



**International
Bird
Rescue
Research
Center**



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INTERNATIONAL BIRD RESCUE RESEARCH CENTER INC.

The International Bird Rescue Research Center (IBRRC) is the result of the most successful bird rehabilitation effort on the West Coast. Our aim: to minimize the wasted time, manpower, equipment, supplies and environmental damage that inevitably accompany a response to a disaster.

Formed as a result of the many volunteer efforts during the San Francisco Bay Oil Spill of January 18, 1971, the IBRRC's purpose is to provide manpower coordination and crucial information in similar disasters involving wildlife. Thus

The IBRRC is prepared to:

- * organize and direct all phases of wildlife collection, cleaning and care in the event of an oil spill or similar situation.
- * provide critical assistance in coordination of citizens, governmental agencies, and corporations in the event of any ecological disaster.
- * train local volunteers to replace the IBRRC team in due time.

Also; IBRRC will:

- * accept telephone calls around the clock.
- * give preliminary instructions by phone.
- * go anywhere anytime on less than 6 hours notice.
- * bring a proficient translator if needed.
- * arrive with critical materials: instructional, medicinal, and organizational.
- * acquire necessary facilities, materials and equipment.
- * airfreight other materials from our warehouse should they be in short supply at the disaster site. (e.g., cleaning agents, etc.)

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- * prepare press releases and handle media for the disaster as a whole.
- * elicit and coordinate citizen response.
- * provide training classes for wildlife feeders and handlers.
- * maintain thorough records of
 1. expenses
 2. personnel and hours worked
 3. wildlife collection, care and release
 4. extent of environmental damage.
- * assess intermittently or continually the relationships between volunteers and corporations, state and local officials.
- * evaluate problems among volunteer staff, resulting from stress and exhaustion, and make available competent counseling.
- * train administrative staff to take over as IBRRC staff members return to home office.
- * maintain close communications with disaster site following our departure.

RESPONSE PERSONNEL OF IBRRC

Dependent upon the nature of the situation at the disaster site, IBRRC will send out response teams ranging from one to ten of the persons listed below.

1. Director of Response - General coordination of effort.
2. Director of Veterinary Medicine - Qualified experienced veterinarian.
3. Director of Research.
4. Staff Psychologist - Deals with numerous social and psychological problems accompanying a disaster to secure maximum sustainable productivity.
5. Manager, Interagency Coordination - Provides liaison between volunteers and industry, volunteers and local authorities.
6. Manager, Communications/Media Coordination.
7. Manager, Citizen Response Coordination.
8. Manager, Environmental Damage Control.
9. Manager, Materials/Equipment Coordination.
10. Manager, Wildlife Rehabilitation.

Typical Response Situations and Teams:

Minimum Response - One Person

Dir. of Response or Mgr. Comm/Media Coord. or Mgr. Citizen Response.

Small Response - Three Persons

Dir. of Response or Mgr. Comm/Media Coord.,
Mgr. Wildlife Rehab. or Dir. of Vet. Med.,
Mgr. Citizen Response or Mgr. Mtls/Equip Coord.

Medium Response - Five People

Director of Response
Mgr. Comm/Media Coord.
Mgr. Wildlife Rehab. or Dir. of Vet. Med.
Mgr. Citizen Response or Mgr. Interagency Coord.
Mgr. Mtls/Equip Coord. or Mgr. Env. Damage Control

Major Response - Seven People

Director of Response
Mgr. Comm/Media Coord.
Mgr. Wildlife Rehab. or Dir. of Vet. Med.
Mgr. Citizen Response
Mgr. Interagency Coord.
Mgr. Mtls/Equip Coord.
Mgr. Env. Damage Control

Maximum Response - Ten People Plus

All those listed above plus assistants if needed.

SCHEDULE OF CHARGES

Mission Organization consists of a gathering of information and an immediate assessment of the disaster situation. The Mission Organization charge is based on a flat rate of \$100.00 per response plus \$50.00 per person we dispatch. This charge is estimated on the costs of gathering the initial information (long distance telephone calls, maps, etc.), and our internal costs of getting a team underway. Examples: \$150.00 for one person; \$450.00 for seven persons.

Personnel Charges are those made by IBRRC for the 'rental' of its personnel. These charges include the 'loss of productivity' of the person and other factors such as having to hire relatively unskilled people temporarily to replace those who are gone with response teams for more than a week or so. These charges are well within the range which any customer, industrial firm or governmental agency would expect to pay for professional and para-professional services in far less critical circumstances.

<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Daily Rate</u>
Director of Response	\$100.00
Director of Veterinary Medicine	200.00
Director of Research	100.00
Staff Psychologist	200.00
Assistants to any of the above	80.00
Manager, Interagency Coordination	60.00
Manager, Communications/Media Coordination	60.00
Manager, Citizen Response Coordination	60.00
Manager, Environmental Damage Control	60.00
Manager, Materials/Equipment Coordination	60.00
Manager, Wildlife Rehabilitation	60.00
Translator	50.00

Per Diem or daily expenses will be filled by the organization at the standard rate of \$25.00 per person per day in the Continental United States and \$35.00 per person per day elsewhere.

Office Support Expense and Overhead is the surcharge that any organization must make for its services—existence. This covers the costs of

the continuing program at any location, telephone bills, training manual preparation, printing fees, etc. It is calculated at 25% of all charges exclusive of "Travel Expenses" and items under "Other Expenses."

Travel Expenses are billed at cost. We will travel at standard coach fares except where this service is not available and other classes must be arranged. This category also includes the cost of airfreighting critical supplies to the disaster site.

Other Expenses will be billed at cost. These expenses are only those directly related to operations at or near the disaster that are necessary to control damage and rehabilitate the environment and wildlife. IBRRC staff has considerable experience at acquiring many facilities, supplies, services and equipment at no cost whatever. In this respect, the non-profit IBRRC has considerable advantage over firms and agencies who are invariably expected to pay full cost.

We assume these charges will be operative until a local team is trained to take over.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The IBRRC is also engaged in collecting definitive data pertaining to the problems encountered in wildlife rehabilitation. We work in close conjunction with scientists at the University of California as well as maintain constant communications with researchers around the world.

As our skills expand in the areas of research and response, we hope to provide a wider range of coverage as well as to provide a forum for all concerned parties.

We will soon publish a quarterly newsletter keeping interested persons and groups updated on our activities.

We are engaged in soliciting membership and financial support to expand the functions of the Center.

KEY PERSONNEL

For further information from our departments or in the event of an ecological disaster, please contact:

Director of Response	Joshua D. Lichterman
Director of Veterinary Medicine	James M. Harris, D.V.M.
Director of Research	David C. Smith
Manager of Communications/Media Coordination	Ralph H. Steiner

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