

LOGISTICS Volunteer Opportunity with the Canadian Red Cross

The Red Cross is the largest humanitarian organization in the world and the recognized experts in the area of Disaster Management. In 185 countries, our volunteers and staff provide relief when individuals and communities need support.

Disasters happen right here in OUR COMMUNITIES

Every year in Canada, the Red Cross responds to thousands of disasters from house fires to floods and forest fires. In recent years, disasters have driven more than 4 million Canadians from their homes and caused billions of dollars in damage.

Last fiscal year in Ontario, Red Cross Disaster Management volunteers responded numerous disasters including: personal emergency situations such as residential fires, floods or gas leaks which forced families from their homes. In addition, our volunteers assisted communities involved with evacuations from northern Ontario due to major floods and fires. More than 3,500 persons were assisted last year alone.

Consider the POTENTIAL for disasters

Recently the intensity of natural events (climate change, transmission of infectious diseases, earthquakes, hurricanes) and the frequency of man-made events (infrastructure failure and hazardous material spills) present a growing threat to our security and well-being.

Ontario has...

- 40% of Canada's population
- 50% of Canada's chemical production
- 30 million shipments of hazardous materials annually
- 40% of our power comes from nuclear generation
- 2,000 forest fires annually
- 60% of Canada's rail and road accidents
- 21 tornadoes per year
- \$1 million of 2-way trade per minute across our borders with the US



VOLUNTEERS are the heart of the Red Cross

90% of Red Cross personnel responding to disasters are volunteers. In order to work safely and effectively, as part of disaster response and recovery teams, each volunteer participates in Red Cross Disaster Management training programs

Growing potential for disaster means INCREASED NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS

As the threat of disaster grows, the Canadian Red Cross is building our volunteer base in order to increase our response capacity.



Logistics is a SUPPORT SERVICE required during a response

Logistics is a service which supports direct services such as family reunification, lodging, feeding (services given directly to clients). DRT Logistics Managers and Coordinators are responsible for planning, managing and directing logistics support for Red Cross disaster operations to include purchasing, distribution and warehousing, equipment and vehicles in accordance with the Red Cross Fundamental Principles, the Mission, Guide for Action, Disaster Management Standard Operating Procedures and the role assigned by the government's local response plan.

Red Cross is recruiting LOGISTICS PROFESSIONALS for Disaster Response Teams

Disaster Response Teams (DRTs) are responsible for directing responses to large-scale disasters that fall beyond the scope or capacity of the affected community's Personal Disaster Assistance Teams (PDATs) or Emergency Response Teams (ERTs). Whether a DRT is activated depends on the nature of the disaster and the capacity of the ERT to manage that disaster. Qualifications sought include:

- Experience in logistics, warehouse, procurement or transportation coordination
- Knowledge of community support organizations and their specific roles
- Strong management, leadership, organizational and communication skills
- Flexible and able to work well and make decisions under stress
- Training and facilitation experience an asset
- Valid driver's license

Are you READY to respond?

Do you have experience in logistics? Do you want to volunteer with largest and most respected disaster relief network in the world? Can you volunteer on a large-scale response operation for up to 3 weeks? Are you willing and able to work with limited or no technology?

Review the attached position descriptions and visit www.redcross.ca to learn more about the Canadian Red Cross and Disaster Management.

Training is provided on the Red Cross Mission and Fundamental Principles, standards and guidelines, and to prepare you for your role on the DRT and for working in stressful environments and adverse conditions.

If you are interested in this exciting opportunity to volunteer with the Red Cross and contribute your logistics expertise to support disaster response efforts please submit:

- Letter of interest outlining your related skills and experience
- Copy of your resume
- Your contact details
- *Copy of professional accreditation may be requested*

To Naomi Anatol, Advisor, Programs, Training & Development, Disaster Management at naomi.anatol@redcross.ca no later than August 29th, 2008. Required training will be provided to successful candidates in Fall 2008.



Thank you for considering how you can get involved and make a difference!!

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