
- Logistics
- Sandbagging

#### Recover

- Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC) Support
- Community Cleanup Efforts
- Telethon/Fundraising Efforts









# Donations Management











## Disaster Volunteer Opportunities

- Short/Long Term
- Numerous Disaster Response Organizations VOAD
- Preparedness/Response/Recovery
- Partnerships



#### Thank You

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