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**Florida  
Crisis Response Team  
Inc.**

**FCRT**



# *NOVA*

## *Crisis Response Team*

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*National Organization for Victim Assistance,  
Washington D.C.*

- **1980 - Mt. St. Helens**
- **1986- Edmond, Oklahoma**
- **1987- First Training Curriculum**
- **Example of Responses:**
  - **Mass Murders/Terrorism**
  - **Serial Murders**
  - **Hostage Taking**
  - **Natural Disasters**
  - **Airplane/Train Crashes**





# *NOVA Crisis Response Team*

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- **10,000 nationally trained responders**
- **Until the 9/11 response-**
  - **Most extensive team response to Oklahoma City**
  - **Most immediate human devastation to the Kobe, Japan earthquake**
  - **Most unusual was to the survivors and refugees of the war in ex-Yugoslavia**
- **On September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 the National teams responded to Pennsylvania, Washington D.C., New York and New Jersey**
- **Response to 9/11 lasted from September to June**



# *Florida Crisis Response Team*

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## *Florida's Team*

- **Established in 1988 as a result of the Palm Bay Massacre**
- **A NOVA affiliate team**
- **Over 800 volunteers statewide**
- **Example of responses:**
  - **U of FL student murders**
  - **Hurricane Andrew**
  - **9/11 Terrorist Attacks**
  - **Katrina**
  - **2004 Hurricanes**
  - **Central Florida Fires/Tornadoes**
  - **Hundreds of responses to homicides, robberies and other criminal activities and bio-terrorism threats**
  - **Pulse Nightclub shootings**





# *Florida Crisis Response Team*

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## *Services of FCRT*

- *First, to help local disaster managers identify groups at high risk of emotional trauma and to plan to reach them with appropriate services;*
- *Second, to identify caregivers in the community and to offer them a basic understanding of crisis so that they can be responsive to traumatized people seeking their help over the months to come;*
- *Third, to undertake individual and group crisis intervention sessions with affected victims as well as “companioning”, as a service to help mitigate distress;*
- *And Fourth, to make recommendations to the local disaster managers on the long-term care of the victims after the CRT has completed its initial mission.*





# *Florida Crisis Response Team*

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## **Florida's Team -**

- **Consists of 20 regions**
- **Each region has a coordinator**
- **Each team member has the NOVA 40 hour basic training (at minimum)**
- **Continuing education Webinars offered quarterly for team members**
- **Meetings with their regional coordinator each year**





# *Florida Crisis Response Team*

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## *Some of Our Strengths*

- ★ *Quick Deployment of Team*
- ★ *Leadership with experience*
- ★ *Volunteers with experience*
- ★ *FCRT is administered out of the  
Central Florida Area*

