

Major Disaster → involves a big chunk to all of the ward. Examples might be earthquake, tornado, town of Greybull flooding, major chemical accident down in Greybull. It will likely involve some of the following work crews, evacuation, feeding and housing people in place, creating a communication system. This could also include a major disaster in a neighboring community where we needed to handle medical, housing, food and water for large numbers of people.

Staging areas for work crews, evacuation and or loss of communication? 1 in each end of town and each direction out of town. Parking affects some of the choices. In town the Bishop _____ and _____ The old grade school lot for now provides a bunch of parking near the bishop's and the bunch of LDS homes near _____ possible parking there. South of town the church. West of town _____ East of town _____ and _____. We should know exact location at each staging area where a note can be posted in the event of loss of communications. So for example it might be on the north door of the church. In the event of loss of communications these areas will be vital for gathering work crews and information. The difficulty will be consolidating the information. Likely we will fall back to using just a couple of them to reduce these problems. But until we know what the problem given the spread out nature of our ward we should have all of these known.

Bishopric

The Bishop(ric)s first task is establishing the leadership is functioning and moving in the right direction and then begin overall coordinating. In this type of emergency likely there will be a community command and control center. The bishop likely belongs there once it is established. With him should be either the ward clerk or executive secretary to serve as communications and gopher so the bishop can actively stay involved in command and control. Till that is established use the staging areas as operating bases? Likely the church will be needed for something so another member of the bishopric or remaining ward clerk or secretary belongs here to have keys to as much of the building as possible and the authority to use the building as needed. Likely there will be a work site close to the problem and another member of the bishopric belongs here to organize work crews. That leaves a bishopric member or ward clerk or executive secretary free. They will float to the needed location. That might be organizing another work crew at a different staging area, being the gopher for the main work crew person or doing something out at the church like organizing evacuation or traveling around building and maintaining a list of members found and okay. The bishopric primary responsibility in this leadership, establishing and maintaining communications, maintaining list of ward members safe and those affected or unknown, and calling in supplies if needed.

High Priests

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Sunday School

The Presidency should contact each other where possible and the HP group leader for assignment. Likely their task in the short term will be beginning getting work crews set up and seeing about the temporal needs while the other organizations complete the check on the welfare of the ward. From there as needed either filling in gaps in leadership or joining assigned work crews as priesthood leadership frees up and takes over.

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Local disaster → involves an area in the community. Examples might be localized flooding, tornado, fire, chemical spill, terrorist incident or the bus accident. Loss of communications is unlikely in this event but still possible. Maybe use the staging area closest the problem as initial communication point and where to expect to find a bishopric member? If rides were done from there it would prevent a parking traffic jam near the problem as work crews are brought in.

Bishopric

In this type of emergency likely the bishopric will be needed in 2 places for this type of emergency. At or near the site of the emergency and out at the church. The church is a likely staging area for the hospital and temporary shelter so at least one bishopric member should be there. Another bishopric member either on the scene or at the nearest staging area.

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Small disaster → Involves no more than a couple homes or families. Homes burning down or flooding would be possible examples here.

Bishopric involvement here is as needed but should mostly fall on the auxiliaries. Coordinating the auxiliaries and possible help through fast offering funds should be the bishoprics responsibility here.

Other Auxiliaries: this type of emergency the primary leadership and responsibility should fall to the High Priests, Elders Quorum and Relief society with other auxiliaries called on as needed. With all leadership reporting back to the bishopric with actions taken and needs.