



The Responder

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AR-CRT Responds to Hurricanes Charley and Jean

As NOVA President and Chair of the Florida Crisis Response Team, I can honestly say that 2004 was a year of accomplishments for NOVA crisis response teams. On behalf of NOVA and Florida, I want to thank AR-CRT for their assistance to the victims of the 2004 hurricanes. The benefit of your crisis interventions was immeasurable. Thank you, Arkansas!

Beth Rossman, NOVA President
Team Leader
Florida Crisis Response Team



As Team Leader for the first Arkansas Deployment, I especially appreciated the team's willingness and ability to be flexible, and then go on to perform well, within the chaotic and unpredictable circumstances we found ourselves in each day. We were given the opportunity to serve in the Martin County Disaster Relief Center [DRC] as well as partnering with the FEMA Community Relations Teams. Both assignments were on the cutting edge of the disaster relief effort in that county.

Gray LeMaster, Team Leader
Hurricane Charley
First Florida Team Deployment
AR-CRT



As Team Manager for the second team, I came to a new understanding of flexibility. The old Marine Recon adage "adapt and improve" became our slogan at the Disaster Recovery Center in the Lee County Public Works Building. We came as a team, but we were also "building" a team as we joined with FEMA in expanding services provided to victims of multiple hurricanes. Every event or call-out should be viewed in this light - no matter how good it was - "how can we make it better?" I believe there are endless opportunities for AR-CRT to assist in "making it better."

Rev. Steve Farmer,
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Second Florida Team
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