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Red Cross Responds to Springfield Fire

Springfield, IL: The American Red Cross, Illinois Capital Area Chapter responded to a fire this morning at 1317 N. 8th in Springfield. A Red Cross Disaster Action Team (DAT) was dispatched to meet with the seven residents affected by the fire.

Casework interviewers from the Red Cross met with the individuals to identify immediate needs resulting from the fire. Basic emergency assistance including food, shelter, clothing and medication is being provided.

Every year, between the months of November and March (the months commonly referred to as “Fire Season”) the American Red Cross responds to roughly half of its responses for the entire year. Typically, these responses are to single-family fires. To date this year, the chapter has assisted nearly 40 percent more individuals than at this point last year.

On average, the Red Cross, Illinois Capital Area Chapter responds to a disaster every three days. Last year alone responding to more than 115 disaster incidents, including 104 house fires, 2 incidents of flooding, 1 winter storm, 1 windstorm, 1 transportation accident, and 6 other incidents, providing emergency assistance to 534 individuals.

The community can help those affected by future disasters by making a contribution the Local Disaster Relief Fund. All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people. To help the Red Cross continue to save lives, contributions can be made to the American Red Cross Local Disaster Relief Fund by calling 522-3357. Contributions may also be sent to the Illinois Capital Area Chapter P.O. Box 1058, 1025 South Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62705-1058.

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