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American Red Cross To Distribute Fire Prevention Information in Springfield During MLK Jr. Day of Service

As part of the nationwide MLK Jr. Day of Service, volunteers from the American Red Cross Illinois Capital Area Chapter and several other local organizations including the University of Illinois Springfield and the Springfield Urban League will partner to distribute fire prevention information throughout Springfield.

From 1:00-4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 16, a group of 70-80 local volunteers will visit neighborhoods on the east side of Springfield that have a history of residential fires and are economically vulnerable. Red Cross volunteers will be dispensing door hangers that feature tips/information on how to reduce the risk of residential fires. The project's overall goal is to reach 6,000 homes.

Residential fires are the most common emergency that the Chapter responds to/provides assistance for, with one typically occurring every three days. Since fire season began in October, the Chapter has responded to 35 fires in its jurisdiction and provided fire-related assistance to 115 affected individuals.

Volunteers will assemble at 1045 Outer Park Drive around 12:30 p.m. to receive their route instructions.

To learn more about the American Red Cross Illinois Capital Area Chapter or to make a donation to Local Disaster Relief, please visit il-redcross.org or call 217-787-7602.

January 14 – UPDATE: More than 90 volunteers distributed Red Cross fire prevention information to 4,500 homes on the east side of Springfield.

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