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The role nurses play in the event of a natural disaster has undisputed significance. I agree with your response that nurses have to selflessly step into situations that may not only threaten their own well-being but their loved ones as well. Thus, having the first-hand experience of how to deal with a crisis, they are well-versed in the knowledge what needs attention on a priority basis, as well as the ways to manage disasters in an efficient and effective manner (Nies & McEwen, 2014).

Quite similar to the disaster management measures put in place by Henrico County in Virginia, where the disaster management measures adopted by the Office of Emergency Management in Richmond City, Virginia (Fire and Emergency Services). They prepare, respond, mitigate as well as aid in recovery from disasters that occur in the area. Having worked with them on a personal level during winter storm season, I have not only seen them form close associations with local, state and even federal disaster management organizations, but I have also seen them train local emergency institutes as well as a community member on measures that require attention in case of an emergency. Furthermore, they work towards training community members on basic preventive and care measures in case of a disaster, under the citizen preparedness campaign. While working with their team, I was given the responsibility of training community members on building an emergency kit which contained all the essential needed up to 72 hours following the disaster.

Additionally, they have a number of plans in place that assess the critical nature of a disaster and manage it accordingly. Thus, as a nurse, I realize that this coordinated structure improves their capability of dealing with disasters. It enables the various members of the community and the organizations involved to remain safe while mitigating risk factor and saving lives (Pandey & Okazaki, 2005).

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