

# **DISASTER SERVICES**

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **DISASTER ACTION TEAM (DAT):**

DAT members are the main line of defense and the first responders to all fires within the county. DAT members are organized to place trained Red Cross volunteers at the scene of a disaster within minutes of its occurrence, to provide immediate, identifiable emergency services to disaster victims and emergency workers. In addition to initiating Red Cross relief actions, the team paves the way for mobilizing other chapter and national sector resources that may be required. DAT members are on call 24 hours/day for seven days approximately every third week. You must attend 16 hours of training class for this volunteer position.

### **AFTER HOURS DISPATCHER:**

Disaster Dispatcher volunteers must be available when the office is closed to receive call from Public Safety 9-1-1 as well as from disaster victims regarding their immediate recovery needs, such as housing, clothing and food. Emergency calls are forwarded to the DAT members on duty.

### **ARMED FORCES EMERGENCY SERVICE CASEWORKER (AFES)**

AFES volunteers are responsible for servicing military emergency communication requests. You must commit to at least one night every two weeks and will be on call from 4:45pm-9am. The position requires knowledge of Red Cross Service to military family policy and procedures and the ability to work with people in crises. Training for this position is required.

### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLE (ERV) DRIVER:**

The ERV is a standardized Red Cross disaster vehicle which supports mass care, mobile feeding, and fixed sight feeding requirements. Must be able to lift 50 pound, take a driver's test, and complete 16 hours of training. This person is on call 24 hours/day for one week per month.

### **DISASTER OFFICE VOLUNTEER:**

Office support is needed during regular chapter business hours to help with general office duties and other functions i.e., answering emergency calls, filing and data entry. Hours are flexible with preference given to those who can volunteer on a given day each week.

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