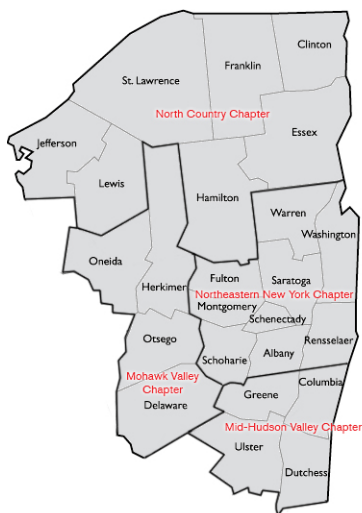


About the Eastern New York Region



The American Red Cross Eastern New York Region comprises four chapters serving a population of more than 2.5 million people. Covering 24 counties and 26,000 square miles, the region operates with the support of a small group of paid staff and more than 3,300 dedicated volunteers.

How We Help

For more than a century, people across Eastern New York have been able to depend on the Red Cross to provide relief for disaster victims, health and safety training, support for members of the military and a safe and stable blood supply.

After nearly 500 local disasters in Eastern New York each year - primarily home fires - Red Cross volunteers provide shelter, food, comfort and hope to families when they need it most.

Disaster responses by Chapter in 2014:



123 responses in the
North Country



172 responses in
Northeastern New York



105 responses in the
Mohawk Valley



65 responses in the
Mid-Hudson Valley

Our Locations

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Poughkeepsie Office
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Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
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Utica Office
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Utica, NY 12501
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Watertown Office
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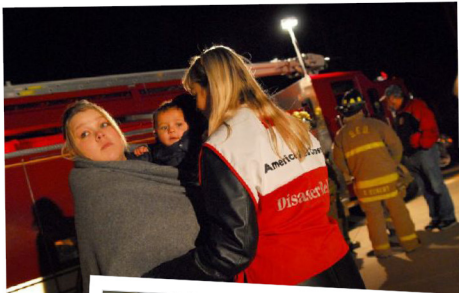
What is the Disaster Action Team (DAT?)

The Disaster Action Team (DAT) serves as the first, on-the-scene, Red Cross contact at the site of a disaster. While not considered first responders in the technical sense, DAT members are typically the first people at a disaster scene who provide comfort and direct assistance to help those who have been affected as they begin the recovery process.

When disaster strikes, DAT members are generally dispatched in teams of two to three people: an experienced DAT Responder and one or more DAT members in training.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Conducting damage assessments of affected dwellings and determining habitability
- Initiating casework to ensure that people have shelter, food and clothing to meet immediate needs after a disaster
- Supporting the “Mass Care” function, including assisting with feeding and shelter operations for larger scale disaster responses



What are the qualifications?

- Must be 16 or older
- Must have a valid drivers license or reliable transportation
- Must be capable of working at a disaster scene
- Strong interpersonal communication and problem-solving skills
- Ability to promote and maintain productive working relationships with a variety of individuals from diverse backgrounds



“Everyone in the community expects Red Cross volunteers to show up in a crisis.” —Betty R.

How do I join the Disaster Action Team?

1. Visit www.redcross.org/volunteer.
2. When prompted, enter your home zip code and choose “Disaster Services” as your area of interest.
3. Select the “Disaster Action Team Recruit” position for your home county, and click through the steps to complete an online application and background check.

What training courses are required?

Disaster Action Team: Trainee

Qualified to respond to disasters under the leadership of a DAT Responder upon completion of the following courses:

- Disaster Cycle Services: An Overview
- DAT Fundamentals

Disaster Action Team: Responder

Must have at least three months experience as a DAT Trainee and demonstrate proficiency as a DAT member on at least 3 responses, in addition to completing the following courses:

- Trainee courses listed above
- Casework & Recovery Planning Fundamentals
- Disaster Assessment Fundamentals
- Feeding Fundamentals
- Mass Care: An Overview
- Sheltering Fundamentals
- Safe Food Handling
- Eastern New York DAT Workshop



Leadership Development Opportunities

- DAT County Coordinator
- Regional DAT Coordinator

Non-Response (Home/Office) Opportunities

- Disaster Call Coordinator
- Disaster Public Affairs Team Member

All Disaster Service Training is FREE!