



Chester County LONG TERM RECOVERY COMMITTEE

OUR MOTIVATION

To keep our community prepared for emergencies, Chester County has created a Long Term Recovery Committee in the absence of a disaster. The team was able to incorporate best practices from across the state and country and formally adopted bylaws in May of 2014.

OUR MISSION

The Chester County Long Term Recovery Committee (CCLTRC) is a collaboration of organizations which work to address the unmet needs of residents of Chester County in response to disasters on a case-by-case basis.

OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of the CCLTRC is to provide coordinated management of the long term recovery of residents and provide additional assistance to individuals through Member Organizations and others. Individuals affected by the disaster who do not have adequate personal resources for basic needs as a result of the disaster will be served through the common criteria developed by the Committee. The Committee will respond to needs not met by typical relief systems.

THE BENEFITS

By forming a Long Term Recovery Committee, Chester County can maximize the utilization of available resources, avoid duplicate efforts, and manage the delivery process as needs change over time. Donated materials and labor can help bridge the gap while trained disaster case managers can also help individuals navigate existing human service programs. The Committee will also encourage preparedness efforts and mitigation projects.

**IF OUR MISSION IS IMPORTANT AND RELEVANT TO
YOUR ORGANIZATION, PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US.**

**Contact Janet Zeis at jzeis@chesco.org or 610-344-5014
Visit www.chescostrong.org for more information.**

CCLTRC MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

2-1-1 SEPA • American Red Cross - EPA • Brandywine Health Foundation • Calvary Chapel Chester Springs • Bucks-Chester-Montgomery LINK • Chester County Community Foundation • Chester County Department of Emergency Services • Chester County Department of Human Services • Chester County Economic Development Council • Chester County FIRST • Chester County Food Bank • Chester County Health Department • Chester County Intermediate Unit • Chester County SCORE • Chester County SPCA • Eastern PA United Methodist Church Disaster Response Ministry • Good Works, Inc. • Lutheran Congregational Services • Maternal & Child Health Consortium • PA Recovery Resources Team, PA DCED • Phoenixville Community Health Foundation • Team Rubicon • The Salvation Army • United Way of Chester County • United Way of Greater Phila. & Southern NJ • United Way of Southern Chester County • YMCA of the Brandywine Valley

THE DISASTER CYCLE

PREPARATION needs to be done at all levels, starting with individuals. A good estimate is to be prepared for self-sufficiency for 72 hours. Lots of tips are available at www.readychesco.org

DISASTER! The event itself may be brief or last several days and impact can vary greatly. In Chester County, most emergency events are fire and weather related.

RESPONSE is the phase where life safety is paramount and is handled by fire, ambulance and police personnel.

RECOVERY actually starts right away. Short term needs are provided through response organizations like Red Cross and Salvation Army. Once the response phase ends, the impacted community turns their focus to long-term recovery. Unmet needs are identified and resources are gathered.

MITIGATION lessens the impact of future disasters and can occur before or after a disaster.

Successful recovery requires coordinated community efforts!

HOW CAN ORGANIZATIONS HELP?

- Be aware of your risks and work to minimize potential damage.
- Be informed! Remember the 2-1-1 system and sign up for www.readychesco.org. During a disaster these will be the primary sources for information.
- Have a business continuity plan so that the community can depend on your business's services in the event of an emergency.
- During an event, donations to the committee may be directed to our fiscal sponsor, **United Way of Chester County.**