

## **RCHBA DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM AGREEMENT**

The Rutherford Co. Home Builders Association(RCHBA) Disaster Response Team(DRT) is an all-volunteer organization whose primary purpose is providing specialty construction and demolition emergency assistance to the Rutherford County Emergency Management Agency(RCEMA). In the event of a community disaster or emergency where the resources of the RCEMA become overwhelmed, the RCEMA may have the ability to call upon the trained volunteers of the Disaster Response Team to respond quickly and professionally during the critical response phase to protect and preserve life and property.

Targeted forms of assistance are primarily the delivery and operation of equipment generally usable for clearing obstructed roads and debris removal, including dump trucks, loaders, backhoes, chain saws, and operators along with trained labor for clearing or hand-loading. Secondly, technical assistance may be needed in making structural assessments of damaged buildings and infrastructure. All volunteers will report to and work under the supervision of the Rutherford Co. Emergency Management Agency.

Membership is open to building industry professionals willing to make the commitment to serve their community with their time, knowledge, and resources. Members must attend a training and orientation session of at least 6-8 hours annually from the RCEMA. These classes are available as soon as we have at least 15 participants available to attend and coordinated with the RCEMA. Participation is on a volunteer basis. However, in some cases compensation may be made—but not guaranteed—as part of federal disaster relief programs. RCEMA will work to promote our volunteers by allowing priority status on the awarding of contracts for the recovery phase of a disaster.

The role of the RCHBA is strictly as a facilitator and the RCHBA or RCEMA does not assume liability for the safety of participants or the consequences of participating in this program. Participants understand that there is an inherent risk involved in disaster response, and they agree to strictly adhere to accepted safety practices and to the training, instruction, and directions received from the RCEMA.

### **HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

The undersigned party/parties acknowledge that they are participating in a volunteer relief program through the Rutherford County Homebuilders Association Disaster Response Team to aid victims of natural disaster in Rutherford County. Said party/parties also acknowledge that said volunteer aid will be given in emergency conditions, which will necessarily involve dangerous and potentially life-threatening situations.

It is understood and agreed by the undersigned party/parties that \_\_\_\_\_ has voluntarily chosen to participate with the Rutherford County Homebuilders Association Disaster Response Team. As such, \_\_\_\_\_ agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Rutherford County Homebuilders Association and its fellow volunteers from any and all liability associated with the assistance, assessment, and operations performed during the voluntary clean-up efforts if and when such aid and/or assistance is ever needed.

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Rutherford County Homebuilders Association  
Disaster Response Team

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Volunteer (Signature)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

