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**Disaster Ethics: The Road Beyond Good Intentions**

**Presenters:** Stephen H. Behnke, JD, PhD; David J. Romano, PhD; Donna M. Hastings, PsyD; and Kevin Rowell, PhD

**November 20, 2014 • 2 CE Credits • 1:00 – 3:00 pm ET**

The nature of disaster response requires an ability to quickly assess, adapt and act under chaotic conditions, and provides unique challenges to maintaining ethical practice. In a disaster, psychologists practice outside the traditional office, classroom or clinic environment and provide services “in the field.” There is limited privacy and confidentiality, opportunity to become embroiled in multiple relationships, limitation on intervention methods and modalities and other areas for potential ethical concern.

Presenters from APA's Disaster Response Network and Ethics Office will discuss ethical dilemmas that can arise in disaster contexts. The workshop will begin with a general discussion of ethical theories and principles that guide psychologists' actions. Presenter will then explore potential ethical challenges in disaster context and the importance of weighing benefits and risks to psychologists' actions. During this workshop, speakers will also describe decision-making models that can be used to identify key issues and possible actions. Participants will have the opportunity to apply the models in breakout group exercises. Participants working remotely will be able to participate in the discussion following webcast instructions.

This workshop is designed to help you:

- Use APA's Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct and explain potential challenges in disaster contexts.
- Describe ethical decision-making models.
- Apply ethical decision-making models to disaster scenarios.

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**About the Presenters**

**Stephen H. Behnke** is the director of the APA Ethics Office where he has been working for 14 years to strengthen ethics education for psychologists. He holds a teaching appointment in the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School.

**David J. Romano** is the Florida Disaster Response Network coordinator and the South Eastern representative to the program's Advisory Committee. For the American Red Cross, he serves as a disaster mental health volunteer, the mid Florida regional mental health lead, state subject matter expert and adviser, and a face-to-face and webinar instructor for ARC. In addition to these activities, Romano is assistant professor and academic coordinator (chair) for Behavioral Sciences and Social Welfare at Barry University, PACE. He also is executive director of the Orlando Institute for Psychology & Education.

**Donna M. Hastings** has worked in the human service field for over forty years in private and public organizations. Since 1988, she has maintained a private practice where she has seen adults, children and families, and provides crisis response to corporate critical incidents. Since the beginning of Red Cross's Disaster Mental Health activity, she has been a volunteer and instructor and now serves as the NH ARC disaster mental health adviser.

**Kevin Rowell** is a full-time associate professor of psychology at the University of Central Arkansas and also has a part-time psychology practice. He began disaster response work in January 1999 in response to tornadoes in Arkansas and has continued as a Red Cross disaster mental health volunteer. Rowell is a certified Red Cross instructor and a supervisor on Red Cross disaster relief operations.

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Live Webcast Only: Enroll online

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- By fax: (202) 336-6151: Pay by credit card only; must have valid signature and expiration date (AMEX, MC or VISA)
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