

# American Red Cross of the Susquehanna Valley 4th Quarter 2008 (Oct, Nov, Dec) Disaster Training Schedule

## Day of Disaster (NEW)

The purpose of this all-in-one **basic Level** course is to introduce participants to the role of the Red Cross in the community's actions in preparing for, responding to and recovering from emergencies and disasters. Participants will be able to assess how to use their skills & abilities to strengthen the capacity of both the community & the Red Cross to better serve people affected by disaster. They will understand the mission of the Red Cross, the principles & values that support the mission & the expected behaviors of Red Cross volunteers and employees in the conduct of that mission and then will be given the next steps. This course will also provide an overview of the activities performed by the Mass Care group and support of a disaster relief operation. Lastly but certainly not least this course will prepare volunteers and employees of the Red Cross to effectively and sensitively manage shelter operations as a team while meeting the needs of people displaced as a result of a disaster. In addition participants will be provided with an opportunity to apply the knowledge, skills and abilities required to operate a successful shelter through a simulation.

Harrisburg                      Sat, Nov 1                      9 am – 5 pm

***Prerequisites:*** American Red Cross Volunteer Orientation and Online Background Check. ***This course is mandatory for all other disaster classes. Please note that this course is made up of the 4 basic disaster courses and if you have previously taken them you do not need to re-take anything. Please direct all questions or concerns to [SVDisasterTraining@usa.redcross.org](mailto:SVDisasterTraining@usa.redcross.org).***

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## Logistics: An Overview and Simulation

The purpose of this **basic level** course is to provide basic information about the processes of material support services activities in support of an American Red Cross disaster relief operation. Participants will learn about the skills, abilities and knowledge needed by material support workers and how they can become involved in their local chapter. Participants will also have an opportunity to practice the knowledge and skills needed to run a successful logistical operation in their chapter.

***Prerequisites:*** Day of Disaster or Fulfilling Our Mission and mass Care Overview.

Harrisburg                      Sat, Oct 4                      9 am – 3:30 pm

Instructors:  
Jess Wigley  
Lois Boose

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## Humanity in the Midst of War: Introduction to International Humanitarian Law and American Red Cross International Services: An Overview (chapter created workshop)

This **basic level** course is intended to raise awareness among Red Cross representatives and general audiences about the Geneva Conventions, the basic rules of international humanitarian law, and the role of the Red Cross during armed conflict to implement IHL. Through a hands-on approach utilizing group activities, class discussion and multiple audiovisual aids, this newly-updated course invites participants to reflect on their images and perceptions of armed conflict and explore the powerful and fundamental concept of *human dignity* even in the midst of the excesses of war. ***Prerequisites:*** Fulfilling Our Mission.

Harrisburg                      Sat, Oct 25                      10 am – 5 pm

Instructor:  
Margot Hillman  
Jess Wigley

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## Collaborating to Ensure Effective Service Delivery

The purpose of this **basic level** course is to prepare Red Cross employees and volunteers to establish collaborative relationships that contribute to coordinated disaster response and help to ensure effective service delivery. This course will also prepare participants to begin conducting liaison activities in a chapter and establish a foundation upon which they can build toward a career as a liaison in the Disaster Services Human Resources (DSHR) System. **Prerequisites:** *Day of Disaster or Fulfilling Our Mission and Mass Care Overview.*

Instructor:  
Bob Straw  
Russ Kratzer

York                      Sat, Nov 1                      9 am – 5 pm  
                                 Sun, Nov 2                      9 am – 5 pm

\* This course is a 2 day course and you must attend both days to receive credit.

\* This course will be held at the York County Chapter at 724 S. George St. York, PA 17401

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## Mass casualty in Disaster

This course combines a series of presentations and class discussions which use real-world examples to explore the four types of mass casualty disasters and the planning and response role of the Red Cross as part of an overall community response. This interactive learning experience culminates in a thought-provoking simulation of a mass casualty event where participants form teams, representing a Red Cross chapter, and must make decisions during the first 24 hours following the disaster event. **Prerequisites:** *Day of Disaster or Fulfilling and Mass care Overview.*

Instructor:  
John Ream

Harrisburg              Sat, Nov 15                      9 am – 4 pm

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## Fundamentals of Disaster Public Affairs: The National Response

This facilitator-led course introduces Red Cross communicators to the critical tasks necessary to initiate a national disaster public affairs response. The course is designed for those individuals who will serve in the Public Affairs activity on a national disaster relief operation. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in case-based scenarios, group exercises, practice activities and open discussion. These participatory activities are designed to reinforce important concepts and meet segment objectives. **Prerequisites:** *Day of Disaster or Fulfilling Our Mission, Mass Care Overview and Fundamentals of Disaster Public Affairs: The Local Response.*

Instructor:  
Steve Cassel

Harrisburg              Sat, Dec 6                      9 am – 4 pm

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## Health Services Response Workshop

The purpose of this **basic level** workshop is to prepare licensed or certified health professionals to either work in their local chapter jurisdiction or to be deployed to a Red Cross Disaster Relief Operation and function as health professionals within the health services protocols. **Prerequisites:** *Fulfilling Our Mission, Mass Care Overview*

**Dates are forthcoming.**

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