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Davenport Companies supports American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Be Ready, Be Prepared Campaign with \$46,000 thanks to special Employee activities

Hyannis, Mass., May 4, 2007 – The Davenport Companies presented the American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter with \$46,000 to support its *Be Ready, Be Prepared* Campaign. The money was raised thanks to a very unique employee challenge in March.

The American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands will now be able to purchase three trailers with shelter supplies such as blankets, mats, toiletries, food and water for 1,500 people. The first trailer will be pre-positioned at the Yarmouth Police Station.

"Everyone at The Davenport Companies is pleased to support the Be Ready, Be Prepared Campaign with this \$46,000 to ensure that our neighbors on Cape Cod are prepared for an emergency and have the materials to support operating shelters all over Cape Cod. Moreover, we encourage other companies to join in the Red Cross challenge so we can create a model for other communities across America to emulate," Dewitt Davenport, President of Davenport Companies said.

The *Be Ready, Be Prepared* campaign is aimed at expanding the capacity to shelter 10,000 people on Cape Cod and the Islands for 3 days. The American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter operations plan incorporates flexibility, mobility and communication to ensure that shelters can be operated at a moment's notice, no matter where on Cape Cod the emergency occurs. The campaign also supports the training and equipping of 200 additional disaster volunteers.

The Cape Cod and Islands Chapter Preparedness campaign will pre-position in the 23 communities of Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket and its primary shelters the supplies to care for 100 people each supplemented by pre-positioned shelter supplies for an additional 6,000 potential evacuees. The portable Quick Response Modules like the one displayed in the picture can be deployed anywhere on Cape Cod, Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard if a disaster event should occur.

You can support the Be Ready, Be Prepared Campaign by sending a donation to American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, 286 South Street, Hyannis MA 02601 or by calling (508) 775-1540 or through a secure online contribution at www.capecodandislandsredcross.org.



(left to right: Steven Marchessault, Intercity Alarms, Robert Perrino, Thirwood Place; Gerry Street, Thirwood Place; Phyllis Curley, Davenport Companies, Paul McBride, Red Jacket Resorts, Ken Smith, Red Jacket Resorts; Christine Janson, Blue Water Resort and DeWitt Davenport, Davenport Companies)

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