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***RED CROSS OFFERS FREE
DISASTER SERVICES TRAINING IN UKIAH FOR VOLUNTEERS***

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American Red Cross is offering two days of free training to anyone interested in volunteering with the Red Cross. The classes take place on two Saturdays, May 19 and June 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 776 South State, Suite 102B, in Ukiah. The training is free, but pre-registration is required for all participants.

On May 19, three classes will be offered. Introduction to the Red Cross and Fulfilling Our Mission covers the role of the Red Cross in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from emergencies and disasters. This class is required for all those new to the Red Cross, and encouraged even for current volunteers. Current and prospective volunteers who complete the Introduction class are eligible to actively volunteer with the Disaster Services department of the Red Cross.

Additional classes being offered on May 19 include Community Services Overview and Disaster Action Team Overview. Community Services Overview concerns providing food, shelter, distribution of supplies, and community programs for clients during disasters. Disaster Action Team Overview explains how Red Cross volunteers provide services in small disasters, such as single family house fires.

On Saturday, June 2, the Red Cross will present an all-day class, Casework: Providing Emergency Assistance. Participants will learn to respond to the emergency needs of families and individuals on a one-to-one basis following small disasters such as single family house fires, or major disasters, such as earthquakes.

All Disaster Services training is open and free to current and prospective members of the Red Cross. Residents of Mendocino and Sonoma Counties are welcome to attend the classes.

Pre-registration is required by contacting Joyce Adams at (707) 463-0112 or Joyce@sonomacounty.redcross.org.

ABOUT AMERICAN RED CROSS, SONOMA & MENDOCINO COUNTIES

American Red Cross is a neutral, humanitarian organization that provides relief to victims of disasters, and prepares people to prevent and respond to emergencies. Like all Red Cross chapters, the local chapter is self-sustaining and receives no funding from the national organization. All disaster assistance and assistance to members of the armed forces provided by the Chapter is free and made possible by voluntary donations of time and money by the people of Sonoma and Mendocino Counties. Donations can be made at www.sonomacounty.redcross.org, via mail to American Red Cross, 5297 Aero Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95403, or by phone at (707)577-7600 (463-0112 Mendocino County, local call).

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