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- 1982 - 1986 University of Washington  
College of Forest Resources, Forest Resource Mgt
- 1982 - 1990 USFS (Wenatchee NF, Chelan Ranger District)  
US NPS (Mt Rainier, North Cascades, Olympic NP)  
Seattle Water Department – Cedar River Watershed
- 1990 - 2016 Bellevue Police Department  
Patrol / Field Operations  
Investigations  
Community Services  
Administration
- 2021 - 2025 Team Rubicon - Greyshirt and Volunteer Leader  
Planning, Liaison, Training,  
Command & General Staff,  
Chainsaw and Heavy Equipment Operations



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# WHO WE ARE

TEAM RUBICON IS A **VETERAN-LED HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATION THAT SERVES GLOBAL COMMUNITIES** BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER DISASTERS AND CRISES.



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15 years (2010-2025)

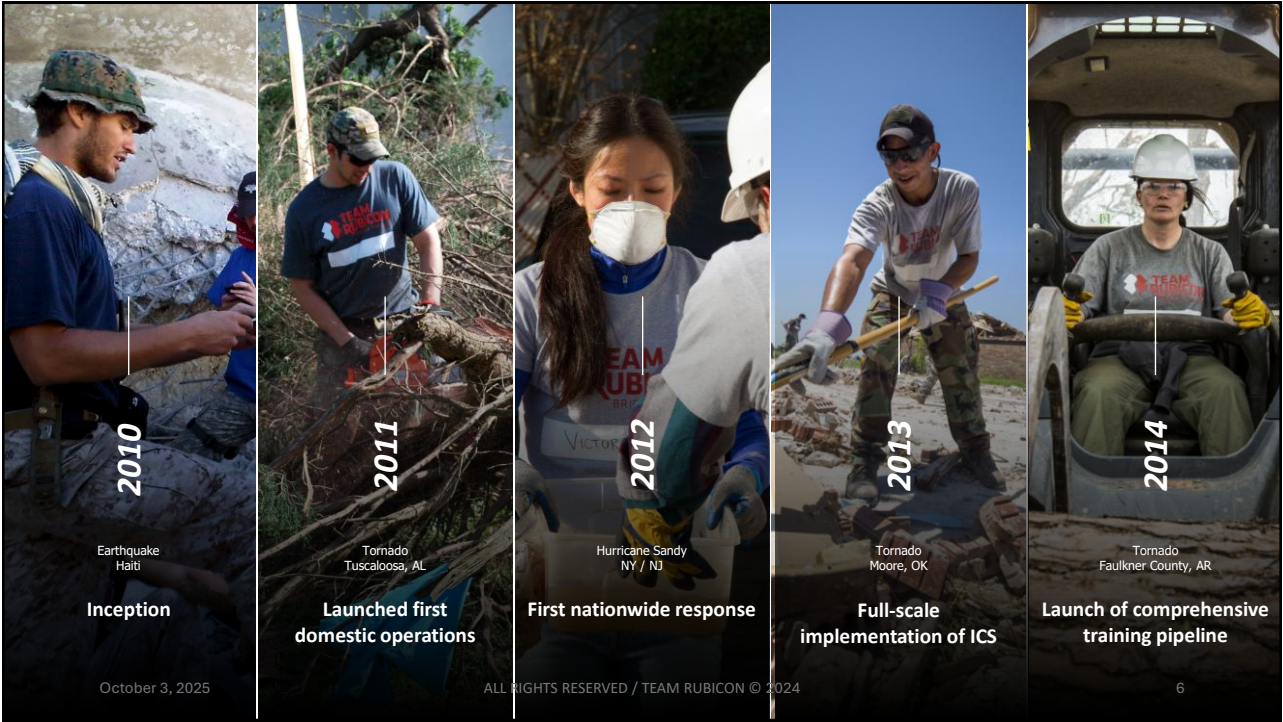
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2015

