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Disaster Training and Consulting

- Nonprofit or nongovernmental organizations
- Faith-based organizations and congregations of all faiths
- Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP)
- Business Continuity Planning (BCP)
- Neighborhood Planning—ResilientSF

Why We're Here

San Francisco Community Agencies Responding to Disaster (SF CARD) is a nonprofit organization that provides free disaster preparedness services, programs and resources to San Francisco human services nonprofit agencies and faith-based organizations. Our goal is to create a disaster resilient community by strengthening essential organizations' capacity to perform their critical missions long after a disaster strikes.

Preparing Agencies for Tomorrow's Disaster

SF CARD's highly trained staff consults with organizations to assist them with continuity of operations plans, identify and obtain emergency supplies, train their employees and volunteers in staff readiness and emergency management, drill and exercise, and connect them with the emergency response and recovery structure of their jurisdiction.

Our Programs and Services

SF CARD works together with other community organizations and customizes on-site programs so that organizations can respond effectively to any emergency that might arise. We strengthen communities and empower organizations by offering lasting solutions to create a "culture of preparedness" in order to meet tomorrow's challenges.

Our programs focus on the following areas:

- Enabling and empowering organizations to become disaster resilient
- Facilitating interaction and development of a multi-sector response and recovery network
- Responding to disasters and assisting with long-term recovery
- Strengthening organizations' emergency plans and exercising organizational readiness





Our Stories

SF CARD works closely with organizations to make a difference.



SF CARD and St. Anthony Foundation staff worked together to create a defined disaster mission. L-R Tessa Williams, Chuck Burks, Elisabeth Whitney, Cissie Bonini, Alessa Adamo, Frances Tolero, Kelvin Anderson, and Brian Whitlow

▶ St. Anthony Foundation has been an anchor in the Tenderloin helping to restore dignity and stabilize residents who depend on them everyday for food, health services, and compassion. SF CARD helped St. Anthony create a defined disaster mission that includes emergency generators, communication systems, and first aid equipment. This mission also includes an emergency food supply, which can be distributed without cooking for the first days after a disaster. SF CARD trained staff to conduct emergency drills and stay connected with other organizations in the Tenderloin so that they will be ready when extraordinary circumstances call them to action.

▶ San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium worked with SF CARD to challenge themselves and member clinics to create continuity of operations plans so they will be able to continue to provide health services in the aftermath of a disaster. SF CARD has been instrumental in bringing the city's public health sector to a higher level of preparedness.

▶ Providence Baptist Church and the Providence Foundation, the non-profit philanthropic arm of the church, has become a disaster-resilient organization by undergoing intense planning and training with SF CARD and affiliated partners. Through this training and a deep commitment to disaster preparedness, Providence is ready to act as a community focal point for distributing food and goods, sharing information, and sheltering after a disaster. SF CARD teamed up to prepare the staff to take a post-disaster leadership role to fulfill Providence's commitment to provide community services to Bay View/Hunters Point residents and beyond.

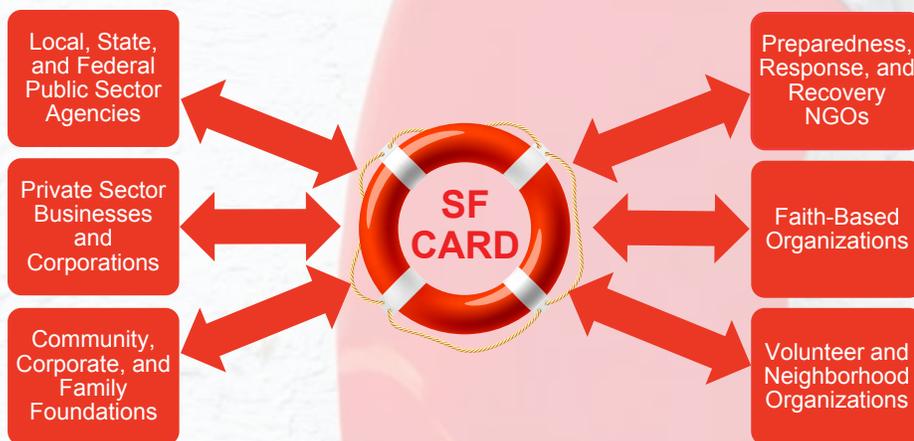


CPR training at the neighborhood disaster readiness conference in the Bayview District.

In alliance with community partners, SF CARD strives to develop and maintain a culture of preparedness.

As one of the most respected and well-established intermediary agencies dedicated to organizational disaster resilience, SF CARD is an essential link between the public sector first responders and nonprofit and faith-based organizations in disaster response and recovery efforts.

Cross-Sector Partnerships



Creating and maintaining strategic cross-sector relationships allows SF CARD to serve as a pivotal focal point for information and resource coordination.

Community Representation

- Recognized by the City and County of San Francisco as the networking agency and liaison for the nonprofit and faith-based community
- Member of the San Francisco VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters), and recognized by Northern California VOAD and National VOAD
- Representation on the Statewide Nonprofit and Faith-based Sector Committee of the Earthquake Country Alliance
- Member of the Chinatown Disaster Preparedness Committee
- Member of Citizen Corps, the San Francisco Mayor's Disaster Council and the San Francisco Mayor's Office on Disability
- Partners with California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA), California Volunteers, FEMA, the American Red Cross, San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco Department of Emergency Management, and others

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