



Disaster Action Team

The Flint Hills Chapter of the American Red prepares for and responds to disasters 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, through its Disaster Action Team (D.A.T.). Always on call, D.A.T. volunteers provide disaster relief to meet the emergency needs of victims of house fires, storms, tornadoes, floods, transportation accidents, and man-made disasters. Assistance needed by victims is evaluated by caseworkers and may include shelter, food, clothing, emotional support, prescriptions medication, and other critically needed items. The DAT has specially trained members who may also provide disaster victims with emotional support in the face of their tragedy.

After an initial call from the fire department, disaster victim, family member or friend, Red Cross DAT members respond to disasters in teams of two or more people on a 24-hour a day basis, seven days a week. DAT members assist disaster victims with emergency and long-term needs.

The Team evaluates the extent of damage to determine how much assistance the victims need and based on the evaluation may provide assistance to meet for immediate needs and shelter.

There are four steps to becoming a *Disaster Action Team* member.

Step 1 - Meet the Requirements

DAT members must be: at least 18 years old, have a valid driver's license, transportation, telephone and be willing to respond as needed in all types of weather and at all hours of the day or night.

Step 2 - Call the Red Cross office at 785-537-2180 and volunteer

Step 3 - Receive FREE training

Red Cross will provide all the necessary training. A DAT member is required to have the following training, at no charge to the volunteer:

- Orientation to Red Cross and DAT
- Introduction to Disaster
- Client Services
- Standard First Aid & Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

Step 4 - Go out and help.

DAT team members are some of our most dedicated volunteers. They are on-call (after work hours) for a two-week period on a rotating basis.

Become a DAT member! Volunteer Today!