

Position Title: Disaster Action Team (DAT) Captain

Expected Number of Hours: On-call on rotating basis **Expected Duration:** On-going

Location: In the Field **Computer Savvy:** Low

Special Requirements: Training and meeting attendance as outlined in the DAT Manual; Been a DAT team member for one year; Completed ERV's: Ready, Set, Roll; Responded to at least three working disasters

Description:

Disaster Action Teams (DATs) are organized to place trained Red Cross volunteers at the scene of a disaster within minutes of notification and to provide for the emergency needs of victims and emergency workers. In addition to initiating Red Cross disaster relief, the team determines the need for mobilizing additional chapter resources. DAT team members are on-call one week at a time, usually rotating on a once-a-month basis. In addition to the a regular DAT member responsibilities, Captains:

- Notify team members of event
- Select a staging area
- Manage Red Cross response at the disaster site.
- Coordinate communications with appropriate public officials and other authorities at the disaster site.
- Ensure appropriate services are provided.
- Assess the need for public affairs' support on response effort and/or ensure that media inquiries and needs are met.
- Assess the need for Disaster Health Services and Disaster Mental Health Services support on the response effort.
- Determine whether there is a need for Red Cross services at the disaster site beyond the team's capabilities; relay the information to the chapter's disaster staff.

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Supervisor: International and Emergency Service Program Coordinator