



Essential Employee Verification

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The holder of this letter is a trained member of Minuteman Disaster Response and must be free to engage in his/her work in repairing critical infrastructure.

Minuteman Disaster Response (MDR) is a first-responder support team comprised of well-trained volunteers based in McKinney, Texas. MDR uses the NIMS ICS management system to provide significant aid to disaster victims and emergency personnel. Our volunteers are trained in all areas of disaster relief, including Debris Cleanup, Resource Management, Search & Rescue, First Aid, Emergency Communications and Command Structure.

As a volunteer organization designed to support emergency personnel and victims of a weather-related disasters, MDR has been designated by the US Department of Homeland Security as essential to repairing critical infrastructure.

As such, please be aware that members of MDR are therefore “Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers” and should be considered exempt from local restrictions such as curfew, shelter-in-place orders, and other mobility restrictions, which would inhibit their ability to freely carry out their duties, including traveling to/returning from a designated weather-related disaster areas, or otherwise performing disaster relief functions.

MDR asks that you allow this individual to continue with the performance of his/her duties so that they may appropriately respond to the critical relief

Please call (214) 585-2411 immediately with questions and/or concerns.

Regards,
Matt Payne, Executive Director

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- Public, private, and voluntary personnel (front line and management) in emergency management, law enforcement, fire and rescue services, emergency medical services, and private security, to include public and private hazardous material responders, air medical service providers (pilots and supporting technicians), corrections, and search and rescue personnel.
- Workers who support weather disaster / natural hazard mitigation and prevention activities.