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(left to right: Lt. Peter Benson, Dennis Police Chief, Edward Smith, Red Cross Volunteer, Larry Murphy, Kelley Foundation and Susan Schofield, Mid-Cape Assistant Zone leader)

### **Kelley Foundation Executive dedicates *Be Ready, Be Prepared* Trailer at the Dennis Police Station, made possible thanks to \$14,800 donation**

Hyannis, Massachusetts, June 18th, 2007 - Recently, Larry Murphy from the Edward Bangs Kelley and Elza Kelley Foundation dedicated to the American Red Cross Be Ready, Be Prepared Quick Response trailer, stationed at the Dennis Police Station, made possible by their \$14,800 donation to the American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter.

The dedication was hosted by Dennis Police Lt. Peter Benson. Larry Murphy from the Edward Bangs Kelley and Elza Kelley Foundation attended the presentation. In addition, two special Red Cross Volunteers, Susan Schofield - Mid-Cape Assistant Zone Leader and Edward Smith - long time Red Cross Volunteer, were present also Tony Greenland and Elizabeth Hagen - AmeriCorps volunteers were present.

The *Be Ready, Be Prepared* campaign is aimed at expanding the capacity to shelter 10,000 people on Cape Cod and the Islands for 3 days. The American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter operations plan incorporates flexibility, mobility and communication to ensure that shelters can be operated at a moment's notice, no matter where on Cape Cod the emergency occurs. The campaign also supports the training and equipping of 200 additional disaster volunteers.

The Cape Cod and Islands Chapter Preparedness campaign will pre-position in the 23 communities of Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket and its primary shelters the supplies to care for 100 people each supplemented by pre-positioned shelter supplies for an additional 6,000 potential evacuees. The portable Quick Response Modules like the one displayed in the picture can be deployed anywhere on Cape Cod, Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard if a disaster event should occur.

You can support the Be Ready, Be Prepared Campaign by sending a donation to American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, 286 South Street, Hyannis MA 02601 or by calling (508) 775-1540 or through a secure online contribution at [www.capecodandislandsredcross.org](http://www.capecodandislandsredcross.org).