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American Red Cross to Honor Bourne Firefighters at its 8th Annual Heroes Breakfast on March 4th

Tickets and Sponsorships Now Available at www.cciredcross.org

Hyannis, Mass, January 31, 2010 - The American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, is pleased to announce that members of the Bourne Fire Department, Lt. Martin Greene, Lt. David Pelonzi, Firefighter Thomas Simpson, Firefighter Shawn Silva and Firefighter Matthew Weston will be honored as Firefighter Heroes at its 8th Annual Heroes Breakfast on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at the Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis, MA from 7:00-9:00 A.M. For tickets and sponsorships, contact (508) 775-1540 ext. 21, email heroes@cciredcross.org or go online to www.cciredcross.org.

On Christmas Eve 2008, five Bourne Firefighters responded to a call for help. Upon arrival they found a house in flames with heavy and thick smoke. They kicked in the front door and were met by a wall of smoke and heat, with zero visibility.

Lt. Martin Greene, Lt. David Pelonzi and firefighters Thomas Simpson, Shawn Silva and Matthew Weston tried to save an elderly couple trapped inside. They found one victim on the first floor and another was discovered in the basement. The couple received advance life support while on route to the hospital, but they were pronounced dead a short time later. Despite the loss of life, the firefighters performed courageously and professionally under extremely difficult conditions.

The Red Cross touches lives in our community every day through programs and services such as disaster relief and health and safety training. As an organization committed to helping the community, the Red Cross is honored to salute individuals who are making a difference through their actions at its 8th Annual Red Cross Heroes Breakfast.

Tickets are available online at cciredcross.org or can be obtained by calling toll-free (508) 775-1540, ext. 21. Different levels of sponsorship are also available. You can write to: American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, 286 South Street, Hyannis MA 02601 or send an email to heroes@cciredcross.org.

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