
AMERICAN RED CROSS VOLUNTEER NEWS OF THE WEEK

To: All Volunteers
From: North Treasure Coast Chapter
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CHAPTER NEWS



The New Port St. Lucie Office Open House, a great success!

January 29, 2009 was a wonderful day for the North Treasure Coast Chapter of your American Red Cross. The new St. Lucie County office was opened with a ribbon cutting by the Mayor of Port St. Lucie, Patricia Christensen. A reception was held to showcase the St. Lucie West location, which provides much needed classroom and administrative space for our St. Lucie constituents. Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross also made an appearance. We invite you to come and visit our new location if you have not seen it yet. We are located off of I-95 exit 121 at 540 NW University Blvd, Suite 107.



Volunteer Spotlight

Elio Checca

Elio is originally from the Pittsburgh Pennsylvania area. He and his wife have moved down to Florida for the sun and fun. Elio is a retired safety inspector from the coal mining industry. He is currently interested in being our EOC (emergency operations center) liaison and working in logistics. He and his wife live in the St. Lucie West area, and have a daughter who lives in Washington DC. Elio enjoys Starbucks coffee and taking American Red Cross classes

Health and Safety "Tip of the Week"

- ❖ **FACT:** We use poisons every day
Approximately 400 containers of potentially toxic substances enter the average home each year. Household products become potentially harmful when splashed in the eye, in the mouth or on the skin!
- ❖ It is important to know the Poison Control Phone Number-----**1-800-222-1222**. Call 911 and then this number if you suspect any type of poisoning. If you would like stickers to put on your telephone, please see Doris.

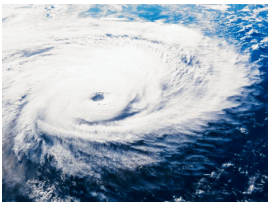


Meet the Staff
Starting with our newest staff member
Arthur Wyman
Disaster Specialist for St. Lucie County

My wife Rose Mary and I have been in Vero Beach for approximately two years. We are transplants from Kennebunkport, Maine and Alexandria, Virginia.

My education includes a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology, a Masters degree in Public Administration and a Masters degree in Strategic Studies, US Army War College. My work experience includes 27 years with a local law enforcement agency in New Hampshire as both a patrol officer and Assistant Prosecutor. I have approximately 39 years plus with the US Army (both Active Duty and National Guard), my last duty post being Fort Belvoir, Virginia and have worked for three years as a Program Manager for a contract firm in support of the Department of Homeland Security .

I joined the North Treasure Coast Chapter of the American Red Cross on October 21, 2008 and fill the position of Disaster Specialist for St. Lucie County. Under the direction of the Emergency Services Director, I am responsible for helping the Chapter respond to local disasters, build greater Chapter capacity, and help prepare the Chapter to respond to large scale disasters. I assist with the development of Chapter response plans, community preparedness education and the recruitment and development of DSHR members.



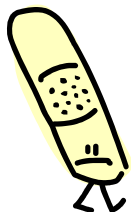
Now is the time to begin taking the training necessary to be ready for hurricane season.

Port St. Lucie:

Mass Care Overview	Wed. Feb. 11	12:30 Pm -3:30 PM
Adult CPR/AED (Fort Pierce)	Wed. Feb. 11	5:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Fulfilling our Mission	Tues. Feb. 17	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
First Aid	Tues. Feb. 24	5:30 PM – 9:30 PM
Fulfilling our Mission	Wed. March 4	5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Vero Beach:

Shelter Simulation	Tues. Feb. 17	5:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Adult CPR/AED	Wed. Feb 18	5:30 PM – 9:30 PM
Fulfilling our Mission	Tues. Feb. 24	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Your Heart Matters	Wed. Mar. 4	6:00PM -7:30 PM
Fulfilling our Mission	Mon. Mar. 9	5:30 PM – 8:30 PM



February Special of the Month

Individual First Aid Kit \$10.00

Be prepared on the road or at home with the individual first aid kit.



Contains:

- Instant Ice Pack
- 2 - BZK Towelettes
- Assorted sized bandages
- First Aid Tape 1/2"x2.5yds.
- Rolled Gauze 2"x4yds.
- Pair Vinyl Gloves
- Triple Antibiotic Pack 0.9gm
- Emergency Action Steps Wallet Card
- Drug Facts Tri-Fold Card

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