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Local Red Cross Volunteers Deploy to Hurricane Dolly

Local volunteers assist with relief efforts in Texas

[SPOKANE] WASHINGTON, Thursday, July 24th, 2008. The Inland Northwest Chapter of the American Red Cross is preparing to deploy three trained volunteers in support of the relief efforts taking place in Texas as a result of Hurricane Dolly. Red Cross chapters have deployed 12 Emergency Response Vehicles to distribute food and beverages, and are continuing to assess additional needs. Over 150 Red Cross volunteers are on scene, with ten volunteers deployed from Washington State alone.

Tomorrow, the local chapter will deploy Sharon Andrews, George Pacheco, and Glenda Pacheco to San Antonio, Texas in response to the request for volunteers. Sharon will provide technology services by way of setting up communication at the disaster headquarters and service center. George Pacheco will be doing casework and directing clients, and Glenda Pacheco will be providing logistical support for volunteers.

WHO: George Pacheco, Glenda Pacheco and Sharon Andrews

WHAT: Casework, staff services and logistical support

WHERE: San Antonio, Texas

WHEN: Available for interviews on Friday, July 25th, 2008 7:00-7:20 a.m., Spokane International Airport

To set up interviews before departure please contact Margaret Price, Public Affairs Coordinator at (509) 981-3184.

For information about disaster preparedness at home or about training to become a disaster volunteer locally or nationally, contact the Inland Northwest Chapter at 315 W. Nora Avenue, (509) 326-3330 ext. 218 or www.SpokaneRedCross.org.

The American Red Cross helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. Last year, almost a million volunteers and 35,000 employees helped victims of almost 75,000 disasters; taught lifesaving skills to millions; and helped U.S. service members separated from their families stay connected. Almost 4 million people gave blood through the Red Cross, the largest supplier of blood and blood products in the United States. The American Red Cross is part of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. An average of 91 cents of every dollar the Red Cross spends is invested in humanitarian services and programs. The Red Cross is not a government agency; it relies on donations of time, money, and blood to do its work.

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