

**Volunteer Kudos**

• **Disaster Services**

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Jim Maddern,  
Marsha Curran

• **Volunteer Services**

Christen Allums  
and ALL the mem-  
bers of the Chap-  
ter's NEW Volun-  
teer Management  
Team!

THANK YOU ALL—  
WE COULDN'T DO IT  
WITHOUT YOU!!

**Pikes Peak Chapter Red Cross Hires Two New Employees:**

**Welcome Jim Cox and Matt Reeves**

It's with great pleasure that we announce that Matt Reeves and Jim Cox have been hired as our Health & Safety Program Coordinator and Facilities Maintenance Coordinator, respectively.

Matt has been a H&S instructor with our chapter for the past nine years teaching Full



Matt Reeves, Health & Safety Program Coordinator

Service and Community classes and has also served as an Instructor Trainer in several H&S programs.

Though he's been with us for the past

nine years Matt's history with the Red Cross goes back several more years as a Red Cross instructor affiliated with several other Red Cross chapters in several H&S programs. Though he's been with us for the past nine years Matt's history with the Red Cross goes back several more years as a Red Cross instructor affiliated with several other Red Cross chapters.

Jim grew up in Maryland and moved to Colorado in 1988. He is a magna cum laude graduate of Leeds Business School, University of Colorado Boulder, majoring in Marketing and International Business. Jim served as a Korean Linguist and aide to the Director of Operations

Pacific while completing his service in the United States Marine Corps, and comes to us as a recent COO of a small recruiting firm and has worked for such power houses as Arnold & Porter and Procter and Gamble.



Jim Cox, Facilities Maintenance Coordinator

Jim enjoys biking, walking, playing music and writing and genuinely likes people, and he is currently studying to become a disaster chaplain to help with grief and trauma situations while working and volunteering for the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army of El Paso County.

**Hometown Heroes tickets on sale now!**



## Introducing the *New* Red Cross Citizen CPR Course

Recent research shows that if more people learned hands-only CPR we could increase the likelihood of surviving cardiac emergencies that occur outside a hospital by putting more victims within a few steps of lifesaving assistance. Because of this, we have developed a new course called Citizen CPR to teach untrained bystanders to perform hands-only CPR. Having more citizen bystanders trained in this simple skill can help save lives by putting more cardiac arrest victims within a few steps of lifesaving assistance. The American Red Cross has initiated a campaign to train 5 million people in Hands-Only CPR in 2011.

While we support the use of the hands-only technique by bystanders, full CPR with chest compressions and rescue breaths is still best for many people, including children, drowning victims and people who collapse due to breathing problems. Healthcare professionals, such as doctors, nurses, paramedics, EMTs and workplace responders should continue to be certified in full CPR.

The Citizen CPR course does NOT replace our current host of for-certification, full CPR and first aid classes. We have NOT stopped offering full certification in First Aid and CPR but continue to support full CPR training and certification for those currently receiving those courses, healthcare professionals, lifeguards, first responders, workplace responders and others in the general public who wish to have full CPR training. The new Citizen CPR course is simply an additional course that has been developed that companies, organizations and individuals can teach to reach additional people with lifesaving training.

### FACTS About the Class:

#### Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites or minimum age to participate in the course.

#### Learning Objectives

Describe when and how to perform hands-only CPR. Demonstrate how to perform hands-only CPR.

#### Length

30 minutes

#### Student Certification Validity Period

None – there is not certificate issued for this course

#### Student Certification Requirement

None – there is no assessment of skills or knowledge and not certificate is issued to students

#### Participant Materials

Hands-Only CPR  
Ready Reference Guide  
Citizen CPR Compression Practice Tool  
Hand Placement Diagram

#### Price

\$15 per person



To register for an upcoming Citizen CPR class, visit us online at [www.pparc.org](http://www.pparc.org)

## Latest Health & Safety Training Information for Pikes Peak Chapter Volunteers

Volunteers and employees have equal access to training for equivalent positions. However, due to recent modifications to requirements as well as to the delivery methods of Health & Safety Training, the most recently guidelines are outlined here.

All "active" volunteers, whose status has been verified by the chapter Volunteer and Emergency Services Director, may take any basic level CPR/First Aid classes at no cost.

### Health and Safety courses avail-

### able at no cost to volunteer:

Adult/Infant/Child CPR/First Aid/AED

Adult/Infant/Child CPR/AED

Adult CPR/First Aid

Adult CPR/AED

"Challenge" Course (free if you retain materials from previous course; at cost materials for each component for which a volunteer is recertifying)

### Health and Safety Courses NOT

### available at no cost:

CPR for the Professional Rescuer

PR for the Professional Rescuer Challenge

Babysitter's Training

New Instructor training

Wilderness First Aid

Class scheduling information is available at [www.pparc.org](http://www.pparc.org) under Get Trained or by contacting the Health and Safety Department at 719-632-3563. You MUST contact and Health & Safety representative in order to register for classes.

