

## Purpose

Disaster shelter volunteers are the helping hands and friendly faces when disaster strikes.

Trained Shelter volunteers are deployed to local, regional or national shelters (at their own selection) to:

- Set-up equipment and ready supplies in disaster shelters,
- Record and report the statistics of shelter residents,
- Provide support and assistance to those in need, including food and basic recovery needs.

## Free Training is Available

All disaster shelter volunteers must attend these three training courses (in sequence) to qualify as a disaster shelter volunteer. Courses are universal and may be taken at any Red Cross chapter. All disaster courses are free.

## Course content

### Part 1: Intro & Mass Care

Time: 3 hours

This course provide the volunteers with

- An introduction to the Red Cross,
- An overview of disaster shelter operations, and
- Descriptions of the different roles shelter volunteers can do.

### Part 2: Shelter Operations

Time: 3 hours

Volunteers will learn the following procedures

- Open, operate and close a shelter,
- Demonstrate quality service,
- Organize a shelter volunteer team,
- Organize the physical facility and materials to meet the needs of the people in the shelter.

### Part 3: Shelter Simulation

Time: 3 hours

This purpose of this course is to provide the volunteers with the opportunity to apply the knowledge, skills and abilities they have learned in the first two courses to open, operate and close a shelter, by using a series of team tabletop exercises.

## To Register

Disaster Shelter Volunteer Training Courses are offered regularly. For a complete listing of the most recently added courses visit the Red Cross web site at [www.tricountyredcross.org/disaster/dc.html](http://www.tricountyredcross.org/disaster/dc.html)

There are currently courses scheduled in September and October in Scotch Plains, Fanwood & Westfield.

Please send me more information about how I can become a Disaster Shelter Volunteer:

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form to: American Red Cross – Tri-County Chapter, 332 West Front Street, Plainfield, NJ 07060  
Att: Disaster Shelter Training coordinator

## UPCOMING TRAININGS

DATES, TIMES, LOCATIONS

### **Union Catholic High School 1600 S. Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains**

Part I – Tues., September 15 6 – 9 pm  
Part II – Tues., September 22 6 – 9 pm  
Part III – Tues. September 29 6 – 9 pm

### **Forest Road Park Forest Road Ext. off of Woodland Ave. Fanwood**

Part I – Sat., October 17<sup>th</sup> 9 am – Noon  
Part II – Sat., October 17<sup>th</sup> 1 – 4 pm  
Part III – Sun., October 18<sup>th</sup> Noon - 3 pm

### **Ralph G. Froehlich Public Safety Bldg 300 North Avenue, Westfield**

Part I – Wed., October 14 6 – 9 pm  
Part II – Wed., October 21 6 – 9 pm  
Part III – Wed., October 28 6 – 9 pm

To register or learn about additional  
dates, times and locations go to:  
[tricityredcross.org/dc.html](http://tricityredcross.org/dc.html)

or  
call the Red Cross at

(908) 756-6414, ext. 21



# Disaster Shelter Volunteers

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when you are needed  
and to  
lend a helping hand  
when disaster strikes

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