

Laws Protecting Disaster Workers

- A. California Emergency Services Act, Government Code Ch. 7, Div. I of Title 2 Includes Rules and Regulations regarding the registration of volunteer disaster workers.
- B. California Disaster Act, Art. 10, Sect. 1591 (b) Establishes liability limits for registered disaster volunteers.

"No political subdivision, municipal corporation or other public agency under any circumstances, nor the officers, employees, agents, or duly enrolled or registered volunteers thereof, or unregistered persons duly impressed into service during a state of disaster or a state of extreme emergency, acting within the scope of their official duties under this chapter or any local ordinance shall be liable for personal injury or property damage sustained by any duly enrolled or registered volunteer engaged in or training for disaster preparedness or relief activity

Good Samaritan Liability, Calif. Civil Code, Ch. 9, Sect. 1799.102 Emergency care at the scene of a emergency.

"No person who, in **GOOD FAITH** and not for compensation, renders emergency care at the scene of an emergency shall be liable for any civil damages resulting from any act or omission. The scene of an emergency shall not include emergency departments and other places where medical care is usually offered. "

Civil Code, Sect. 1714.5 Establishes exemptions from liability,

" NO disaster service worker who is performing disaster service ordered by lawful authority during a state of war emergency, a state of emergency, or a local emergency, as such emergencies are defined in Section 8558 of the Government Code, shall be liable for civil damages on account of personal injury to or death of any person or damage to property resulting from any act or omission in the line of duty, except one that is willful".