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American Red Cross Responds to Multiple Fires

Springfield, IL: The American Red Cross Illinois Capital Area Chapter has responded to five fires in four days.

Three of the fires occurred on Wednesday (June 21) at the following locations:

214 E. Canedy St., Springfield
875 N. 1700 Rd., Owaneco
109 W. Washington St., Edinburg

The additional two fires occurred this evening (Saturday, June 24) at the following locations:

2510 Road Runner Ct. Apartment 3, Springfield
6312 Weeping Willow Rd., Rochester

Red Cross caseworkers met with the affected individuals to identify their immediate needs resulting from the fires. Emergency assistance including food, clothing and shelter has been provided for those in need. A total of 19 individuals were affected by the fires.

On average, the Red Cross, Illinois Capital Area Chapter responds to a disaster every two 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 to 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 (217) 787-7602. Contributions may also be sent to the Illinois Capital Area Chapter P.O. Box 1058, 1045 Outer Park, Springfield, IL 62704-1058.

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