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American Red Cross Announces Additional Disaster Volunteer Training Classes

Hyannis, MA January 16, 2010- In view of the devastating events in Haiti and the overwhelming response from the community to become volunteers, the American Red Cross has scheduled additional disaster volunteer training classes.

The “Become a Red Cross Volunteer” classes will start on January 23rd and will be held at the West Barnstable Fire Department, 2160 Meetinghouse Way (Rte 149, Exit 5), West Barnstable. The classes taught that day are all required for new volunteers and consist of Fulfilling our Mission which will start at 9 a.m., followed by Mass Care at 1 p.m.

Shelter Operations will take place on February 1st at 6 p.m. and will be held at the Chapter House, 286 South Street in Hyannis, followed by Shelter Simulation on February 2nd, also at 6 pm at the Chapter House.

If you have signed up for a class, be sure to attend, as space size is always limited. The class is open to anybody, 18 years and up who would like to become a Red Cross volunteer. There are no other prerequisites and classes are free. Registration is required. To register for a class, please respond to train@cciredcross.org with your name, address, email, and phone number.

Once trained, volunteers can work in various fields of expertise, especially focused on opening, operating, and closing your regional shelter on Cape Cod. It’s also possible to respond to a local disaster (house fire, airplane crash, oil spill), or deploying to different parts of our nation where a disaster has struck.

Volunteer applications will be available at the class or can be downloaded ahead of time online at **cciredcross.org**. All classes are required to become a certified volunteer.

To sign up for this volunteer training is only possible by calling Michael Robbins at : 508-775-1540 x 22 or by sending an email to Train@cciredcross.org. Please provide your name, full contact information, telephone number and email address and you will be contacted to confirm. A Federal Background check is required of all participants. All classes must be attended but there may be some make-up dates available.

For more information about training or to support the American Red Cross Cape Cod Islands Chapter, write to 286 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601, call (508) 775-1540 or visit cciredcross.org

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