

Emergency Response Team (ERT)

Sisterhood, Service and Safety



ERT Vision and Mission

The vision of the Delta ERT is to assist the chapters in achieving sound preparedness planning and practices by developing guidelines and references necessary to aid chapter members in their individual and collective preparation, in order to receive expeditious and swift restoration following a disaster.

Increase awareness about emergency preparedness activities

Provide structured and systematic training for the membership's Readiness, Response, and Recovery efforts

Provide steps for early response and efficient recovery

Provide effective and immediate communication strategies to facilitate and aid in preparedness and response

Provide resource support and guidance for sorority members and the communities impacted by natural or man-made disasters



Delta Sigma Theta Emergency Response Plan

Emergency Response Plan

POLICY & ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENTS – DST ERP

PURPOSE OF THE DST ERP:

“The chapter emergency response plan shall be activated when any event that threatens the safety of Sorors and visitors, chapter assets or the environment”

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

The Primary Objectives of the chapter's Emergency Response Plan (ERP) are to:

- Prevent Injury
- Provide shelter
- Evacuate the facility when directed by local, state or federal officials
- Control or lessen threat and control extent of damage.
- Familiarize all chapter members and executive board with Emergency Response Procedures:
 - Protect Chapter Assets
 - Protect against unsafe hazardous conditions
 - Minimize an impact to Sorority Business

Additional Chapter ERP objective may include:

- Prepare and respond to the threat of an emergency or disaster situation.
- Prevent a minor incident from becoming a major disaster.
- Familiarize all chapter members and executive board with Emergency Response Procedures.
 - Protect Chapter Assets
 - Protect against unsafe hazardous conditions.
 - Minimize an impact to Sorority Business.

SHORT/LONG TERM GOALS:

Short Term Goals:

- The Chapter Delta Emergency Response Team (ERT) will engage the Chapter Membership in Emergency Preparedness throughout the Sorority year.
- The Chapter Delta ERT and Executive Leadership will evaluate the current preparedness level of chapter membership.

Long Term Goals:

- Build a preparedness culture within the chapter and encourage Sorors to do the same at work and home.
- Conduct mock exercises of our Chapter Emergency Response Plan which shall include mock fire drills, evacuations, or scenario-based exercises in protecting chapter properties and assets.

Our Chapter Emergency Response Plan helps Sorority leadership evaluate the immediate physical effects of an event or disaster which will disrupt the Chapter's activities and would propose a danger to the safety and well-being of chapter members and visitors.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITY OF DELTA ERT:

Roles and Responsibilities of the Delta Emergency Response Team include, but not limited to:

- Soror and Visitor Evacuation
- Coordinate Sheltering in place
- Coordinate or provide medical assistance (first aid)

Plan

Prepare

Respond

Recover

ERT

Ensuring That **HAC** Is **DELTA READY!!!**

ERT's Role and Responsibility

**The Delta
Emergency
Response Team
goal is to ensure
members shall be
prepared for,
respond to and
recover from
natural and man-
made disasters**

- Review and updated Emergency Response Plan:
 - Ongoing review of plan with chapter members
 - Purchased equipment/materials to complete HAC Emergency Kit (mobile first aid kit, resuscitation masks (for CPR), bull horn loud speaker)
 - Identification cards prepared for members who may require special assistance in the event of an evacuation
 - Planning evacuation drills and table top exercises
- Hurricane Preparedness: Partnership with Houston Office of Emergency Management
- Environmental Emergencies: Partnership with Harris County Pollution Control
- ERT 'Safety Message' at all chapter meetings and public facing events
- 'Delta Ready' Series: Informational flyers, articles, digital links related to Emergency Preparedness, posted in the PEARL and the QUACK related to Emergency Preparedness
- Establishing chapter directory of sorors with current CPR credentials
- Hurricane Preparedness document bags distributed at chapter meetings

National E. R. T. Campaign




Are You Ready? Recommended Disaster Supply Kit

Emergency Identification:

- Duplicate identification for all family members
- Duplicate prescription for medication and glasses
- Contact numbers of family members and meeting point location map
- Duplicate residency verification
- List of valuables for insurance claims

Basic emergency supply kit could include the following recommended items:

- *Water:* one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- *Food:* at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- *First aid kit and thermometer*
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio; NOAA Weather Radio w/ tone alert & extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter in place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener for food
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, paper towels and plastic utensils
- Paper and Pencil
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger
- Cash, travelers checks and rolls of change
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container.
- Change of clothes per family member (long sleeves, long pants, extra shoes)
- Sleeping bags or blankets and pillows
- Childs comfort kit: books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

Additional items may be:

- Infant formula and diapers
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Pet food and extra water for your pet; Pet medical records and prescriptions
- Hearing-aid batteries
- Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes
- Fire extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container. Candles.
- Extra eyeglasses and dentures

Family Activity:

1. Gather items for emergency kit
2. Discuss meeting point location if unable to return home
3. Provide information of meeting point contact to family members.
4. Identify an out-of-town contact as a designated person to call, text, or email

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E -- Emergency Plan for Family

R -- RED Envelope in your purse, car, and community service events

T -- Talk and tell a Soror the time and location of the community event you are attending