

Attachment "B"

**International Conference
of Police Chaplains
Disaster Response Committee**

July 14, 2003

After evaluating the September 11, 2001, Disaster Response After Action Study, titled "*I went as a Servant not a Messiah*" on July 8, 2002, the ICPC Disaster Response Committee identified a list of 21 questions, intended to stimulate discussion regarding the activities of the ICPC and its members in response to that disaster. The purpose of this discussion was to determine if there were concepts or actions that should be pursued in preparation for ICPC responses to future disasters.

On September 14, 2002, **Delphi Round One**, was distributed. On November 26, 2002, **Delphi Round Two** was distributed. The final priorities, as registered by the members of the ICPC Disaster Response Committee After Action Task Force, were received and compiled. These responses constitute the bases for this report and recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Whitelock". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

ICPC Disaster Response Committee, Chair

Attachments:

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Item 1

Whereas it is the finding of the DRC that the ICPC needs a set of Standing Operating Procedures and policies that cover the work of the Disaster Response Committee, the allocation of finances, the training, credentialing and utilization of ICPC members at times of qualifying incidents, and the support, supervision, debriefing, and evaluation of ICPC members when so utilized;

And, whereas it is the opinion of the then active Executive Director and the members of the DRC that the existing 6/29/95 Major Disaster Response Plan For Law Enforcement Chaplains was inadequate to the task at hand on September 11, 2001;

It is **moved** and **seconded** by the DRC that the Board of Directors direct and empower the DRC to develop and present for adoption at the 2004 meeting of the Board of Directors, a set of Standing Operating Procedures and policies that cover the work of the Disaster Response Committee, the allocation of finances, the training, credentialing, and utilization of ICPC members at times of qualifying incidents, and the support, supervision, debriefing, and evaluation of ICPC members when so utilized, which will reflect the insights and recommendations provided through the September 11, 2001, Disaster After action Study and subsequent discussion stemming from the 21 questions identified by the DRC.

Item 2

Whereas it is the finding of the DRC that questions regarding the observance of professional ethics and standards of conduct, due process, and sanctions regarding the conduct of ICPC Disaster Responders constitute an intense concern for many members;

It is **moved** and **seconded** by the DRC that the Board of Directors request the Chair of the Ethics Committee to designate a liaison to work with the DRC as we address this concern in discharge of our responsibilities under Item 1.

Item 3

Whereas it is the finding of the DRC that questions regarding training, experience, qualifications, and credentials regarding the selection of ICPC Disaster Responders constitute a consistent concern for many members;

It is **moved** and **seconded** by the DRC that the Board of Directors request the Chair of the Continuing Education, the Academic Credentials Registrar, and the Chair of the Certification Committees to designate a liaison from each committee to work with the DRC as we address this concern in discharge of our responsibilities under Item 1.

Item 4

Whereas it is the finding of the DRC that ICPC Disaster Responders are expected to exercise ecumenical, inter-denominational, and interfaith sensitivity as a part of cross cultural respect and tolerance in the ministry of presence;

And, whereas it seems appropriate to identify, organize, and disseminate information and resources, which highlight the essential elements of belief, practice, and customs of all major faith groups;

It is **moved** and **seconded** by the DRC that the Board of Directors request the Chair of the Worship Committee to designate a liaison to work with the DRC as we address this concern in discharge of our responsibilities under Item 1

Item 5

Whereas it is the finding of the DRC that ICPC members are concerned about error and omissions coverage or Liability Insurance, both to protect themselves and the ICPC;

It is **moved** and **seconded** by the DRC that the Board of Directors request the Executive Committee to direct this concern to the appropriate insurance and legal resources and provide definitive guidance to the DRC as they develop a set of Standing Operating Procedures and policies in discharge of our responsibilities under Item 1.

Item 6

Whereas it is the finding of the DRC that the disposition of cash donations or “in kind” donations relating to a disaster, when solicited or accepted in the field and in the name or under the aegis of the ICPC, need to be tracked and accounted for:

And, whereas funds designated for “Disaster Response” need to be identified and protected by the financial policies of the ICPC for use in supporting disaster response efforts;

It is **moved** and **seconded** by the DRC that the Board of Directors request the Chair of the Finance Committee to designate a liaison to work with the DRC as we address this concern in discharge of our responsibilities under Item 1

Item 7

Whereas it is the finding of the DRC that ICPC members selected for disaster response need an appropriate, standardized means of identification;

It is **moved** and **seconded** by the DRC that the Board of Directors request the Executive Director to work with the DRC, in creating an appropriate ID instrument to address this issue.

Item 8

Whereas it is the finding of the DRC that ICPC members selected for disaster response desire an appropriate, standardized uniform, jacket, or vest;

It is **moved** and **seconded** by the DRC that the Board of Directors request the Assistant Executive Director to work with the DRC in creating an appropriate garment, which if approved by the Board of Directors in 2004, will be sold through the ICPC to Disaster Responders.

Item 9

Whereas it is the opinion of the DRC that the ICPC's unique contribution to disaster response is our membership's demonstrated affinity and skills for relating to the law enforcement, fire, and emergency first responder communities;

And, whereas it is not the mission of the ICPC to shadow or reproduce the work of other disaster response service providers such as the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, NOVA, FEMA, Fire Chaplains, etc., but rather to cooperate with them as needed;

And, whereas Letters of Understanding, Mutual Aid Agreements, and other instruments of cooperation will help to define our relationship with these other national organizations;

It is **moved** and **seconded** by the DRC that the Board of Directors direct and empower the DRC to initiate communications with such organizations as may seem appropriate to determine the procedures and feasibility for establishing Letters of Understanding or other Mutual Aid Agreements whereby cooperative disaster response agreements may be negotiated.

Item 10

Whereas it is the finding of the DRC that the threat of national disasters is a continuing reality; that the commitment of the ICPC to disaster response is enduring; and that the work of the committee is ongoing;

It is **moved** and **seconded** by the DRC that the Board of Directors initiate those actions necessary to have the Disaster Response Committee designated as a Standing Committee.