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information on how to volunteer
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Training Schedules and
Registration can be located
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July's Calendar of Events

- July 8, 2010—North Central Idaho Meeting, Lewiston
- July 10, 2010 - Amed Forces Day - Armory, Boise
- July 15, 2010—Southwest Idaho Red Cross Meeting, Boise
- July 16, 2010 - Board of Directors Meeting, Boise
- July 20, 2010 - South Central Idaho Red Cross Meeting, Twin Falls
- July 21, 2010—Eastern Idaho Red Cross Meeting, Idaho Falls
- July 22, 2010—North Idaho Red Cross Meeting, Coeur d'Alene
- July 23, 2010 - Blood Drive/Information Fair - Walgreens, Meridian
- July 26, 2010 - ADA Task Force Event, Boise
- July 31, 2010 - Crime Prevention Event - Nampa

Idaho Falls Golf Scramble

Apple Athletic club is sponsoring a Golf Scramble to benefit the American Red Cross, to be held Friday July 30th at Pinecrest Golf Course in Idaho Falls. It will be a fun event and we are looking for a few more participants. If you are interested a foursome is \$240 (\$60 a player) and hole sponsorships are \$100 each. There are discounts for players with valid municipal season passes. For more information please contact Diane Lewis at 800-853-2570 ext 703.

Office Closure

In observance of the fourth of July, our office will be closed Monday, July 5th. Disaster calls will still be taken at 800-853-2570. Anyone wishing to get information or register for Health & Safety classes can visit our website at www.redcrossidaho.org

North Idaho District Office Moving

On July 1st, the North Idaho District office will be located at:
411 West Haycraft Avenue
Suite D2
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814

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Red Cross Participates in Airport Disaster Simulation

On May 26, the Greater Idaho Chapter participated in the Boise Airport's tri-annual airport disaster exercise. The exercise involved a number of agencies—including the Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, and local police and fire departments—and over 100 participants. The exercise simulated a plane crash at the Boise Airport. Southwest Airlines participated in the exercise. Student volunteers played the role of the dead or injured while each participating agency or department undertook their various disaster response roles. Red Cross Disaster Action Team (DAT) members assisted first responders on the tarmac and also staffed a receiving room inside the airport where families came looking for loved ones. Red Cross volunteers played a major role in coordinating with

local Treasure Valley hospitals, all of which participated in the exercise. Red Cross volunteers also reported to the various hospitals to help in the effort to coordinate between disaster victims and families.

Walt Mott, State Chair of Disaster Services for the Greater Idaho Chapter, thought everyone learned a lot from the exercise. People did not receive roles or orders ahead of time, which made the exercise somewhat chaotic like a real disaster would be. Police guarded doors and all participants had to have the proper identification to be let into the area. After the exercise was over, team leaders from all the participating agencies met and debriefed. Then the various leaders met with their own volunteers to debrief them. Jodie Andrew, the Emergency Services Director for the Red Cross, led

the Red Cross debriefing. As part of the lessons learned, Red Cross staff and volunteers decided a training manual needs to be developed for these types of disasters. Mott emphasized that it is "important to be on top of these disasters in a very structured way." Exercises such as these help to do just that and foster the community cooperation and coordination that is necessary in a large scale disaster.



Welcome to the Team

The Greater Idaho Chapter would like to welcome some new additions and new position placements to our great team of volunteers. Sharon DuFour has taken on the role of the Partners and Plans Coordinator in the Southwest District. Also in the Southwest District, Mitchell Flynn has taken on the role of Fund Development Volunteer. In the Eastern Idaho District, Emily Richards has stepped forward as a Fleet Associate. In the North Idaho District, Trish Franz has accepted the role of Events Coordinator and Mark Chafin has taken on the position of Health and Safety Coordinator.

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ARC Instructors Needed

One big need for the Red Cross is to have trained volunteer instructors throughout the state to teach the variety of health and safety courses offered by the Red Cross. Many districts in Idaho are in desperate need of instructors to teach specific courses and could begin offering more courses if they had more instructors.

To become an instructor, you must complete the Fundamentals of Instructor Training (FIT) and the Instructor course for the desired field you wish to teach. These courses are usually covered in two days. Upon completion of your desired instructor class, you will need to pass a precourse written exam; successfully demonstrate the established skill standards for that field; attend and participate in all course sessions; complete all class activities, including

practice-teaching drills; and pass the instructor course final written exam. At that time, your instructor certification will be issued through the American Red Cross.

