

Code of Ethics for the Yavapai County Community Organizations Active in Disaster



Preamble

As dedicated professionals committed to serving and protecting the public in times of crisis and emergency, we adhere to the following code of ethics. Our fundamental principles of integrity, compassion, and professionalism guide our actions, ensuring that we fulfill our responsibilities with unwavering dedication and the highest standards of conduct without discrimination.

1. Duty to Serve:

We acknowledge our primary duty is to save lives, alleviate suffering, and protect property. We shall respond promptly and effectively to all emergencies and disasters.

2. Integrity:

We shall maintain the highest level of honesty, truthfulness, and accountability in our actions. Our words and actions shall be consistent with our commitment to public service.

3. Respect for Human Dignity:

We shall treat all individuals with respect and compassion, regardless of their race, religion, nationality, gender, age, or socioeconomic status. We will not discriminate or engage in any form of harassment.

4. Professional Competence:

We shall continually strive to enhance our skills and knowledge to perform our duties effectively and safely. We shall maintain certifications and qualifications as required by the type of support we provide.

5. Confidentiality:

We shall safeguard all confidential information obtained during the course of our duties. Personal and sensitive information shall not be disclosed, except when required by law or in the interest of public safety.

6. Ethical Decision Making:

We shall make decisions based on the best interests of the public, considering safety, legality, and fairness. Personal beliefs and biases shall not interfere with professional judgment.

7. Accountability and Transparency:

We shall be accountable for our actions and accept responsibility for any mistakes or failures. We shall be transparent in our actions and decisions, subject to applicable laws and regulations.

8. Teamwork and Cooperation:

We recognize the importance of collaboration and shall work together with other agencies, organizations, and individuals to achieve common goals. We shall respect and support each other.

9. Preservation of Resources:

We shall use resources judiciously, avoiding waste and misuse. We will work to protect the environment and public assets in the course of our duties.

10. Legal Compliance:

We shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and policies governed by the state of Arizona. Any violations shall be reported and addressed through appropriate channels.

11. Continuous Improvement:

We commit to ongoing self-assessment and development, both individually and within our respective groups, to improve our performance and better serve the community.

12. Reporting Unethical Conduct:

We shall report any unethical conduct or violations of this code observed within our organization or partner agencies through appropriate channels, without fear of reprisal.

By following this code of ethics, we pledge our commitment to upholding the highest standards of conduct and professionalism in our roles as emergency responders, volunteers, and government employees. We recognize that adherence to this code is essential to maintain public trust and ensure the safety and well-being of those we serve.