

# Disaster Relief

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## **Cape Cod and Islands Red Cross Sends Ted Smith from Dennisport to Support Tornado Relief Efforts in North Carolina**

HYANNIS --- The Cape Cod and the Islands Chapter of the American Red Cross is deploying Ted Smith of Dennis Port to North Carolina to help with disaster relief efforts after the recent tornadoes affected the area.

Ted Smith is expected to arrive in North Carolina on April 24th and will stay for two weeks at the Red Cross Relief Headquarters in Smithfield, North Carolina where he will be acting as a staff relations supervisor. Ted has more than 35 years of experience with the Red Cross and was recently given an outstanding volunteer award. He has deployed to support other National relief efforts before.

Tornadoes caused heavy damage in Alabama, Mississippi, Oklahoma, North Carolina and Virginia and in the last two weeks, the American Red Cross has:

- Provided more than 1,500 overnight stays in nearly 40 shelters.
- Served nearly 90,000 meals and snacks
- Distributed more than 8,200 items such as personal hygiene supplies and other materials to help with clean-up efforts.
- Provided nearly 2,000 mental health and health services contacts.
- North Carolina was hit especially hard and the Red Cross has served nearly 40,000 meals and snacks in North Carolina alone.

Ted Smith is one of more than 1,100 Red Cross disaster workers who have been deployed to help the people affected by the devastating tornadoes and wildfires which have left widespread damage across the south. The volunteers are working around the clock, providing people with shelter, meals, counseling and supplies to help with clean-up efforts. The Red Cross is helping people today and will still be helping them in the weeks ahead as they try to get back on their feet.

All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people. You can help people affected by disasters like tornadoes, as well as countless crises at home and around the world, by making a donation to support American Red Cross Disaster Relief. Your gift enables the Red Cross to prepare for and provide shelter, food, emotional support and other assistance in response to disasters. Visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Contributions may also be sent to your local American Red Cross chapter or to the American Red Cross, P. O. Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013.