

HOUSE STAFF CALLED TO ASSIST IN THE EVENT OF A DISASTER

In the event of a disaster affecting VUMC or the surrounding region, House Staff may be called on to assist by doing tasks and/or covering shifts or rotations that are different than their usual duties as determined to be appropriate with training and supervision, including additional training if necessary. These will be in line with appropriate rules and regulations by ACGME and/or other accrediting organizations, in order to ensure that duties do not preclude completion or progression in the House Staff training program.

In order to be as prepared as possible for a disaster, House Staff should do the following:

- Complete annual training on Learning Exchange.
- Familiarize themselves with the Quick Reference Guide and know the specific emergency response plans for each area in which they work and where these plans are documented. Since the most common disaster threat to the region is tornados, House Staff should especially learn plans for responding to a tornado threat in each area.
- Participate in drills – such as fire drills – whenever possible.
- Learn the emergency response plans for any location outside of VUMC where they rotate. Note that overhead announcement codes for other institutions may be different than they are at VUMC.

More information about emergency preparedness at VUMC is available here:

<https://emergency.vanderbilt.edu/vumc/index.php>. The VUMC Department of Emergency Preparedness is also available to provide guidance or give presentations (if requested).