



City of Arcadia

Fire Department

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of *The Red Guide to Recovery - Resource Handbook for Disaster Survivors*. After a thorough review of the contents, I have found that this book provides the detailed and pertinent information needed to assist our residents who may be faced with the daunting task of recovering from a disaster.

My vision is to place this book on each apparatus so it can be given to residents immediately following structure fires, floods, earthquakes and other types of disasters that cause them to become displaced or suffer damage to their homes or businesses. This is the time when disaster survivors are most vulnerable and can fall prey to the pitfalls that often accompany post-disaster scenarios. *The Red Guide to Recovery*, along with the Guide's supplemental website found at www.theredguidetorecovery.com, provides a complete road map of the steps individuals and families need to safely and seamlessly recover from natural or man-made disasters.

The Red Guide to Recovery includes important topics beginning with a 10 point quick start checklist for the first 24 hours of recovery, followed by topics including: emergency services, displacement and relocation, disaster relief and financial assistance, homeowners' insurance, handling personal property, smoke and water damage, estimating repair costs, selecting a contractor, public insurance adjusters, hazardous materials, safety after a disaster, trauma intervention and grief counseling, how to avoid disaster scams, and much more.

The emotional, financial, and physical toll caused by disasters - both large and small - is often overwhelming. Once we leave the scene of an event, most people do not know where to turn for help or are so overwhelmed they do not know how to begin to put their lives back together. *The Red Guide to Recovery* is the ultimate resource for these individuals, providing them with easy to follow steps to assist them in the recovery process.

On behalf of the Arcadia Fire Department, I offer my full support for this publication and would like to obtain 300 copies to distribute to each of the fire stations within the City of Arcadia. I appreciate your assistance in finding a funding solution to meet this goal to share a valuable resource with the community.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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