Disaster Action Team (DAT) Trainee

Help Respond to Local Disasters!

- **Purpose**
  DAT Trainees, under the direction of a DAT Responder, respond to local disasters, most often house or apartment fires. DAT Trainees focus on learning the role of a DAT Responder through basic curriculum and on-the-ground experience with the goal of providing effective service to clients and eventual promotion to the DAT Responder role.

- **Commitment**
  - Four 6-8-hour on-call shifts each month
  - At least one Disaster meeting, exercise, training, or preparedness activity each quarter to remain engaged and abreast of changes

- **Complete Training Provided**
  - **DAT Trainee**
    - Approximately 6 hours of online and in-person training prepares DAT Trainees to respond in the field:
    - **Benefits:**
      - Opportunity to serve community as a resource for victims of disasters
      - On-going training opportunities
      - Be part of a dynamic and committed corps of outstanding Red Cross volunteers
      - Gain experience in social work, human services, disaster response, and emergency management
      - Reduced fees on American Red Cross First Aid & CPR classes for active volunteers

- **Responsibilities**
  - Commit to availability during on-call shifts
  - Promptly respond to local disasters while on shifts
  - Collaborate with DAT Responder on-scene and DAT Dispatcher on phone
  - Become familiar with the policies, regulations, and procedures for local disaster response and services
  - Provide disaster services to clients including comfort kits, casework, and service delivery
  - Accurately and thoroughly complete field paperwork during responses
  - Communicate in a timely manner with Recovery staff following responses
  - Represent the American Red Cross by operating within established procedures and guidelines
  - Act in ways consistent with the American Red Cross Mission and Fundamental Principles
  - Clearly, appropriately, and professionally communicate with DAT members, clients, paid and volunteer staff, and community partners
  - Complete all necessary training courses (see Training section below) within first year of service
  - Regularly attend Disaster monthly/quarterly meetings

- **Qualifications**
  - 18 years of age or older
  - Access to reliable vehicle (mileage is not reimbursed) transportation
  - Access to reliable cell phone
  - Ability to work under adverse conditions
  - Ability to record information clearly, accurately, and thoroughly
  - Ability to work with individuals of diverse backgrounds

To Apply For This Position Please Go To:
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and click on “Apply To Volunteer”

**Position Title:** DCS: OPS - DAT Twin Cities Area

If You Have Any Questions, Please Send Them To:
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