Flood Wimberley, TX

Decentralized operational response

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2016

Flood Houston, TX

Opened National Operations Center in Dallas, TX

2017

Hurricane Irma Collier County, FL

Launch of Rebuild pilot programs

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2018

Hurricane Florence Wilmington, NC

Classified WHO EMT-1 Mobile Team

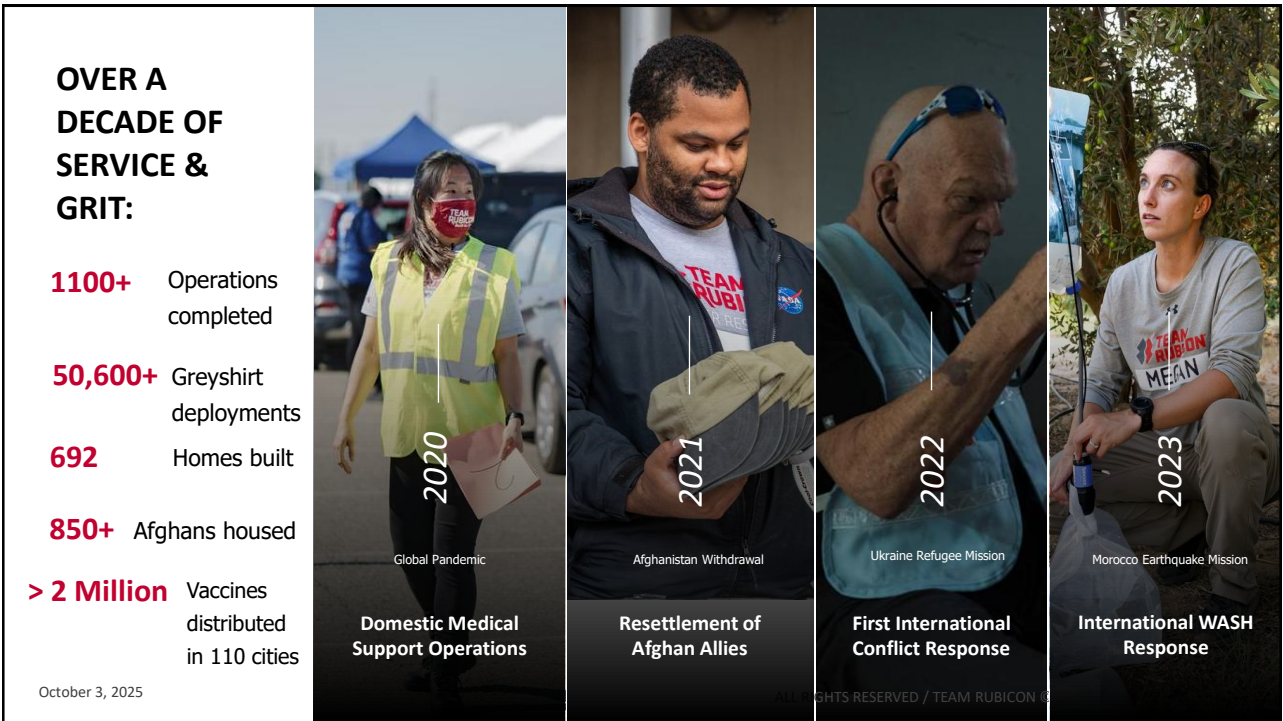
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Cyclones Idai & Kenneth Mozambique

Completed over 100 Ops/Year

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**OVER A DECADE OF SERVICE & GRIT:**

- 1100+** Operations completed
- 50,600+** Greyshirt deployments
- 692** Homes built
- 850+** Afghans housed
- > 2 Million** Vaccines distributed in 110 cities

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2020

Global Pandemic

Domestic Medical Support Operations

2021

Afghanistan Withdrawal

Resettlement of Afghan Allies

2022

Ukraine Refugee Mission

First International Conflict Response

2023

Morocco Earthquake Mission

International WASH Response

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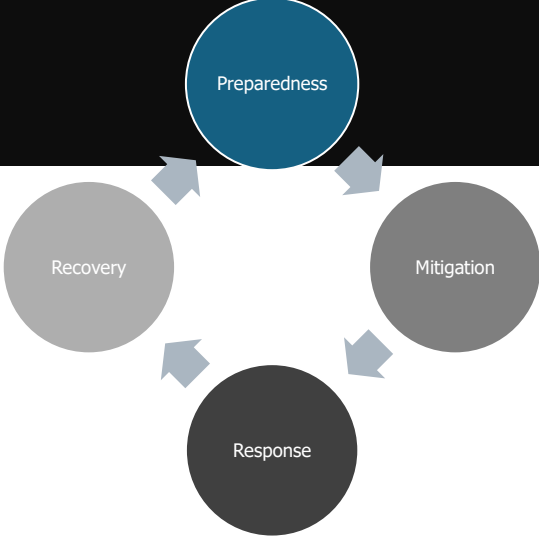
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# DISASTER SERVICES

We operate within four areas of disaster services: preparation, mitigation, response, and recovery.



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## WHAT WE DO

Team Rubicon provides a variety of capabilities and services **at no cost** to Emergency Managers for at-risk homeowners affected by disasters.



**INTERIOR WATER DAMAGE & MUCK REMOVAL**



**DEBRIS REMOVAL**



**DAMAGE ASSESSMENT**



LONG TERM RECOVERY



DOMESTIC MEDICAL SUPPORT



**EOC SUPPORT**



**ROUTE CLEARANCE**



**ROOF TARPING & EXPEDIENT HOME REPAIR**



**HAZARD MITIGATION**



**VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT**



EXERCISE FACILITATION

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## DISASTER RESPONSE

Team Rubicon provides a variety of services, at no-cost, to at-risk homeowners affected by disasters and crises. We implement mitigation efforts before disasters and provide immediate response to communities in need as disasters unfold.



