

American Red Cross of the Susquehanna Valley Disaster Training Schedule January – June 2004

Disaster Health Services: An Overview. The purpose of this course is to assist Red Cross paid and volunteer staff to organize and administer the Disaster Health Services function on a chapter level, and to tell them how the Disaster Health Services function is initiated on a larger disaster relief operation. The course is designed to help the participants identify Disaster Health Services preparedness measures that should take place on a local level and to become familiar with policies, regulations and procedures.

Prerequisite: Introduction to Disaster

<u>Capital Region</u>	Fri 02/27	8:30am-1:30pm	Instructors: Sue Grassman/Shirley Remis
	Fri 04/30	8:30am-1:30pm	

Disaster Health Services Simulation. The purpose of this course is to prepare Red Cross paid and volunteer staff for entry-level assignment to Disaster Health Services function on a disaster relief operation that extends beyond the scope of relief operation conducted by a single Red Cross chapter and is often nationally administered. **Prerequisite: Introduction to Disaster, Disaster Health Services: An Overview**

<u>Capital Region</u>	Sat 02/28	8:30am – 4:30pm	Instructors: Sue Grassman/Shirley Remis
	Sat 05/01	8:30am – 4:30pm	

ERVs: Ready, Set, Roll: The purpose of this course is to prepare Red Cross paid and volunteer staff to safely and effectively use an emergency response vehicle (ERV) and its equipment to meet feeding and other service needs of the people affected by a disaster.

<u>Capital Region</u>	* Sat 04/24 (Road Test)	9am -1pm	Instructor: Matt Hollis
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Requirements: Valid drivers' license, satisfactory Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) report and Defensive Driving Certificate, completion of: Introduction to Disaster Services, Mass Care: An Overview, First Aid/CPR certification, ***PLUS completion of the self-study portion of the class, materials must be obtained and completed no later than 1 week prior to the class date. Call instructor for more information: 257-1822 ext 206***

Emergency Operations Center: The purpose of this course is to prepare Red Cross paid and volunteer staff to serve as a liaison to represent the Red Cross at an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and support the information and coordination process. **Prerequisite: Introduction to Disaster**

<u>Capital Region</u>	Sat 05/15	9-4pm	Instructor: Holly Hawkins
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*Field trip to Pennsylvania State EOC is included with this course.

To register for classes, please contact 234-3101 (Capital Region), 299-5561 (Lancaster), 248-4213 (Lewistown)

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Public Affairs. The purpose of this course is to assist Red Cross paid and volunteer staff in working with the Public Affairs function on a local disaster relief operation and to initiate the Public Affairs function on a state or major disaster relief operation. ***Prerequisite: Introduction to Disaster Services***

Capital Region Thur 02/12 9am-5pm Instructor: Holly Hawkins

Disaster Welfare Information: Connecting Your Community. The purpose of this training is to prepare participants to handle Disaster Welfare Information in their local chapters. Participants will learn how to provide effective service, transmit an inquiry to the Disaster Welfare Information function on a disaster relief operation and conduct follow-up to ensure that the inquirer's needs are met. ***Prerequisite: Introduction to Disaster Services***

Capital Region Tue 02/10 9am – 12pm Instructor: Mike Finkenbinder

Weapons of Mass Destruction / Terrorism: An Overview. The purpose of this course is to provide basic information about the issues and safety concerns in performing our work in an environment involving a Weapons of Mass Destruction and/or Terrorism (WMD/T) incident. Participants will learn about the skills, abilities and knowledge needed by disaster workers performing duties in this environment. ***Prerequisite: Introduction to Disaster Services***

Lancaster Mon 03/22 6 – 9pm Instructor: Mike Finkenbinder

Serving the Diverse Community This is a skills based training course that provides the tools for creating inclusive relationships with colleagues and clients. It focuses on the conversational skills participants will to be effective in working and serving diverse communities. ***There are no prerequisites to this course***

Lancaster Sat 02/07 9am – 5pm Instructor: Priscilla Gonya

** A brown-bag lunch is required for this course as participants will continue classroom discussion through lunch hour.*

Human Resources In Disaster. The purpose of this training is to provide basic information about the activities and processes of the Local Disaster Volunteers, Staffing and Training functions in support of an American Red Cross disaster relief operation. Participants will learn how to deliver and support sufficient and effective human resources on a disaster relief operation. ***Prerequisite: Introduction to Disaster Services***

Lancaster Tue 06/15 6-9pm Instructor: Craig Crosby

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Shelter Operations: The purpose of this course is to prepare Red Cross and other agencies' staff to effectively and sensitively manage shelter operations as a team, to meet the needs of people displaced as a result of a disaster.

Prerequisites: *Introduction to Disaster Services, Mass Care: An Overview*

Lancaster Wed 06/02 6-9pm Instructor: Dawn Matterness

Shelter Simulation: The purpose of this training is to provide participants an opportunity to practice the knowledge and skills needed to run a successful shelter operation.

Prerequisites: *Introduction to Disaster Services, Mass Care: An Overview, Shelter Operations*

Lancaster Thur 06/03 6-9pm Instructor: Dawn Matterness, Holly Hawkins

Administering A Small Disaster Operation: The purpose of this two-day course is to prepare Red Cross employees and volunteers to administer a disaster relief operation in which no more than 30 families have been affected and which will be partially or totally funded by National Headquarters. ***Prerequisites:*** *Introduction to Disaster Services*

Capital Region Wed 04/14 9am – 5pm Instructor: Robert Heintzelman
 Thur 04/15 9am – 5pm

Due to the material presented in this course, ASDO is recommended for those with local and national disaster experience and/or those wishing to assume a leadership role within their chapter, however these are not requirements. All are welcome to attend who have completed *Introduction to Disaster Services*.

Defensive Driving: The purpose of this course is to sharpen driving skills. It covers defensive driving skills, vehicle safety and offers strategies for adjusting to age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time. The course is designed specifically for older drivers, age 50 or older but is available to all DAT members and ERV drivers currently volunteering with the Susquehanna Valley Chapter, regardless of age. ***There are no prerequisites for this course.***

Capital Region Sat 01/24 8am-5pm Instructor: Robert Heintzelman

There is no fee for this course. Enrollment is limited to 30 people, please register EARLY!

Loss Grief and Mourning: This workshop is open to all Disaster Mental Health Volunteers. In addition to initial DMHS training, the workshop provides an opportunity to enhance your knowledge level and skill base as you apply grief and loss concepts to your role as a DMHS volunteer. This workshop has been approved by the PA Board of Social Workers for 3.25 CEU's. There is no fee for this course, but registration is required and space is limited.

Registration deadline: Friday, February 20, 2004.

Lancaster Sat 02/28 8am-12pm Instructor: Patti Homan

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