Being a Red Cross trained instructor is a very important and rewarding way to participate in the Red Cross and teach people needed skills to save lives and be prepared for disasters and challenges as they arise.

If you are interested in becoming a Red Cross instructor, call (800) 853-2570. If you live in the Eastern Idaho area, dial ext. 703 for Diane Lewis, or email her at lewisd@redcrossidaho.org. In the North Idaho District, dial ext. 104 for Peg Cedros, or email her at cedrosp@redcrossidaho.org. In the South Central Idaho District, dial ext. 302 for Jennifer Egbert, or email

her at egbertj@redcrossidaho.org. If you're in the Southwest Idaho District, dial ext. 804 for Brenda Wood, or email her at woodb@redcrossidaho.org. For those of you in the North Central District, dial ext. 202 for Deb Snyder, or email her at snyderd@redcrossidaho.org



The True Spirit of the American Red Cross

Last year, Betty McQuirk, MS, Licensed Mental Health Counselor, decided to volunteer with the American Red Cross. Betty's 30 plus years of experience as a private practitioner in Spokane, Washington, caught the attention of Peggy Cedros, North Idaho's District Manager, in the Coeur d'Alene office. The spirit of volunteerism is what Betty's service to the American Red Cross is all about.

Guided by a favorite quote, "It's selfish to mind your own business," Betty has been

remarkable in her actions since taking all of the core classes necessary to become an American Red Cross member. In addition, she has completed Disaster Action Team (DAT) certification, provides counseling services to the Idaho Army National Guard men and women before and after deployment, provides Yellow Ribbon briefings on "Coping with Deployment," and flies all over the world to conduct mental health classes at armed forces bases when requested. She also teaches the American Red Cross core classes that she attended only eight

months ago! So far, Betty has responded to two fires as a DAT member and two mental health counseling calls.

You might wonder when she takes a break, but Betty explains: "My true mission in life is to serve my community by giving back." Betty's husband Ted is also a DAT member, which allows them to go out on calls together. Betty and Ted have three grown children and five grandchildren. They reside in Sagle, Idaho.

Disasters Also Happen Close to Home

This year we have closely followed many disasters that have occurred around the world. As Red Cross volunteers and donors, you have also responded to those disasters in record numbers. It is important to keep in mind that disasters can, and do, happen closer to home as well. The Red Cross works to make sure local communities are prepared when disaster strikes.

The 30th anniversary of the Mt. Saint Helens eruption provided a moment to reflect on these historical disasters. Mt. Saint Helens erupted on May 18, 1980, and impacted people all over the northwest. Even closer to home, many of you will undoubtedly

remember the Teton Dam failure in southeast Idaho on June 5, 1976. The flood waters damaged farms and towns and resulted in 14 deaths. While these types of disasters are rare, they do



happen and it is important to have your family ready in case of an emergency.

With summer upon us, the threat of wildfire is always present. The quick and deadly impact of a hot summer, small spark, and windy day remains in the minds of Idahoans who watched the Oregon Trail Fire in Boise less than two years ago. The fire reminded us all that disasters often leave us little time to react.

Here in the northwest, disasters are a part of our past and will undoubtedly be a part of our future. Use your knowledge of and access to the Red Cross to prepare your family and help others do the same.

Greater Idaho Chapter Expands Its Web Presence



The Greater Idaho Chapter of the American Red Cross is more accessible than ever these days. We're working hard to make sure our current and future supporters can find the information and resources they need in a variety of places. Social media seems to be everywhere and presents a great opportunity to reach Red Cross supporters and provide existing donors and volunteers with up-to-date information. The Greater Idaho Chapter now has a [Facebook page](#). Click on "Like" at the top of the page and you

can follow all the latest news and helpful information available from the chapter. If tweeting is more your style, you can also follow [RedCrossIdaho](#) on Twitter. You can access both the Facebook and Twitter accounts at the bottom of the recently redesigned [chapter website](#). Here you will also see a link to the chapter's new [Flickr page](#). We are always excited to bring you pictures of Red Cross events, donors, and volunteers. Flickr is an online photo management system that lets us do just that. Check out

the page to see pictures of the May Annual Meeting and various Haiti fundraisers.

We know not everyone will use these online resources, but we hope that those of you who do will find them useful—and fun! We also hope to reach new supporters through social media. Regardless of how you keep in touch with the Red Cross and stay involved, we appreciate your time and dedication!