A FIRE ZONE NEEDS CLEARING; WE HELP MAKE IT SAFE



A HOME FLOODS, WE CLEAN UP



A TREE FALLS ON A HOUSE, WE CUT IT DOWN



A HURRICANE TEARS A HOLE IN A ROOF, WE PATCH IT UP



DEBRIS BLOCKS A ROAD, WE CLEAR THE WAY

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## Route Clearance



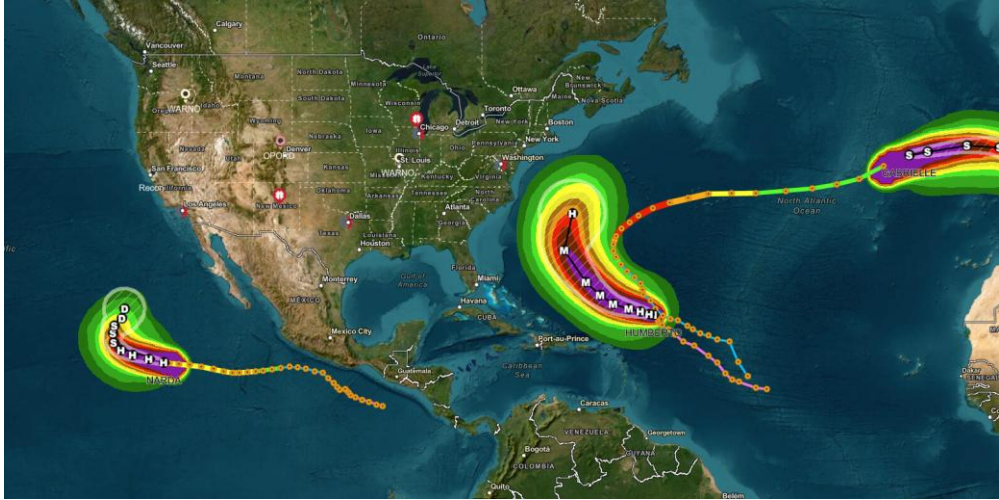
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## Debris Management



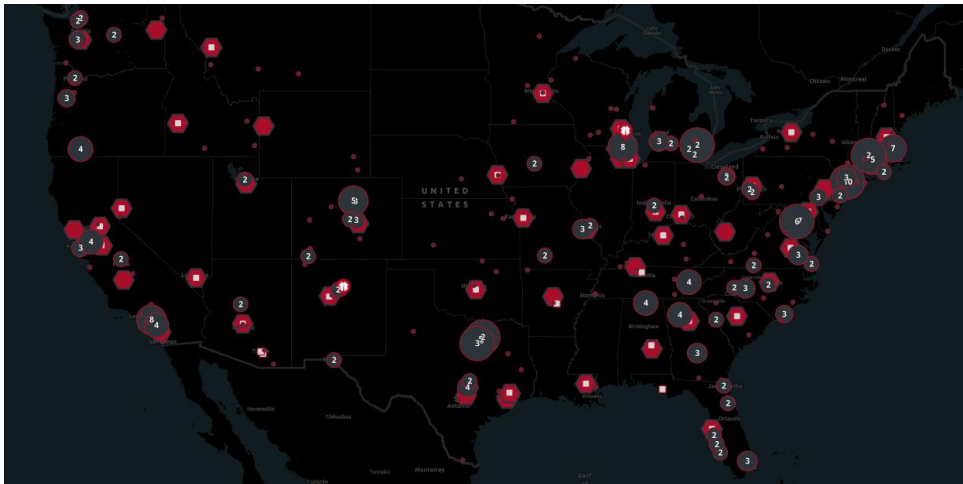
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# Monitoring / Tracking



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# Planning / Logistics / Mobilization



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LOCAL OPERATIONS

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# TEAM RUBICON – WEST BRANCH



- West Branch (Los Angeles)
- Geographical Area Teams:
  - **PNW – WA, OR, AK**
  - Mountain Gem
  - WyCo
  - Southwest
  - SoCal
  - NoCal

