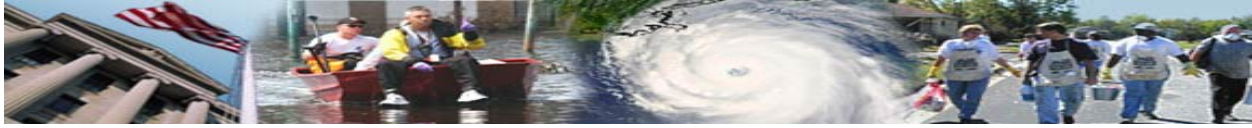


Good Samaritan Entity Liability Protection



Lessons Learned in 2007

- **Building a strong coalition in your state is essential to success.** State level coalitions - comprised of interested stakeholders from public health, emergency management, business and non-profit entities, professional associations, and academia - will play a critical role in achieving Good Samaritan Entity Liability Protection. See the membership list of the Emergency Volunteer Action Network (EVAN) for information on national organizations – most with member organizations in all 50 states – that have expressed their willingness to participate in a state coalitions aimed at improving emergency legal preparedness.
- **Public sector agencies should all be on the same page.** Public health and emergency management are two key executive branch stakeholders who need to be in early agreement. In addition, the attorney general's office and the office of the governor should be consulted at an appropriate point in the development process.
- **Reach out to businesses most affected by emergencies and disasters.** Identify the local business most affected by types of events/disasters most common in your state. Carefully consider such areas as health care, transportation, utilities, food services, and communication that would play a vital role in most types of public/private response scenarios. Many private entities have already developed their own continuity of operations plans and are independently considering issues relating to liability exposure.
- **Partner with your state and local Chamber of Commerce and Business Executives for National Security.** It is possible that the U.S. Chambers of Commerce, and/or the Business Executives for National Security (BENS) are already aware of these initiatives. If not, you can obtain information from their national headquarters.
- **Partner with non-profits involved in disaster response.** Non-profit sector organizations most impacted by liability issues include health non-profits, volunteer clinics, traditional volunteer organizations (American Red Cross and Salvation Army), churches, and those that serve children, the elderly, and disabled persons. Experienced non-profits can be very effective in advocacy and coalition-building efforts.
- **Include professional associations in your coalition.** A special group of non-profits to consider are the local or state chapters of various professional organizations for physicians, nurses, lawyers, architects, social workers, etc. Many national level professional associations are already aware of Good Samaritan Entity Liability Protection initiative and can assist in making contact with state level associations.