

WE ARE IN A SOCIAL EMERGENCY

We have witnessed and experienced the effects of state sanctioned violence, gentrification, privatization, Dakota Access Pipeline, 'Trumped-Up' Isms, Flint Water Crisis, and other crises that constitute a social emergency to different degrees.

To paraphrase William Gibson,
"The social emergency is already here, it's just unevenly distributed."

The horrifying Trump win underscores the reality that we are all living in a state of social emergency.

In emergencies like hurricanes and tsunamis, emergency response centers exist to coordinate evacuations or provide services like temporary housing, food, and water. We want to reimagine response centers to take on the real and pressing social emergencies we face today.

We need Social Emergency Response Centers

to provide the necessary space for people to come together, respond, and empower each other to act in new and creative ways.

- What if in social emergencies like state-sanctioned violence we could coordinate an evacuation *of the police*?
- What if in gentrification emergencies we could provide permanent rights to housing?
- What if the Dakota Access Pipeline had a Deconstruction Volunteer Corps?

We imagine Social Emergency Response Centers (SERCs) as ...

- Temporary, emergent, and creative spaces co-led by activists, artists, and designers
- Pop-ups in response to a new attack on a population or to a long-standing injustice
- Spaces for everyone from highly engaged front-line activists to folks who identify as concerned allies to respond to the social emergency in new and creative ways.



**WANT TO HELP US
DESIGN,
TEST,
FABRICATE,
DISSEMINATE
A SERC?**

*What would be inside it?
How would you carry it around?
How would you install it in urban or rural areas?*

*Want to help us run a Social Emergency Response Center near you?
Or fund the first round of prototypes?
Join us!*

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