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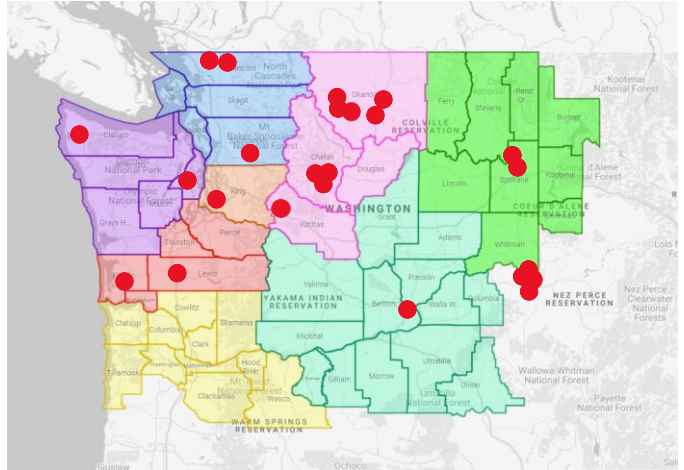
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## WASHINGTON OPERATIONS 2014 - 2024

- Malden** – Fire Recovery (Whitman) 4x
- Twisp** – Fuel Mitigation (Okanogan) 3x
- Medical Lake** – Fire Recovery (Spokane) 3x +
- Elk** – RV Skirting (Spokane) 6x +
- Omak** – RV Skirting (Okanogan)
- Pateros** – Fire Recovery (Okanogan)
- Everson** – Flood Recovery (Whatcom)
- Forks** – Flood Recovery (Clallam)
- Seattle** – Flood Recovery (King)
- Centralia/Chehalis** – Flood Recovery (Lewis)
- South Bend** – Flood Recovery (Pacific)
- Kennewick** – Fire Recovery (Benton)
- Oso** – Landslide (Snohomish)
- Leavenworth/Plain** – Fuel Mitigation (Chelan) 3x
- Seattle** – Afghan Resettlement (King)
- Easton** – Fuel Mitigation (Kittitas)
- Port Orchard** – Tornado Recovery (Kitsap)



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# BLUE SKY

- **Join** (gain awareness of operational tempo, core capabilities, scope, endurance, training)
- **Engage** Team Rubicon on one-day SERVICE EVENTS (chipping events, neighborhood canvassing: outreach, education, and home Firewise assessments)
- **Update** Debris Removal Plan(s) - Sorting, Size, Location, Vendors
- Reconcile Route Clearance Plan(s) – Are established snow routes the same for seismic events, wind/ice storms,
- **Review/Revise** information sharing policy (FEMA, ARC, NRCC, VOAD)
- **Invite** Team Rubicon to table-top exercises (TTX)

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## Exercises and Simulations



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# Training and Certifications



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### **STEP #1: REGISTER ON ROLL CALL.**

Join the ranks of local Greyshirts in Roll Call by entering your email and phone number. We'll also need your street address to coordinate travel logistics.

### **STEP #2: BUILD YOUR DEPLOYMENT PROFILE.**

You'll be emailed a link to share your existing skills, operation interests, and volunteer goals.

### **STEP #3: PASS A BACKGROUND CHECK.**

Conveniently complete your background screening through Roll Call to help ensure a safe operating environment for our team and the communities we serve.

### **STEP #4: COMPLETE TR101 TRAINING.**

Your first training mission will be waiting for you in your Roll Call profile. It'll guide you through Greyshirt basics and what to expect on the ground.

### **STEP #5: EARN YOUR SHIRT.**

Once your background check and profile are complete, you'll receive email invitations to put on your grey shirt, pack your go bag, and deploy for operations.

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# GREY SKY

- TR Remote monitoring of weather – Early Engagement / Coordination
- TR stand up a formal Mission Planning Team
- **Official Request For Assistance (City/County/State)**
- TR Billeting / Shower / Kitchen
- TR Deploys in coordination with EM and EOC
- TR Demobilizes and hands off uncompleted work orders to next incoming organization
- TR Close-out Report (Full FEMA metrics, value of work completed, hours, personnel, etc).

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# SUMMARY

- Team Rubicon a trusted international disaster response partner integrated into FEMA
- Over 15 years of service across 1100+ project deploying 55,000 Greyshirts
- Active in Preparedness, Mitigation, Response and Recovery
  
- Blue Sky engagement smooths the way for Grey Sky activation
  
- Encourage staff at various levels of planning and decision-making to join Team Rubicon to create relationships, awareness and lines of communication

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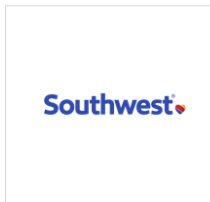
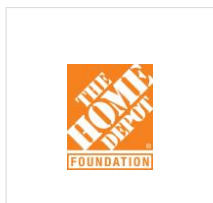
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## TEAM RUBICON WORKS WITH THE BEST

Team Rubicon works with strategic partners who have committed to an inspirational purpose. Together with these partners and others, we can create meaningful change for victims of natural disaster, as well as veterans across America.



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# QUESTIONS?

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