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American Red Cross Canteen Team Provides Drinks to Firefighters after Athens Blaze, Assistance to Seven

An American Red Cross Illinois Capital Area Chapter Volunteer Canteen team provided coffee and water to 50 firefighters who were responding to a church fire on Friday evening in Athens. Disaster Action Team (DAT) volunteers also provided assistance to seven individuals displaced by the fire.

The fire occurred at 301 S. Main Street, Athens, and resulted in the destruction of the church. DAT volunteers provided financial assistance for food, clothing, and shelter for 13 individuals who were living at the church.

The community can help those affected by future disasters by volunteering with the American Red Cross and/or making a contribution to American Red Cross Local Disaster Relief.

All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people. The best way to help those affected by disasters is through a financial donation to the American Red Cross. Donations of money help tailor disaster relief to the needs of victims and restore the economic vitality of disaster-affected communities. Your gift enables the Red Cross to provide shelter, food, emotional support and other assistance to victims of all disasters. Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund may be sent to 1045 Outer Park Dr., Springfield, IL 62704 or donations can be made online at www.il-redcross.org. On those rare occasions when donations exceed Red Cross expenses for a specific disaster, contributions are used to prepare for and serve victims of other disasters.

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