



American Red Cross

Cape Cod and Islands Chapter

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Tropical Storms and Hurricane Activity

August and September are always very busy hurricane months. They are also busy times for chapter volunteers. If a storm is expected, your local chapter becomes a hub of activity.

If emergency managers ask the chapter to operate shelters, everything must be ready. If a storm heads near the Carolina's, the chapter goes into red alert and steps up its activities even further, because the storm or hurricane could easily move towards the Cape Cod and the Islands.

Lead volunteers descend on the chapter house, starting to organize local volunteers, checking who is available to support with shelter operations, locally and possibly nationally.

Shelters are evaluated to ensure they're still acceptable to serve as a shelter. Supplies are bought and stored. Communication systems are tested and much, much more..



If it involves a possible national disaster, contact with National Red Cross and other collaborating agencies takes place regularly and volunteers may be deployed.

For example, during Gustav, Hanna and Ike, the chapter sent a number of volunteers to Texas, Mississippi and Louisiana to help with mass care, feeding and provide health support in shelters operated by the National Red Cross and local chapters in the area.



Free Volunteer Training

To ensure that there are enough volunteers and that they're trained, special classes are held at the chapter house, at Dennis-Yarmouth High School and occasionally at other locations. The volunteer application process has also been simplified. Just call (508) 775-1540 or go to capecodandislandsredcross.org

Breakfast with Volunteers and Executive Director

On October 1, from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. the Chapter will organize its first free breakfast for donors and other interested parties. You will walk away with disaster preparation tips, it will give you some time with volunteers and the Executive Director and you'll gain a better understanding of the Red Cross and future plans.

To sign up, please respond to info@cciredcross.org or call (508) 775-1540 ext. 21. We hope to see you there and we trust this will become a regular activity.

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 near you.

Red Cross Looking to Support Disaster Relief Fund

From Illinois to Texas, almost 4,000 American Red Cross Disaster workers are on the ground, providing safe shelter, food, water and comfort to those affected by hurricane Ike and its remnants.

1.5 Million people are still without electricity and hundreds of thousands are now starting to return to their homes.

To ensure that the Red Cross continues its help for disaster victims, we need your support of the Disaster Relief Fund.

1. **On-line:** go to capecodandislandsredcross.org
2. **By mail:** Send your donation marked Disaster Relief Fund to the American Red Cross, 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601.

Thank you for your special support!

CPR/AED and First Aid Classes in Portuguese

The chapter is starting its training classes for Brazilians, focused on training Portuguese speaking Cape and Islands residents in first aid, CPR and the use of defibrillators.

The classes are offered in three locations – two in Hyannis and one in East Falmouth.

For more information go to capecodandislandsredcross.org.

Be Red Cross Ready brochures are aimed at preparing people for disaster. The brochures are available in English and Portuguese 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.

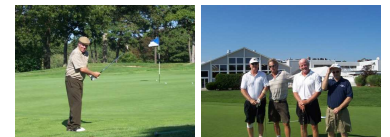
We hope you like it and we appreciate your feedback. You can write to info@cciredcross.org or call (508) 775-1540.

Training

All training classes are online on the chapter web site, including the blended learning: web and class room instruction and testing.

For a demo, check out capecodandislandsredcross.org or call (508) 775-1540 ext. 12.

Red Cross Open Great Success!



Left: PGA golfer and Low Amateur in the 1983 Masters Jim Hallett donated his time.

The winning players of team Sunderland Printing

Some 70 golfers were at Twin Brooks Golf course for an afternoon of golf on Sept 5th. Thank you goes to all volunteers, sponsors, donors and golfers to make this Red Cross Open a success.

A special thanks goes to co-chairs Cathy Dupuy and Hilary Greene as well as the course staff, Jim Hallett and the Wianno Grille to make the event extra special.

All proceeds of the golf tournament will benefit chapter services. Thank you!



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Martha's Vineyard Update



Photo: Frances Moseley

Left to right: Glen Beasley, Ellen Wolfe, Store owner, Deborah Jackson, CEO of the ARC of Mass. Bay and Judy Hartford, Store owner.

In collaboration with the store "Yes, we have no Bananas" on the Island, the Mass Bay and Cape Cod and Islands Chapter organized a weekend with jewelry and friendship, while raising a little money as well.

Thank you to the store owners and chapter executives.

Help Save the Chapter Thousands of Dollars a Year: Free and Easy

There's now a great way to help save the chapter fundraising cost and receive less appeals. It's free, easy and more of your donor dollars will go to support chapter services.

Become a Friend of the Red Cross and pledge a donation once a year for the next 4 years. We will only send you a reminder once a year and you'll get a copy of the newsletter, but no more appeals. Call (508)775-1540 to pledge.

Become a member of the Circle of Friends of the Red Cross and make your monthly donations automatically through your credit card.

Either way, your support as a special Friend will help funds come into the chapter on a regular basis and you will not receive any more appeals. Call (508) 775-1540 x. 21 or email info@cciredcross.org or check out capecodandislandsredcross.org to enroll.



Chapter Purchases Second hand Van

Thanks to the kind help of several wonderful major donors, the chapter was able to purchase a second-hand van to support disaster relief services.

This van will replace one of the two refurbished 1983 ambulances used as Emergency Response Vehicles (ERVs) for which Maintenance and gas cost have become exorbitant.

To have a reliable ERV is crucial for the chapter, because the vehicles are used to store the necessary equipment when disaster volunteers go out to a fire, flood or another local disaster.

The vehicle can hold the food, snacks and beverages, used to service the fire fighters and other emergency personnel at the scene.

The chapter is still looking to raise additional funds to support fuel, maintenance and possibly purchase another second hand vehicle.



Nantucket News



Photo: Burton Balkind.

Red Cross volunteers were involved with the Senior Expo held at Nantucket High School. Shown in the picture is Red Cross Volunteer Julie Fitzgerald. Volunteers were also on hand at the Nantucket Fair, providing Be Red Cross Ready brochures and other information, most relevant during hurricane season.

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.

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Support for Scout Emergency Preparedness Fair November 1st

Cape Youth Force, managed by the Cape Cod Foundation, has supported a major portion of the upcoming Scout Emergency Preparedness Fair. It will be held on November 1st from 9 a.m. to noon at the Barnstable Senior Center, Hyannis.

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will be able to obtain Emergency Preparedness skills and finalize their special merit badges at the same time. The Red Cross collaborates with a large number of organizations on this second annual Emergency Preparedness Fair.



Deadline for Hero Nominations fast Approaching

A nomination form is available on the web site: capecodandislandsredcross.org

Please feel free to copy the form and distribute it to friends and family. There are special people among us! Deadline for nomination is December 28th.

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.