

Position Title: Disaster Action Team (DAT) Member

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

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. In general DAT team members are trained to:

- Make rapid appraisal of the total situation, compile a damage assessment survey, and communicate this information to the chapter disaster staff member as quickly as possible
- Meet the immediate emergency needs of victims by ensuring the individual or family has food, clothing, and shelter.
- Make sure that all Red Cross activities are well identified with appropriate signage.

DAT team members are on-call one week at a time, usually rotating on a once-a-month basis. There are night time a day time shifts available.

Supervisor: International and Emergency Service Program Coordinator