

## The Civil Response Network Board of Directors consists of:

### **Vic Anfuso – Christian Copyright Licensing International**

Providing connections to more than 140,000 churches nationwide

### **Wayland Coker – Coker Logistics Solutions**

Logistics consultants to the US DOD & Defense Ministries of the UK, Australia & Canada

### **Hal Donaldson – Convoy of Hope**

Providing disaster relief, building supply lines and sponsoring outreaches to the poor and hurting

### **Kay Hiramine – Humanitarian International Services Group**

Specializes in private sector resource mobilization and management.

### **Michael Mastrodonato – Private Sector Consulting**

A specialized law firm serving the needs of the HISG

### **Mike Servello – Compassion Coalition**

Informs, prepares and unites churches to transform lives and communities

### **Eric Watt – RUN Ministries**

A global network of spiritual leaders

Currently in its initial planning and implementation phase, standing up the CRN into the organization it is envisioned to be will require \$2M in start-up expenses, as well as contributions and volunteers from concerned private sector participants just like you:

- **Coker Logistics Solutions** has volunteered to supply office space, logistical planning and coordination for the CRN in Washington, D.C.
- **Hewlett Packard** has volunteered to supply all the computer and related equipment needed by the CRN.
- **Oracle Advanced Programs Group** has volunteered to supply the CRN with \$3M in logistical software and custom programming.
- **Tulane and Yale Universities** have volunteered to develop and administrate state-of-the-art disaster response volunteer training programs for CRN.

## What can you do?

If you or your organization can help — with funding, resources, coordinators or responders — please contact:

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## To cope with a disaster the size of Hurricane Katrina...



...It Takes a Nation.

**It takes a nation to respond to a disaster.  
It starts with us.**

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## Civil Response Network

BY THE PEOPLE • FOR THE PEOPLE

***“Katrina exposed serious problems in our response capability at all levels of government.”***

*- President George W. Bush*

## **Natural and man-made disasters are on the increase:**

According to *The Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory*, geographic and historical evidence suggests that there are cycles in heat circulation in the Atlantic of 25-50 years, and these produce cycles in hurricane activity. We have been in a period of above-average activity since 1995, and we can expect increased hurricane activity and strength for the next couple of decades.

According to the *US Geological Survey*, the annual number of earthquakes has increased by nearly 50% in the last 30 years.

The *California Seismic Safety Commission* reports that tsunamis pose a significant threat to life and property in California, citing 80 tsunamis that have hit California in the past 150 years.

Officials at all levels of government agree that the likelihood of another major terrorist attack on America is virtually inevitable.

Bird flu threatens a nation-wide pandemic of tragic proportions.

### **Despite these warnings, the United States is poorly prepared to meet the challenges of future disasters:**

- Governmental resources are stretched thin
- Coordination is lacking between government and private sector
- Communications equipment rarely interoperate
- Uncoordinated donation of goods and services hamper first responders
- Many well-intentioned volunteers lack training
- Donor fatigue often leaves long-term initiatives incomplete

### **As a nation, what are we to do?**

### **Where can we find the resources to meet future challenges?**

### **The answer lies in the private sector.**

#### **The private sector is:**

- Faster to respond to emergency needs than the government
- More flexible in adapting to changing situations
- Able to mobilize and apply significant resources long-term
- Knowledgeable of local resources, needs and socio-economic factors
- Networked across local, national and international boundaries
- Possessed of a vested interest in the community



### **Private sector and faith-based response capacity dwarfs that of local, state and federal agencies.**

- Corporations and businesses own and operate 85% of our nation's critical infrastructure; small businesses account for 2/3 of our economy.
- Churches have \$400 billion in liquid assets annually; more than 100M worship weekly.
- Non-governmental organizations supply more than \$1 trillion in goods and services annually.
- Civic groups like the Rotary Club have millions of members willing to help.



***“Despite billions of dollars to boost disaster preparedness at all levels of government, the response to Katrina was plagued by confusion, communication failures and widespread lack of coordination”***

*Susan Collins*

*Senate Homeland Security Committee Chair*

### **What is needed is an organization that can:**

- Facilitate disaster response planning both locally and nationally
- Provide professional logistics and resource management
- Communicate with governmental agencies from a base of knowledge and familiarity
- Coordinate businesses, NGO's, churches, civic groups and governmental agencies
- Train, certify and mobilize an army of coordinators and responders with specialized skill sets
- Provide disaster zone access
- Field Disaster Rapid Assessment and Response Teams
- Manage a nation-wide network of warehouses
- Ensure communications equipment compatibility
- Establish centralized web-based information management
- Set up local and regional coordinating councils
- Institute a Private Sector Integration Center
- Commit resources for long term recovery
- Create disaster-resistant communities



### **The answer is:**

### **The Civil Response Network**

The mission of the Civil Response Network is to alleviate the impact of natural and man-made disasters through networked individual, private sector and faith-based capabilities, coordinated planning and education. Formed as a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, the Civil Response Network is led by some of the most experienced, capable and dedicated logistic and disaster response professionals in our nation.



***“The time has come...to become a full partner in our nation's emergency management system. The vitality and future of our communities depend on it.”***

*James L. Witt,*

*Former Director, FEMA*

### **Charter participants in The Civil Response Network include:**

- Business Executives for National Security
- Christian Copyright Licensing International (CCLI)
- Coker Logistics Solutions
- Convoy of Hope
- Envoy Global Communications
- Forward Edge
- Greater Good Global Support Services
- Hewlett Packard
- Humanitarian International Services Group
- Ministers Fellowship International
- International Medical Relief
- Odyssey Communications Group
- Oracle Advanced Programs Group
- RUN Ministries
- Tulane Center for Disaster Management & Humanitarian Assistance, Payson School of Technology Transfer & Int'l Development
- Yale New Haven Health Systems

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