



VOLUNTEER OPTIONS

Look over these options, and call us! Or, if you have a NEW idea, call us too!

Disaster Action Team (DAT):

A local team that responds to any disaster in Yolo County, most often a single family residential fire. Volunteers interview the clients and supply them with vouchers to meet needs such as food, hotel, etc.

ì Requirements:

∅ 16 years of age or older

∅ Variable on-call schedule Monday -- Sunday 5 pm through 8 am

∅ Training requirements:

§ Orientation to American Red Cross

§ Introduction to Disaster Services

§ Mass care

§ Family services

§ Shelter Operations/Shelter simulation

§ First Aid certified

All DATs start out as "trainees"; after 3 callouts – promotion to official DAT member

National Disaster Response (DSHR):

Becoming a national volunteer requires TIME, minimum two weeks, preferably three. You must be in good health, responsible, able to take direction from others, a team player, and adaptive to changing situations.

̀ Requirements:

- Ø 18 years of age or older
- Ø CPR/First Aid certified
- Ø Social Security and current, valid Driver's license; Background check
- Ø Approval by local Chapter through disaster training –various classes required
- Ø MUST BE ABLE TO LEAVE WITHIN 48 HOURS OR LESS

Please call and schedule appointment if interested to schedule interview and classes

Local Large Disasters

These volunteers are called only in the event of a local Yolo County disaster. An example is winter flooding and the need for opening a shelter for families; also the possibility of finding temporary shelter for pets, livestock, etc. The training is similar to DAT; volunteers are not on a committed schedule, receiving a call only if needed.

CPR/First Aid Instructors

Volunteer Instructors are always needed. After teaching three classes for the Red Cross within one year, all course costs for certification are reimbursed to volunteers. (Total cost is \$160.00 for both courses)

̀ Requirements

- Ø 18 years of age or older

- Ø Completion of Fundamentals of Instructor Training (FIT)
- Ø Completion of First Aid/CPR/AED for Lay Responder Instructor Training
- Ø Time needed to take these 2 courses is three days

Health/Disaster Fairs and Community Outreach

These are usually one-time events, mostly on weekends, daytime between 8 am and 5 pm, and within the county. All training is provided. Before attending these fairs, Volunteers must have a basic knowledge of the American Red Cross services, and Volunteer opportunities. Since the basic role of these fairs is to raise the awareness of the function of the American red Cross, Volunteers will pass out information about our functions, I.e. Disaster preparedness, CPR schedules, Volunteer opportunities, upcoming fundraisers, and answer lots of questions!

Volunteers must be able to set up a pop-up tent if needed, organize paperwork, and talk with folks

Office/Display Design

The office always needs Volunteers (like me, typing away!). This works might include data entry, answering phones, computer savvy and Microsoft office familiarity, making copies; writing letters and making phone calls; envelope-and-mailer stuffing, designing of display boards, fair displays, cleaning manikins, setting up for classes.

Volunteers can make their own hours, usually 8 am to 6 pm.

Chapter Development

The Yolo County Chapter needs Volunteers who prefer to work from home, and are detail and research oriented. Some examples of on-going research projects have included: student nursing programs, making detailed flood maps based upon geology, rainfall, Lake Berryessa, local General Plan Safety Elements from County and City resources, implementing local Youth programs.

One Time Fundraiser Events

There are two major fundraisers each year: Heart Kitchen of the Home Tour in May, and Heroes Luncheon in December. Volunteers help to plan, organize, and set up for these events.