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American Red Cross Announces Volunteer Training on Base

Hyannis, MA December 9, 2009- American Red Cross Trainers will come to the base to teach two initial “Become a Red Cross Volunteer” classes on January 14th and 21st from 6 to 9 pm. After all classes as listed below have been taken, participants will become certified Red Cross volunteers who can be deployed locally as well as nationally.

The training consists of the following elements:

- Fulfilling Our Mission
- Partner Services
- Shelter Operations (February 1)
- Shelter Simulation (February 2)
- Mass Care
- Psychological First Aid

The class is open to anybody, 18 years and up who would like to become a Red Cross volunteer. There are no other prerequisites and classes are free. The two initial classes Fulfilling our Mission and Partner Services Classes will be held at the Air Station Cape Cod Community Chapel Support Building. Subsequent classes will be held at the Chapter house in Hyannis.

Once trained, volunteers can work in various fields of expertise, especially focused on opening, operating, and closing your regional shelter at the Massachusetts Military Reservation. It’s also possible to respond to a local disaster (house fire, airplane crash, oil spill), or deploying to different parts of our nation where a disaster has struck.

Volunteer applications will be available at the class or can be downloaded ahead of time online at **cciredcross.org**. All classes are required to become a certified volunteer.

Sign up for this volunteer training is only possible by calling Michael Robbins at 508-888-7316 or by sending an email to Train@cciredcross.org. Please provide your name, full contact information, telephone number and email address and you will be contacted to confirm. A Federal Background check is required of all participants. All classes must be attended but there may be some make-up dates available.

For more information about training or to support the American Red Cross Cape Cod Islands Chapter, write to 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601, call (508) 775-1540 or visit cciredcross.org

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