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## Local Red Cross Responds to Wildfires

**Colorado Springs, CO** – The American Red Cross Pikes Peak Chapter was kept busy Tuesday night assisting with responses to two (2) large wildfires in the region.

The American Red Cross Pikes Peak Chapter deployed a team of ten (10) local volunteers and its Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) to Ordway yesterday (Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>) at the request of the Crowley County Office of Emergency Management. The volunteers from Colorado Springs and Pueblo, departed Tuesday night to help feed first responders battling fires in Ordway and to establish a shelter for displaced residents in Sugar City, CO. Thirteen residents spent the night in the Red Cross Shelter Tuesday night located at Sugar City Town Hall.

The American Red Cross Pikes Peak Chapter also opened a shelter at Pikes Peak Community College Centennial Campus to shelter displaced residents as a result of the wildfire in Ft. Carson and Highway 115. Nine residents spent the night in the Red Cross Shelter.

The Red Cross Web site, [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org), features a secure section called **Safe and Well** where people in the disaster-affected area can register their well-being and where friends and family elsewhere can access that information. By registering themselves on **Safe and Well** before evacuations are ordered, or once safely away from wildfire, storm, or flood, residents can let loved ones know their status when telecommunication gets difficult. Anyone concerned about a loved one that they are unable to contact, can visit the "Search" page, enter the person's name and pre-disaster phone number OR address. If their loved one has registered, inquirers will be able to view the messages that they posted.

To identify yourself or someone else as **Safe and Well**, or search for someone from the affected area:

- Visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) and click on **Safe and Well**
- Or call **Safe and Well** by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
- If you hear from a loved one in the affected area, enter their information on the site to let people know they are **Safe and Well**
- If you have phone or internet access, share that with your neighbors who do not. Invite them to use your computer access to place themselves on the site. Share your cell phone with your neighbors who may need to call 1-800-RED-CROSS for help listing their information

*All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people. You can help the victims of thousands of disasters across the country each year, disasters like tropical storms and hurricanes, by making a financial gift to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, which enables the Red Cross to provide shelter, food, counseling and other assistance to victims of disaster. The American Red Cross honors donor intent. If you wish to designate your donation to a specific disaster please do so at the time of your donation. Call 1-800-REDCROSS or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish). Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund may be sent to your local American Red Cross chapter or to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013. Internet users can make a secure online contribution by visiting [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).*

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