



**American Red Cross**  
Northern New England Region

## **Red Cross Volunteers Needed in Waldo County for Disaster Response**

### **Disaster Action Team (DAT) members provide direct assistance and support to those in need**

The American Red Cross is looking for Waldo County Disaster Action Team (DAT) volunteers. Individuals will need to have the interest and flexibility to be available at a moment's notice—because home fires, natural disasters, and other emergencies happen day and night, all year long.

Volunteers will receive training to develop skills in disaster response planning and delivery, and will work as part of a team with opportunities to advance into leadership roles. It takes a special volunteer to want to show up and help when disaster strikes. Red Cross DAT volunteers are proud of the work they provide for their community.

As a DAT volunteer, you will:

- Contact clients (virtually in the COVID-19 environment) promptly to assess their needs and connect them to Red Cross assistance;
- Offer comfort and compassionate support;
- Provide immediate client assistance for temporary lodging and other needs;
- Distribute relief supplies;
- Connect clients to health, mental health, and spiritual care; and
- Help clients get on the road to recovery, through referrals and advocacy.

## **Special Virtual Event!**

### **Red Cross Disaster Action Team Volunteer Training**

Be ready to help your neighbors when they are impacted by a disaster

**What:** Disaster Action Team Boot Camp: Become a volunteer Disaster Action Team Responder in less than two weeks!

**When:** February 8, 10, 15, and 17, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. each night

**Where:** This is a 20-hour, virtual volunteer training over a two-week period. The training will include eight hours of virtual (internet-based) classroom training, and 12 hours of internet-based training on your own time between classes. A computer or mobile device and internet access is required to participate, and to volunteer in this role.

**To Register:** Contact Celeste Stimpson, Disaster Program Manager for Coastal Maine, at [celeste.stimpson@redcross.org](mailto:celeste.stimpson@redcross.org) or 207-330-0658.

**If you or someone you know may be interested in a volunteer position with a Red Cross Disaster Action Team, but cannot attend the Boot Camp:**

- Visit [www.redcross.org/nne](http://www.redcross.org/nne): then Click "Volunteer", and select "Or Apply Now"
- Contact us: Email Paula Coyle, Volunteer Recruitment Specialist at [paula.coyle@redcross.org](mailto:paula.coyle@redcross.org), or call 207-272-7274.