



**American
Red Cross**

Cape Cod and Islands Chapter

Chapter Hosts Disaster Institute

The Cape Cod and Islands Chapter hosted SNEDI (the Southern New England Disaster Institute) this year and for the next two years!

This offered volunteers the opportunity to attend advanced level training classes that would not normally be offered at your local Red Cross chapter and typically would require travel.

This year's Advanced Volunteer Training Program was held on May 15th, 16th and 17th. In attendance were about 135 members, plus 15 instructors and 20 volunteers for support.



Red Cross volunteers at the third annual picnic in the pouring rain but covered at Camp Greenough in Yarmouth Port.

Annual Meeting Update

During the annual meeting of June 17th, new Board Chair Hilary Greene, Volunteer Coordinator, was installed along with board members Elizabeth Young, CDR US Coastguard, Steve Lowell, Cape Cod Cooperative Bank and Patrick Foran, Foran Realty.

Wal-Mart Foundation received the 2008/2009 Community Support Award.

Chief George Baker (left) of the Mashpee Fire Department and Chief Michael Whalen (right) of the Dennis Police received the Community Leadership Achievement Award. They were instrumental in the Regional Sheltering Plan.

Finally, Michael Robbins of Sandwich received the Volunteer Achievement Award. Congratulations to all!



Cross Roads



Volunteers and clients in the shelter. Photos courtesy of Kevin Morley, Public Information Officer, Barnstable County Incident Management Team

Red Cross Participates in First Regional Shelter Simulation

The Chapter was the largest organizational player during the recent First Regional Shelter Simulation and Open House at Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School with 71 Red Cross volunteers participating. Multiple agencies, including the Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planning Committee, police, fire, and some 150 volunteers in total collaborated on offering a full-service shelter to the public. This was also the first regional shelter offered in the State!

The Red Cross disaster volunteers offered sheltering (as you can see in the picture above) as well as provided lunch for 250 people.

One of the key elements of the six Regional Shelters currently organized and planned for by these agencies, is that it will offer the option of sheltering your pets and there will be adequate communications, supplies, basic medical support and transportation to and from the shelter, so there is no reason not to go to a shelter if necessary.

Currently, six regional shelters can accommodate 3,000 people, with an expansion plan to manage 6,000 people along with the Massachusetts Military Reservation for an additional 3,000 people should the bridges close.

The Regional Sheltering Plan was developed from lessons learned after several national disasters as well as the ice storms in Western Massachusetts, where it was found that regional shelters were easier to manage and could accommodate more support for the public in need. Each town's Emergency Manager can still open additional local shelters if need be, but these regional shelters will be the first to open and the last to close.

Red Cross managed the shelter supplies and thanks to donations from Wal-Mart Foundation, several other foundations and individual donors, these regional shelters now have enough supplies to handle 500 people, but more funds are needed to be fully equipped to accommodate 1,000 per shelter.

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Sign up today for the Second Annual Golf Tournament, afternoon of September 11th at the Club at Yarmouth Port with buffet dinner at Ardeo Grille at Kings Way. Download the brochure online, sign up for a single player or foursome or call us at 508 775-1540 to join us for a fun event.

Hurry, space is limited!



Now you can save travel time and take a class at your own pace, simply go online and sign up. You'll go through an interactive class.

Once you're done, you'll make an appointment for a short in-person training and skill test session. If you pass that, you receive your certification.

The beauty of the online training is that you can take this class at your own pace at a time most convenient to you, even if it's at 2 am in the morning!

To sign up or for more information, call (508) 775-1540 or via the web site at capecodandislandsredcross.org today!



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AED Training and Life Saving Classes

First Aid, CPR/AED, Baby Sitting Training, Pet First Aid, Chokesaver with restaurant emergencies, Water Safety... all these classes and more are available on a regular basis.

Special group rates are available by calling Karen Whiting, Wendy Pierce or Flo Roberts at (508) 775-1540.

Check out the schedule or sign up online at capecodandislandsredcross.org

Also check out the web for gift certificates or other gifts to keep your loved ones safe and well.

Meet new Board Chair Hilary Greene



Hilary has years of marketing, fundraising and volunteer coordination experience, ideally suited to support the chapter's activities. Welcome Hilary!

Join the Friends of the Red Cross or Circle of Friends

A great way to help support the Red Cross with a 4-year pledge or with a monthly donation. Safe and easy through your credit card, you can help the chapter 12 months a year without receiving any additional appeals. Download a sign up form online or call (508) 775-1540 to join today!



Heroes 2009

Please keep your eyes and ears open for 2009 Heroes, to be recognized at next year's event, March 4th, 2010. Download the nomination online at capecodandislandsredcross.org

Local Disaster Relief Support Fund almost depleted!

This has been record year of local disasters, especially fires. There were several weeks with 5 fires a week!

When a fire occurs, Red Cross Disaster Action Team Members are typically on the scene within minutes of the call, ready to serve the first responders with coffee, waters, Gatorades and other snacks, often for hours that are in the middle of the night.

They also support local residents, displaced by a fire with a safe place to stay, food and disaster mental health support.

Unfortunately, our Local Disaster Relief Support Fund has been depleted because of the record number of fires we've had to support and we need to raise \$20,000 in the next few months.

All Disaster Relief Support provided to disaster affected clients or first responders is provided free of charge, thanks to the generous of donations of the public and donated time by volunteers.

Please consider a gift to the Local Disaster Relief Support Fund today so we can continue to be ready to provide the necessary support for those affected by disaster and the first responders on the scene. Thank you!



Stay tuned for Volunteer Training Classes on the Islands

The Chapter is planning several Disaster Action Team volunteer training classes on Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket in the Fall. Stay tuned for more info.

Volunteers: Thank You!



Red Cross volunteers at the Special Olympics event at the base: Robert Jacobson, Cindy Soby, Steve, Debbie Swanson, Leslie McCarthy



Several volunteers supporting the recent Bourne Canal clean-up efforts

Come meet us at the Barnstable County Fair!

Are you Red Cross Ready?

Request your free *Be Red Cross Ready* brochures, aimed at preparing people for disaster today! They are available in English and Portuguese online at capecodandislandsredcross.org or via calling (508) 775-1540.

This newsletter is aimed at helping you become better informed about the happenings at the Chapter.

We hope you like it and we appreciate your feedback. You can write to info@cciredcross.org or call (508) 775-1540.

Free Disaster Education Free Disaster Education

The Chapter can organize free disaster presentations at your business or organization, throughout Cape Cod and the Islands. Call (508) 775-1540 to arrange for a presentation.

About the Chapter

The American Red Cross is the primary lead agency for Mass Care Emergency Response, Disaster Relief Services, Services to Military Families, and Health and Safety Training Services.

The Cape Cod and Islands Chapter of the American Red Cross has provided emergency response service and health and safety training to the residents of Cape Cod, Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard for over 90 years.

All Disaster Services to Disaster-affected Clients, Police, Firefighters and all others responding to emergencies are provided free of charge. Training is free to Red Cross volunteers.

The Chapter receives no government funding. Our resources are paid only through charitable donations, grants and in-kind support from individuals, foundations and businesses, locally.

Thank you for your support.

How the Red Cross May Use Your Donation to Help Disaster Victims

\$75 provides 25 blankets at an emergency shelter.

\$350 will provide emergency food and shelter for 25 disaster-affected clients for one day.

\$1,200 deploys one Emergency Response Vehicle to a local disaster.

\$2,300 is the average yearly maintenance and fuel for one Emergency Response Vehicle on Cape Cod and the Islands.