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## Media Alert

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### For Immediate Release

#### Upper Cape Technology Students and Red Cross Volunteers Support Forestdale Fire Station

Hyannis, Mass., December 4, 2011 — American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter volunteers recently collaborated with Upper Cape Technology Students in providing electrical field work at the Forestdale Fire Station. The project was done the week before Thanksgiving and it allowed for: the Fire Department to get needed electrical repairs, the Tech students to get real-life experience, and the Red Cross to get a suitable home for its Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV).

The American Red Cross is building its response capability on the Upper Cape, which involves stationing an ERV at the Fire station. The building needed some electrical work to accommodate having the ERV plugged outside.

The American Red Cross recruited the Electrical shop at Upper Cape Tech do the work and paid for the materials.. Red Cross volunteers provided Thank you certificate as their work supports the readiness of the fire station and the safety of all Cape Cod residents.

Teacher Tom Sherry explained that field work gives the students an opportunity to apply what they learn in the classroom. The students plan the entire day in the field. They do everything from reaching out to community members to obtaining supplies for the project. Here's what some of the students said: Ryan: "I like the real-world experience." Sean: "In case of an emergency it is good to know how the fire station works and that we are prepared."

The **American Red Cross** is the nation's foremost emergency response organization, offering neutral humanitarian care to the victims of war and devastating natural disasters as well as local disasters such as fires, Hazardous Materials accidents and more, providing victims of these disasters with shelter, food and emotional support. Today, in addition to domestic disaster relief, the American Red Cross offers compassionate services in five other areas: **community services** for affected victims after a disaster; **support and comfort for military members and their families** including **emergency messaging**; the **collection, processing and distribution of lifesaving blood and blood products**; **educational programs** that promote health and safety; and **international relief and development** programs.

The Red Cross is not a government agency and does not receive federal or state funding. It relies on donations of time, money, and blood from the American public to successfully do its work.

To find out more about volunteering for the Red Cross, for class schedules, for disaster preparedness information in English, Spanish or Portuguese, or to donate, please contact the American Red Cross, Cape Cod Islands Chapter, 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601, call (508) 775-1540 ext. 21 or visit [www.cciredcross.org](http://www.cciredcross.org)



Left to Right: Joe Malone, Brent Dutra, Sean Foley, Peter Kavdrick, Ryan, Andrew Murphy, Nick Mceiroy, and Tom Sherry