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## *Media Alert* **MEDIA ALERT**

### **For Immediate Release**

### **Sheriff Jim Cummings Joins Board American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter**

Hyannis, Mass., June 26th, 2010 — The American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter is pleased to welcome Sheriff Jim Cummings of Falmouth to its Board of Directors. He was voted in during the Annual Meeting at the Hyannis Chapter House earlier in June.



Sheriff Cummings says: *"I'm obviously pleased the Red Cross board has offered me this opportunity to serve the Cape and Islands community. When you consider the nature of what they do, the range of critical services they offer, and the expertise they bring to their mission, it's difficult to envision a better opportunity to serve people in a time of need. I'm looking forward to helping a splendid member of our non-profit world here on Cape Cod."*

Sheriff Jim Cummings spent 25 years with the Massachusetts State Police, more than 20 of them as a detective. He investigated numerous high-profile cases, including investigations into organized crime, gaming, narcotics, and homicide. He retired from the State Police as detective lieutenant in 1998 to run for Barnstable County Sheriff. He was elected in his first run for public office and re-elected (unopposed) for a second six-year term, which will end in January of 2011. Sheriff Cummings is seeking a third term this Fall and currently unopposed. A US Navy veteran, he resides in Falmouth with wife Rose. They are the parents of four grown children.

The Sheriff's Office has been a major contributor to the annual Heroes Breakfast sponsored every March by the Cape and Islands Chapter of Red Cross and was instrumental in making the June opening of the Red Cross Resource Center on the Massachusetts Military Reservation a success.

**Sheriff Cummings** is joining **Maiza Eloy** of South Yarmouth, **Maureen McNamara** of Sandwich and **Sheila Lyons** of Wellfleet as new members of the Cape Cod and Islands Chapter Board. Continuing board members are: **Hilary Greene** of Centerville, Volunteer Coordinator at Habitat for Humanity (Board Chair), **Deirdre Casey** of Yarmouth Port (Secretary); **Enzo Allegretti** of Brewster (Vice Chair), Dean & Professor Emeritus CC (SUNY); **Steve Lowell** of Hyannis, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Executive at Cape Cod Cooperative Bank, (Finance Chair), **CDR Elizabeth Young** of Marstons Mills, U.S. Coast Guard, **Patrick Foran** of Dennis, VP of Finance for EBS Foran Insurance and Advisory Services, Inc., **Leslie Marsh** of Mashpee, Vice President of Sovereign Bank; **Rev. Bill Barker**, D. Min., D.D. of South Wellfleet; **Raymond Partridge**, MD, of Marstons Mills, Rheumatologist Cape Cod Hospital; **Ann Hunt** of Edgartown, Vice President of Sovereign Bank; **Richard Williams** of Chilmark, Economist; **Rev. Bernard Harris, Sr.**, M. Div. of Hyannis, Zion Union Church, Senior Pastor.

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