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Red Cross Responds to Five Fires in Two Days

Over the last two days, the Illinois Capital Area Chapter has responded to five fires: two apartment fires and three house fires. On Tuesday, the chapter responded to an apartment fire at 1300 North Grand Avenue West in Springfield and house fires at 707 S. Putnam in Bunker Hill and 21597 Athens Blacktop in Petersburg. Today, Wednesday, the chapter responded to an apartment fire at 107 S. Douglas in Springfield and a house fire at 1801 S. 7th in Springfield. The chapter has provided assistance for 46 individuals in two days.

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

“We are grateful to have community support that allows us to make a difference in the lives of those affected by disasters. It is the community who makes what we do possible,” said Jenny Antonacci, Community Relations Manager for the Illinois Capital Area Chapter. “By supporting our Local Disaster Relief Fund, people can give others the greatest gift of all...*hope.*”

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 Disaster Relief Fund by calling 522-3357. Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund 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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