



LIONS

ALERT

“Preparedness, Response, Relief and Mitigation”

District 410C

Lions **ALERT** Program and Plan

Revised February 2011

Vision:

“Support Disaster Management and Emergency Services during Disasters and/or Emergencies”

This is in line with Lions Clubs International Mission for the Lions ALERT Program

“To provide Lions with a standardised structure and network to deliver needed services to people in emergency situations”

Purpose:

A cohesive ALERT Policy and Program for Multiple District 410 that must be utilised from Multiple District to Club level.

Strategy:

Each club must have a Safety Officer who is also the ALERT coordinator.

This portfolio is held for a minimum of 3 years.

Databases must be created at Club level of resources available to themselves in case of an emergency i.e.:

- Resources of the Lions Club – (Clubhouse, halls etc)
- Resources of the Lions member – (Vehicle, individual expertise etc)

Club ALERT coordinators to register at the local Disaster Management Centre / Local Authority to inform them of the service and assistance that the respective Club can offer.

Where there is more than one Club in one a Local Authority area then a Regional ALERT Coordinator is to be elected who will register with the Local Disaster Management Centre / Local Authority.

Database of each Clubs resources is to be forwarded to the District Chairperson who will then formulate a District ALERT Database.

District Chairperson for ALERT will register with their respective Provincial Disaster Management Centre (PDMC) and inform them of the services and resources that the different Lions Club’s can offer.

- 410 A - Western Cape, portion of Northern Cape and Namibia
- 410 B - Gauteng, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, North West and Swaziland
- 410 C - KZN, Free State and portion of Northern Cape
- 410 D - Eastern Cape and portion of Western Cape

District Chairperson to register with the PDMC (Provincial Disaster Management Centre) as follows:

- 410 A – Western, Northern Cape & Namibia
- 410 B – Gauteng, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, North West & Swaziland
- 410 C – KZN & Free State and
- 410 D – Eastern Cape.

Multiple District Chairperson will register with National Disaster Management Centre (NMDC).

ALERT coordinators at all levels are to be adequately trained as per the approved training of Multiple District 410.

Lion's members should not be specially or specifically trained for anything outside their own field of expertise.

Reporting:

All club ALERT coordinators must report on the ALERT program at Club business meetings.

All clubs must report on the status of the ALERT program to the Zone Chairperson and to the District Chairperson for ALERT.

Reports are to be in the prescribed ALERT reporting format.

The District Chairperson for ALERT will formulate a report which is presented to their respective District Cabinet and forwarded to the Multiple District Chairperson for ALERT.

Multiple District Chairperson for ALERT will formulate a report which will be presented to Multiple District Council on the status of the ALERT program.

Partnership with the International Federation of Red Cross (IFRC)

Lions Clubs International (LCI) and the International Federation of Red Cross (IFRC) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions, so as to strengthen the role the volunteers play in preparing for disasters and in responding to disasters and emergencies at a local level.

It is noted by the Multiple District and who will assist the International Federation of Red Cross when requested and are able to in terms of the Lions ALERT assistance program listed.

Lions ALERT assistance Program:

Assistance will be provided per the resources available as per the database of each respective Lions Club.

Assistance can only be provided in an area where there is a Lions Club which covers that specific area and where the Club has adequate resources available.

Assistance can also be provided where Clubs have adequate resources to assist outside their Clubs area of concern and the respective Club is willing to assist.

Lions ALERT Branding:

Each Club must provide the Lions ALERT coordinator with the prescribed Lions ALERT Coordinators Safety Jacket.

Club must ensure that there are sufficient ALERT Safety Jackets for Lions participating in ALERT projects.

All Lions members participating in ALERT projects must wear the prescribed ALERT Safety Jacket.

Lion ALERT Projects are also part of normal Clubs projects.