



Cape Cod and Islands Chapter

Cross Roads

Record Attendance for 2nd Scout Emergency Preparedness Fair



The fair was held at the Barnstable Senior Center in Hyannis. It was aimed at helping Webelos and Cub Scouts earn their Readyman badge for their Emergency Preparedness Award and Junior Girl Scouts at earning their Safety Award pin.

Various displays and 'stations' were set up, teaching scouts water safety, basic first aid procedures and general disaster preparedness skills.

All participants received First Aid Kits, whistles, and glow sticks, thanks to grant support of the Cape Cod Foundation.

170 local Bear, Cub, Webelo, Wolf and Junior Girl Scouts attended from as far as Plymouth, MA.

Red Cross staff and 17 AmeriCorps members helped organize special 'stations', manned by 25 Community volunteers from the West Barnstable Fire Department, Barnstable Police Department, Animal Rescue League, and IFAW.

Older Boy Scouts and Senior Girl Scouts also volunteered and assisted with basic aid training instruction.

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.



The public is invited to send holiday cards with their message of thanks and cheer to a special post office box. The Red Cross and Pitney Bowes will then screen cards for hazardous materials, sort and package the cards, and deliver them to military bases, veteran's hospitals and military hospitals during the holidays. Holiday cards should be addressed and sent before December 10th to

Holiday Mail for Heroes, P.O. Box 5456, Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456

Last year, the effort garnered more than 600,000 cards for wounded service men and women. Goal this year: more than one million cards and holiday greetings. This continues the Red Cross tradition of service to the armed forces.

December 13th, National Day of Giving

The Red Cross has designated December 13 "National Day of Giving for the American Red Cross" as part of its efforts to reach the final \$35 million fundraising goal for the Campaign for Disaster Relief, launched in September.

"One thing we all have in common is that no one is immune from a disaster. Even if you don't live in an area that gets hit by hurricanes or earthquakes, events like house fires and floods can happen anywhere. The Disaster Relief Fund is what we all rely on to help people when they need it," said Glen Beasley, Executive Director of the Cape Cod and Islands Chapter.

Be on the lookout for volunteers that day and stay tuned for more information.

Joseph Reardon (ret) Honorary Chair Heroes Breakfast



The deadline for submitting a hero nomination is fast approaching. Download a nomination form today online at 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.

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.

To register or for more information, call (508) 775-1540

Be Red Cross Ready brochures are aimed at preparing people for disaster. The brochures 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.

Life Saving Training Classes

Baby Sitting Training, Pet First Aid, Chokesaver with restaurant emergencies, First Aid, CPR/AED... 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.

Sign up for all classes can also be done on-line at capecodandislandsredcross.org

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

Happy Holidays to You and Your Family!

From more than 600 volunteers and the small staff at your local Chapter, we wish you and your family a wonderful holiday.

Please be safe and careful, especially with candles.

For tips about being safe during the holidays, check out capecodandislandsredcross.org



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Martha's Vineyard Update

The chapter delivered an updated Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) to the Island. This is a crucial asset for volunteers to be able to respond to the needs of Islanders after emergencies, for client case work and to support mass feeding of firefighters and emergency personnel during or after local emergencies.

Thanks to a grant from the Permanent Endowment Fund on Martha's Vineyard, the chapter will be able to actively reach out to train more volunteers and equip them with the tools so they can continue to be the best volunteers they can be.

The chapter plans to launch a major campaign looking for new volunteers on the Island as well as instructors for training classes.

Join the Friends of the Red Cross Society and Help Save the Chapter Thousands of Dollars a Year

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.

Alternatively you can join as a member of the Circle of Friends of the Red Cross and make your monthly donations automatically through your credit card.

Your support as a special Friend will help funds come into the chapter on a regular basis without having to send you any more appeals.

Call (508) 775-1540 x. 21 or email info@cciredcross.org or check out capecodandislandsredcross.org/donate to enroll.



Sharry Grunden-Stevens accepts the keys from Michael Robbins (Sandwich) of the Emergency Response Vehicle, now positioned on the Island.

Volunteer Application Process Simplified

As part of the major push on getting more trained Disaster volunteers and other volunteers to support activities, the Chapter recently simplified the Volunteer Process. After the initial application and background check, new volunteers will attend an orientation session, fill out some remaining forms and start their initial training class.

Just call (508) 775-1540 or go to capecodandislandsredcross.org for more information or to download an application.

New AmeriCorps Members To Support Chapter



From left to right: Training Administrator Michael Robbins, Communications Volunteer Frank O'Laughlin, Nichole Long, Administrative Assistant Linnie McEachern, Amie Vos, Catharie Nass, Meredith Titterington and Director of Preparedness Karen Whiting.

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.



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Nantucket News

Rev. Georgia Snell, Nantucket Zone Leader is actively looking for volunteers. Contact volunteer@cciredcross.org or (508) 775-1540 for more information on volunteering on Nantucket.

Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank Charitable Foundation Trust supports Training for Life with \$2,000

"Training For Life" is aimed at developing American Red Cross Community Scholarships to train high school students in our communities in CPR/AED and First Aid on Cape Cod.

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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