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Pikes Peak Chapter

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## **PIKES PEAK CHAPTER VOLUNTEERS STAND READY TO DEPLOY TO WINDSOR, COLORADO**

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The American Red Cross Pikes Peak Chapter will deploy a volunteer tomorrow morning to help with the relief efforts in the town of Windsor, CO. In addition, the Chapter has approximately 2 dozen additional volunteers on stand-by and ready to deploy within hours of notification. The Chapter's Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) has been placed on stand-by at the request of the American Red Cross Mile High Chapter.

Emergency Response Vehicles and crews provide mobile Mass Care and Outreach services including meals, snacks, water, ice, and delivery of clean up kits to people in neighborhoods affected by disasters. The additional Pikes Peak Chapter volunteers can assist with sheltering, feeding, and providing assistance to residents in Windsor who have been displaced due to today's tornado. The volunteers have committed to be available to serve up to 3 weeks in this relief effort.

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

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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. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80906. [WWW.PPARC.ORG](http://WWW.PPARC.ORG)

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