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Red Cross Disaster Action Team Responds to Fire on Horizonpoint Drive

Colorado Springs – The American Red Cross Pikes Peak Chapter responded to a single family house fire early Friday morning on 4436 Horizonpoint Dr in Colorado Springs by dispatching a volunteer Disaster Action Team (DAT) to care for the family displaced by this disaster. Red Cross volunteer caseworkers are working with the FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL to provide emergency assistance.

Caseworkers from the Red Cross are meeting with the family to discuss and identify immediate needs resulting from the fire. Typically, basic human needs such as a place to stay, food, clothes, necessary medications or health items and mental health counseling are provided for first.

Last year, the American Red Cross Pikes Peak Chapter responded to 65 disasters in the Pikes Peak region. So far this fiscal year the Pikes Peak chapter has responded to over 50 disaster incidents, providing over \$ 46,000 in direct relief to families and individuals.

Members of the DAT are volunteers with the Pikes Peak Chapter, specially trained in various aspects of disaster response, including casework interviews, disaster assessment, shelter and feeding, health services, and crisis counseling. DAT members also have the full support of the chapter for additional personnel and resources if needed.

"A family has a safe place to stay and food to eat today because the Red Cross cares for victims of disasters", said David Just, CEO of the Pikes Peak Chapter. "I feel good knowing we made a difference in someone's life. Often times our services help families to avert homelessness after a disaster. However, it is the people of the Pikes Peak region who make it all possible. It is their financial gifts to the Red Cross that makes our services possible."

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. Contributions to the American Red Cross may be sent to American Red Cross Pikes Peak Chapter, 1040 S. 8th Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80906.

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