



American Red Cross in New York State

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State\* AmeriCorps:

***Partnership for a Prepared Community***

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# *Preparing our Communities*

## **Last year, your American Red Cross:**

- Trained **374,967** people in CPR, First Aid, use of automated external defibrillators and our health and safety programs
- Trained **259,887** in swimming and water safety
- Trained **255,244** people in emergency preparedness through our community disaster education programs
- Collected more than **339,000** units of blood
- Provided **107** hospitals with **528,000** blood product units





# *Disaster Planning & Response*

## **Last year, your American Red Cross:**

- Responded to over **4,921** disasters in New York State, an average of **13** local disasters each day.
- Additionally, **814** volunteers from New York Chapters deployed nationally in response to disasters such as the California Wild Fires; Midwest Flooding; and tornadoes.





# Red Cross VOLUNTEERS

## *A Great Spirit*

90% of the services we provide, are achieved through dedicated volunteers who reflect the diverse communities that we serve.

*What is the role of an American Red Cross  
Disaster Volunteer?*

**Responder**

**Mass Care Reservist**

**Caseworker**

**Call Center Agent**

**Disaster Action Team**

**Disaster Mental Health**

**Staffing & Support**

**Health Services**





# ***A Great Challenge:***

## **Disasters that Threaten New York State**

### **Naturally Occurring**

- Fires (single and multiple-dwelling)
- Floods
- Extreme Temperature Conditions
- Hurricanes
- Tornadoes
- Extreme Heat

### **Man-Made**

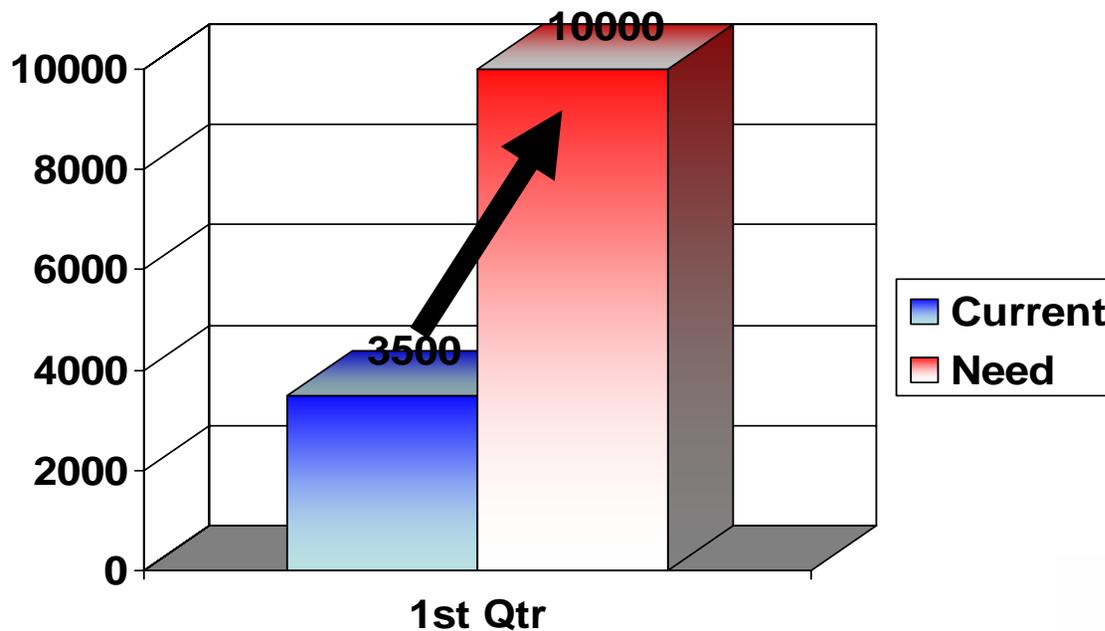
- Transit Strikes
- Air Disaster
- Terrorist Activity
- Power Outages





# *Responding to the Challenge: Engaging our Communities*

**Following a major local disaster, in New York City, we would need 10,000 trained and committed people to feed, shelter, and care for those affected.**





# Partnering with AmeriCorps

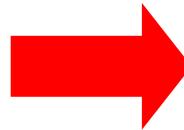
The American Red Cross in New York State is currently in the process of entering into a cooperative share agreement with the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) which would afford AmeriCorps members in the State an opportunity to receive training and respond to large-scale, in-state emergencies as American Red Cross disaster volunteers.



# Here's How it Works...

## Communication

- During the fall, information on this opportunity will be disseminated to AmeriCorps project sponsors.
- AmeriCorps members will be encouraged to discuss this opportunity with their Project Director and contact their local Red Cross Chapter.



## Training

- AmeriCorps members will complete a volunteer application and sign up for required training at local Red Cross Chapter.
- AmeriCorps members will receive disaster training to volunteer under the Mass Care duties of deployment

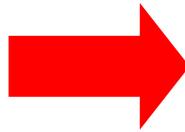




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## Implementation

- AmeriCorps Program Sponsor signs an agreement with local Red Cross Chapter.
- Participation is at no cost to AmeriCorps Program Sponsor.
- Agreement activated during federal disaster declaration.



## Deployment Process

- American Red Cross contacts all volunteers including AmeriCorps member for availability.
- With the approval of the AmeriCorps Project Director, AmeriCorps member deploys for standard 2-3 week time period.
- While deployed AmeriCorps members hours are counted toward service.
- AmeriCorps continue to receive living stipend.



# Questions?

