

Guidelines for the Distribution of Disaster Responder Identification

The following is proposed as a general guide for the distribution of Disaster Responder Identification, with the realization that the choice and designation of responders will be the responsibility of each agency and that each agency will prepare its own definition of a disaster responder.

Definition of Disaster Responder

A Disaster Responder, for the purpose of gaining access to the Disaster Response Routes, is one whose presence, in the first 72 hours after a major disaster, is required to do one or more of the following:

- transport sick and injured people to places of treatment
- transport displaced people to points of collection (mass transit)
- maintain law and order
- put out fires and control hazards
- maintain traffic control on the disaster response routes
- diagnose, treat, and support the sick and injured
- protect the public health and prevent the spread of communicable disease
- rescue people trapped in damaged structures (trained rescuers, municipal volunteers)
- perform orderly evacuations under police control
- assess damage to the infrastructure
- restore damaged transportation systems in the affected area
- restore telephone communications to the affected area
- restore water supplies to the affected area
- restore gas supplies to the affected area
- restore electricity supplies to the affected area
- manage emergency response and recovery efforts

Only those required in the primary effort and those needed at the EOC's should have access to the Disaster Response Routes.

Use and Distribution of Disaster Responder Identification

Each responder should have two disaster response hangers, one at the office or in the work vehicle, the second at home or in the private vehicle. The hangers will be used only in the event of a disaster. In addition, a small decal of the Disaster Response Route symbol can be affixed to the agency identification card to identify a valid responder.

Disaster responder identification hangers and decals will be manufactured by the Ministry of Transportation designated sign fabricator. The Ministry of Transportation holds the copyright for the disaster response route symbol.

It is anticipated that bulk orders will be made by municipalities, PEP, MoT, utilities companies, police, fire, police, etc., ordering two hangers per potential responder, with additional hangers for anticipated extra hired equipment, volunteers, etc.

The back of the tag has been left blank. The following information should be affixed by adhesive label to the back of the tag when issuing it:

- Name of the agency issuing the tag
- Name of the responder
- Position/Function of the Responder

When a designated responder leaves the employ of the agency or moves to a position in which he/she is not a designated responder, the responder should return the hangers to the agency for storage or reissue.