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Pikes Peak Chapter

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Monday, June 06, 2011- The Red Cross is helping people all across the country as wildfires, floods and tornadoes have forced people from their homes.

- **In Arizona**, wildfires have burned more than 144,000 acres, and the Red Cross is feeding and sheltering people who have had to evacuate from their homes.
- **In Montana, Wyoming, North and South Dakota, Iowa and Vermont**, flooding is threatening communities in the Missouri River Basin and along swollen rivers in Vermont. Red Cross workers are providing food and a safe place to stay for people who have been forced out of their neighborhoods. The Pikes Peak Chapter has volunteers in Montana, North Dakota and the latest deployment of Pat Chappell to South Dakota as Site Director.

Bio: Pat Chappell is a Registered Nurse who retired from the Air Force as a Colonel. She has served as a volunteer with the Pikes Peak Chapter for more than six years in a variety of leadership roles: first as a Disaster Action Team Member, then Captain, Disaster Services Chair, and Co-Chair of the Service Delivery Committee, and now as the CO State Disaster Consortia Chair. Pat quickly rose to the many challenges of providing service on relief operations, and is now also an authorized Chapter Disaster Relief Operation Director. She has served as the job director on 4 nationally administered operations. She continues to balance her roles as Disaster Services Chair, Disaster Health Services leadership, Chapter Disaster Operations Director, Colorado State Disaster Consortia Chair, and a member of the Pikes Peak Chapter Board of Directors. Pat's leadership, strategic planning ability, and mentorship of others has helped strengthen the Chapter's Disaster Services capacity.



Pat Chappell, RN and AF Colonel (Ret)

- Almost 500 people spent Sunday night in shelters in **Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri and Alabama**, where tornadoes heaving damaged their hometowns this spring. Red Cross workers are busy feeding those in the shelters, and distributing food and water, comfort kits and clean-up items throughout the affected areas.
- The Red Cross is also keeping an eye on a disturbance in the Caribbean, which could become a tropical storm later this week. Heavy rain, flash floods and mudslides are possible in Haiti from the storm.
- Locally, Red Cross provided over 200 meals to First Responders in Southeast Colorado battling wildfires this weekend.
- Client Assistance was provided to family in Peyton, CO when their home was lost in fire

Please consider making a donation today to help the thousands of people who have been affected by these disasters. To donate, you can visit www.pparc.org. You may designate your assistance.