

M&S Squad

Thanks for volunteering to be part of the 'Movers & Shakers Squad! Think of the Elders Quorum as a 'service engine' (I certainly do). The Movers & Shakers are the working cylinders that give that engine its power. Your willingness to help people will allow us to do some amazing things together. Here are a few guiding principles and protocols:

- Selfless service is the Gospel of Christ in action. It is priesthood power brought to bear in daily life. Giving service magnifies our priesthood, grows our testimony and manifests the Light of Christ and God's Love in the world.
- Go and do. Don't just wait for opportunities to come to you. Have a bias for action. Identify needs, start doing what you can to address them and call on your brothers for support. The M&S Squad can rally quickly to help.
- We serve everybody. The span of our efforts is not limited by someone's membership status. Members or non-members, active or not, we offer help to whoever needs it.
- We are a resource for ministering brothers and sisters. Rather than replace them, we complement and support them. When possible, we involve ministering brothers (I call them MinBros) in our projects.
- We use a small team approach for most moves and service projects. Through experience, we've found that having 2-4 men working efficiently together is better than the 'mass gaggle' approach.
- A Team Lead is designated for each project. Their role is to further coordinate project details (beyond what the Service Coordinator does), and to be the 'on-scene' leader.
- Most of our communications will be via texting to cell phones. You will get group texts about upcoming projects, asking who is available to help. For those, we ask for positive replies only (that you're available), and not negative replies. Try to keep those group texts free of 'chatter'.
- As a team forms, they will usually use a separate group text (i.e. thread) for further coordination. Those texts/threads are more open to back & forth conversation.
- There is also a need for more 'coordinators', who perhaps can't physically be at the project, but can use their phone to put a team together and coordinate details. If you want to try this role, let me know.