

American Red Cross of Greater Chicago
Disaster Health Services
Volunteer Job Description

Overview

Disaster Health Services (DHS) provides emergency and preventive health services to disaster victims and to Red Cross Disaster Services staff assigned to provide disaster relief services. DHS is an integral part of Red Cross Disaster Services.

Mission of Disaster Health Services

The mission of the DHS function is to provide health-related services and secure resources to meet the health needs of people affected by disaster and of staff providing disaster relief.

Purpose and Role of Disaster Health Services

DHS is one of the direct services functions of Red Cross Disaster Services. DHS provides emergency and preventive health services to people affected by disaster and to Red Cross staff providing disaster relief. It also cooperates in approved appropriate research designed to mitigate disaster-related illness, injury, and death.

Key Responsibilities:

- Abide by the Code of Conduct and the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross.
- To inform Red Cross when contact information changes
- To respond to monthly e-mail requests regarding availability
- Complete 48 hours of service each quarter. The following activities when associated with Disaster Services meet the hours of service requirement
 - Taking call to support the Disaster Actions Teams
 - Providing assistance when assigned to a shelter or with Mass Care
 - Acting as a liaison to hospitals when assigned to do patient tracking/family reunification
 - Supporting the Family Service function when consulted regarding medically related situations when on-call.
 - Consulting with Medical Examiner's/Coroners' Office when assigned.
 - Providing information regarding resources and making referrals when appropriate
 - Attending classes, seminars and other educational offerings approved by Disaster Services
 - To complete and submit appropriate documentation in a timely fashion.
 - Attend volunteer meetings

Requirements:

- Hold a current active license in Illinois as an R.N., L.P.N., M.D., or an E.M.T. and submit a copy of said license to be placed in the personnel file.
- Participate in a Volunteer Orientation Session.
- Participate in Introduction to Disaster Services.
- Complete Disaster Health Services: An Overview.

Development Opportunities:

- Chair committees
- Mentor new volunteers
- Become an instructor

Volunteer Signature _____ Date _____