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Disaster Relief & Preparedness • Service to the Armed Forces • International Tracing Services
CPR & First Aid Training • First Aid Service Corps • Water Safety Instruction • Community Transportation • Blood Services

Disaster Operations Morning Report

Date: 5/29/08

Time: 9:40 a.m.

Incident	Red Cross Response
5/28/08 1:05 p.m. Dispatched to a single-family house fire in zip code 43219 (North East). Minor damage to bedroom. Four persons lived in home.	Volunteers provided a home clean-up kit, comfort kits with toiletries, child trauma brochures, teddy bears for kids, financial resources for bed linens.
5/28/08 2:00 p.m. Follow-up from 5/15/08 fire. Building has been condemned.	Provided referrals for clothing and household items. Provided one night lodging, comfort kit, financial assistance for food and clothing.
5/28/08 2:00 a.m. Dispatched to a multi-family fire in zip code 43081 (Westerville). Three affected units; two w/ major damage in bedrooms. Seven persons lived in homes.	Volunteer team provided assistance for food. No need for lodging as clients wished to stay with friends. Children received teddy bears. Received comfort kits with toiletries.
5/28/08 2:05 a.m. Dispatched to multi-family fire in zip code 43224 (Oakland Park). Three affected units; one unit's bedroom destroyed; one w/minor smoke damage. One person transported to hospital. Five people lived in homes.	Provided assistance for food, lodging and storage containers. Residents received comfort kits; home clean-up kits provided, mental health volunteer dispatched to hospital.

Your financial donation made it possible for Red Cross volunteers to help 17 people in just over 12-hours on Wednesday, May 28, 2008 after they experienced what can be a traumatic, highly personal and sometimes fatal disaster – a home fire. Fortunately, there was no loss of life during this brief period of time. But, since then, a father perished during an early morning blaze, a grandmother didn't escape her burning home and beloved family pets have been lost. Thanks to your financial donation, Red Cross volunteers will continue to bring comfort to those who need us.

Compassion In Action

"It is an immense privilege and pleasure to be part of the American Red Cross. I am very proud of the fact that the Red Cross mantra is to be 'good stewards' of dollars donated by the public. These are wonderful conditions to volunteer in. In fact, I wonder how many 'clients' have become 'volunteers' after their experience with the Red Cross. Again, it is a privilege to 'put on the vest'. I have true admiration for our clients that persevere and for my Red Cross sisters and brothers that serve so well."

-Renea Hushour, 2008 Anne Magnussen Award Winner



Your Red Cross **IMPACT** 7/1/07 - 5/31/08



Medical trips for seniors.....**15,402**



Individuals trained in CPR/First Aid.....**38,117**



Families assisted after fires.....**412**



Emergency messages conveyed on behalf of military families.....**688**



Financial assistance provided to home fire victims.....**\$222,500**

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The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement, will provide relief to victims of disasters and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

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KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE IN THE WATER THIS SUMMER

According to the Ohio Department of Health from 2004 - 2006, 29 people died from accidental drowning in Franklin county alone. Each summer pools across the area offer American Red Cross Learn to Swim lessons, teaching kids to stay safe in and around the water. Enrolling your children in swimming lessons is vital to summer safety and fun, but equally important for home pool owners is taking steps to keep swimmers in *your pool* safe this summer.

Home Pool Owner Tips

1. Keep a first aid kit, cordless phone, emergency contact information and a pole or life jacket nearby.
2. Eliminate temptation by installing a self-closing, self-locking gate around your pool.
3. Never leave small children unattended near the water.

Local business are also joining the water safety effort. Kroger, with the support of Clorox and the American Red Cross of Greater Columbus, is partnering with Columbus Recreation and Parks to provide residents with free access to swim lessons at Columbus Recreation and Parks aquatics facilities. Visit columbus.redcross.org to learn more about this partnership and access a complete list of water safety tips.

Message from those YOU help

"I'm always wondering what would have happened if I hadn't known CPR."

-Rosemary Simpson, 15 year-old

Rosemary and her brother saved their father's life using CPR skills they learned in Red Cross training. Your support helps fund education that saves lives. Participants may learn these skills in school, at work or in a community class, but once trained, they can save lives anywhere, at anytime. Thank you for making our community safer. With your support, more than 30,000 local residents have received lifesaving, first aid and CPR training so far this year.

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