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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RED CROSS OPENS SHELTER FOR VICTIMS OF APARTMENT FIRE

Colorado Springs – The American Red Cross Pikes Peak Chapter is responding to a large apartment on E. Uintah at Castle West Apartments in Colorado Springs. The Chapter has dispatched a volunteer Disaster Action Team (DAT) to care for the more than 150 people displaced by this disaster. The Red Cross has opened a **shelter at the Springs of Life Church at 3704 E. Uintah** and is staffed with volunteer caseworkers who are working with the families and individuals to provide emergency assistance.

Caseworkers from the Red Cross are meeting with the residents 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.

The Red Cross is accepting monetary donations to their Local Disaster Relief Fund to help provide emergency services to the more than 150 people who have been displaced by this disaster. Donations can be made online at www.pparc.org or by check, made payable to the American Red Cross Pikes Peak Chapter and mailed to 1040 S. 8th Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80906.

The Red Cross is receiving many phone calls from concerned and generous citizens regarding clothing, food, lodging and other donations for the victims of this fire. To ensure that each person affected by disaster is provided for in a fashion that meets their immediate individual needs, the Red Cross does not accept donations of clothing, shoes, medicine or food. Donations of physical goods can be directed to other Colorado Springs community services and community members can call 211 to get a list of agencies accepting these types of donations. The Red Cross, as part of its disaster relief, provides vouchers and debit cards to victims of disasters to purchase items that meet each individual's immediate emergency disaster-caused needs.

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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