

How would you like to help your community?

Roles of Qualified Community Responders and Volunteers

The Qualified Community Responder Program



- BP is working in conjunction with the states of Alabama, Mississippi and Florida and their unemployment agencies to identify individuals who want to be trained to be ready to help prevent, respond to and mitigate the impacts of oil contamination on the shoreline.
- BP is building a team of 4,100 Qualified Community Responders (QCRs) to help with clean-up efforts in oil-contaminated areas in Mississippi, Alabama and the Florida Gulf Coast.
- Should oil reach southern shores, the QCRs will receive training and be prepared to jump into action, protecting local beaches.
- This is a reserve corps of individuals who reside in the county in which they will be working should a need arise.



Volunteer vs. Qualified Community Responder (QCR)



Volunteers	Qualified Community Responders
<p>Member of the local community willing to step in and assist in a wide variety of ways to support the oil clean-up effort.</p>	<p>A Qualified Community Responder (QCR) is a local resident who is trained and employed* to help with clean up efforts in oil-contaminated areas should a need arise.</p> <p>*Employed through a BP contractor</p> <p><u>QCR duties:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rake, shovel and remove debris • Patrol beaches to determine the need for beach clean-up in event of oil contamination. • Operate bobcat-type equipment • Operate power washer to clean rocks • Place oil-absorbent material on shoreline

I am best fitted as a Volunteer if:



1. I would like to help preserve the beaches and wildlife in my state.
2. I am at least 18 years old.
3. I am not interested in potentially being paid for my time.
4. I am able to attend a 30 to 45 minute environmental training session offered for free in my area.

Who manages the volunteers?



- The volunteer program operates under the direction of each state:
 - Florida (www.volunteerflorida.org)
 - Alabama (www.servealabama.gov)
 - Mississippi (www.volunteermississippi.org)

I am best fitted as a Qualified Community Responder (QCR) if:
(Must answer “yes” to all 9 questions)



1. I would like to get paid.
2. I live in Alabama, Florida or Mississippi and reside in one of the following counties:
 - Alabama: Baldwin or Mobile
 - Florida: Bay, Escambia, Franklin, Gulf, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Wakulla or Walton
 - Mississippi: Harrison, Hancock or Jackson
6. I am at least 18 years old.
7. I am authorized to work in the United States.
8. I agree to an alcohol and drug screening and a background check.
9. I am able to attend training courses ranging from 4 to 40 hours in length.
10. I would like to work along oil-impacted shorelines.
11. I am available on a 24/7 standby basis.

Qualified Community Responder Tasks:



- Remove debris on beach in preparation for potential oil contamination.
- Walk beaches as spotters to identify and report potential oil materials.
- Carrying or handling materials and supplies.
- Wiping or washing oil covered items.
- Removing trash and other debris.
- Staffing of warehouses and material staging areas.
- Raking, shoveling debris.
- With proper training, operate bobcats for debris removal and power wash rocks.



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Qualified Community Responder Hiring Requirements:



- Successful completion of:
 - An alcohol and drug test;
 - A background check; and
 - 4 to 40 hours of training, depending on job need.
- Ability to:
 - Stand for long periods of time;
 - Walk long distances; and
 - Perform repetitive bending and lifting activities.
- Availability to respond on short notice and work as many as 80 hours within a seven day period.
- Proof of residency and eligibility to work in the United States is required.



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Beach Clean-up Process



<p>Now:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Conduct reconnaissance survey •Segment the shoreline •Assign teams and conduct shoreline surveys •Monitor effectiveness of clean-up •Post clean-up inspections •Teams of 2 to 5 •Operates under federal government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Determine Scope •Determine Scale •Determine Approach •Operates under BP in conjunction with federal agencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Carry or handle materials and supplies •Rake or shovel debris •Operate bobcats or power washers to clean rocks and beach areas •Wipe or wash oil covered items •Remove trash and other debris •Teams of 10+ •Operates under the QCR program
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Typical day for QCR crew member:



- Arrive at pre-designated meeting point to board bus and travel to clean-up location.
- Receive equipment (shovels, rakes, clean-up bags) for beach clean-up duties.
- Receive personal protective equipment required for duties (gloves, eye protection, etc.).
- Work 10-hour days with regular breaks for meals, hydration, comfort stations.
- Take breaks in tents with equipment set up for cooling.
- Transport debris-filled bags in all-terrain vehicles to pick-up points.

Florida: 200 QCR's per county



- 8 COUNTIES
 - Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Gulf, Franklin & Wakulla
- Shoreline:
 - Escambia: 278 miles
 - Santa Rosa: 450 miles
 - Okaloosa: 172 miles
 - Walton: 300 miles
 - Bay: 597 miles
 - Gulf: 299 miles
 - Franklin: 738 miles
 - Wakulla: 495 miles

Alabama: 500 QCR's per county



- 2 Counties
 - Baldwin & Mobile
- Shoreline:
 - Baldwin: 897 miles
 - Mobile: 721 miles

Mississippi: 500 QCR's per county



- Counties:
 - Hancock, Harrison & Jackson
- Shoreline:
 - Hancock: 385 miles
 - Harrison: 487 miles
 - Jackson: 994 miles

How to become a Qualified Community Responder:



- Alabama: www.joblink.alabama.gov
- Florida:
 - Escambia & Santa Rosa Counties: www.workforceescarosa.com
 - Okaloosa & Walton Counties: www.jobsplusonestop.com
 - Bay, Gulf, & Franklin Counties: www.workforcecenter.org
 - Wakulla County: www.wfplus.com
- Mississippi: www.mdes.ms.gov/Home/findWinJobClaimCenter.html
- Unsuccessful candidates will be paid for the time spent processing and training, which is expected to be approximately 10 hours of time in total.
- Successful candidates will be processed as “pending.” Training is no guarantee of an opportunity to work. If oil never reaches the shore, QCRs may not be needed.

Unemployment Agencies



- Florida
 - Escambia & Santa Rosa Counties
 - Workforce Escarosa, <http://www.workforceescarosa.com>
 - Okaloosa & Walton Counties
 - Workforce Development of Okaloosa & Walton Counties, <http://www.jobstoponestop.com>
 - Bay, Gulf & Franklin Counties
 - GulfCoast Workforce Development Board, <http://www.workforcecenter.org>
 - Wakulla County
 - Workforce Plus, <http://www.wfplus.com>
- Alabama
 - Mobile & Baldwin Counties
 - Go to www.joblink.alabama.gov
- Mississippi
 - Hancock, Harrison & Jackson Counties
 - Go to <http://www.mdes.ms.gov/Home/index.html>. Click on “Oil Spill Related Jobs.”

Thank you!



- BP would like to thank you for playing an active role in keeping the beaches clean and beautiful.
- Through the Qualified Community Responder Program, BP aspires to give local residents an opportunity to get involved in response efforts and provide potential employment opportunities to those whose counties are affected the most.



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