## 2011 Disaster Response Exercises

### Pikes Peak Chapter and Southeast Branch Collaborate with Local Government Partners

#### Up in Smoke

The City of Colorado Springs Office of Emergency Management has scheduled a LIVE exercise for October 1, 2011. The "Up in Smoke" exercise will test the ability of multiple agencies' response capabilities when faced with a wildfire spreading rapidly from the vicinity of Fort Carson to the north into Colorado Springs' wildland-urban interface. The fire will threaten various important facilities and force the evacuation of neighborhoods, to include citizens with functional needs. Responding to the situation will engage multiple agencies across multiple jurisdictions.

The American Red Cross has been tasked with taking on the lead for managing all volunteers involved in the exercise as well as testing our own sheltering capabilities. The Red Cross sheltering personnel will be faced with addressing the needs of the general population as well as those with functional needs (i.e. wheelchair bound, sight/hearing impaired, behavioral health needs, etc) and individuals arriving with pets.



Volunteers from the Pikes Peak Chapter and Southeast Branch set up mock shelter environment for the CSEPP Exercise in May 2010.

Photos courtesy of Donna Martinez Photography.

#### CSEPP

The Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) is a readiness program to enhance emergency preparedness of the communities around the eight stockpile sites. The program's goal is to improve emergency preparedness, response, and recovery activities. Approximately 8.5% of the nation's stockpile is stored at the U.S. Army Pueblo Chemical Depot (PCD) located east of Pueblo. The depot is situated on 23,000 acres in Pueblo County. Its stockpile consists of mustard agent stored in projectiles and mortar rounds. These munitions are stored in earth-covered structures in the depot's chemical storage area. The ammunition storage area is secured and the area is patrolled 24 hours a day.

Last year, Emergency response experts from all parts of the U.S. converged on Pueblo the first week in May as the State of Colorado, Pueblo County, local hospitals, and the U.S. Army Pueblo Chemical Depot responded to different emergency drills to test local response ability to unknown scenarios. During the first week of May 2011, this exercise will be repeated once again in Pueblo with Red Cross supporting again through the provision of sheltering, feeding, support to the Emergency Operations Center, and public information.

Anyone interested in supporting either of these exercises can contact Jaici Murcia ([jmurcia@pparc.org](mailto:jmurcia@pparc.org)) or Judy Navarro at ([jnavarro@sepparc.org](mailto:jnavarro@sepparc.org)).

### Pikes Peak Chapter Follows National Program, Develops Volunteer Management Team

To ensure maximum participation in every phase of disaster planning, preparedness and response by chapter employees and volunteers, Disaster Services and the Office of the National Chair of Volunteers have collaborated to develop materials entitled Disaster Volunteer Management Team (DVMT) for chapter use.

The Disaster Volunteer Management Team works together during preparedness and response to ensure the recruitment, development and utilization of chapter employees and volunteers needed to provide quality chapter response and ensure maximum involvement of volunteers during a disaster relief operation and deployment of Disaster Services Human Resource (DSHR) system members to relief operations outside of the chapter. The team is meant to utilize the basic concepts of volunteer administration to develop and maintain a well rounded volunteer program within the chapter's Disaster or Emergency Services department. The *American Red Cross Volunteer Administration Manual* is used in conjunction with the various activities and responsibilities noted below.

Though the concept was developed with the idea that Disaster Services would be the main benefactor of their work, the Pikes Peak Chapter has taken the idea and tailored it to meet the needs of all services on a regular basis. Thus, the goal of the Pikes Peak Chapter's Volunteer Management Team is to enhance the chapter's general volun-

teer program. It is meant to work together as a team within the chapter structure, enhance the current programs and free up individuals responsible for multiple tasks by spreading the workload among team members.

A full Volunteer Management Team (VMT) would include: Recruiting and Placement, Training and Exercises, Response Planning, Retention and Career Development, Data Management, Response Initiation, Staff Wellness, Recognition, and Disaster Deployment and Support as well as a Volunteer Chair to guide and supervise the activities of each member. **Currently, the local team includes:** Volunteer Chair, Christen Allums; Recruiting Specialist, Katherine Rooney; Retention and Career Development Coach, Joy Kreidel; Records Managers Jan Peto and Eileen Pekarek; and Recognition Specialist, Nina Lor, whose article about the value of volunteer hours was featured in last month's Peak Press.

Although the team is still under development and in training for their specific specialties, they have been tasked with managing the all volunteers for the City of Colorado Springs' catastrophic disaster exercise, "Up in Smoke" on October 8th. In 2011 the VMT will work to develop our volunteer program to include the planning and execution of this year's Annual Volunteer Recognition Breakfast to be held on April 30<sup>th</sup> in Pueblo, creating a framework for spontaneous volunteer management, and working to get a greater percentage of volunteers to submit their monthly hours timesheets for records.

## First Annual Hometown Heroes Dinner in Pueblo

Our First Annual Hometown Heroes Event in Pueblo, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> honored individuals and organizations who exemplified courage, kindness and unselfish character through their acts of heroism in our local community. Ken White III, BOD member and event chair acted as our Event Emcee. In spite of such inclement weather we had over 350 of the Pueblo and surrounding communities in attendance. The numbers and donations are still coming in however between sponsorships and table sales we are anticipating over \$60,000 net raised.

A very special thanks goes out to our Pueblo Hometown Heroes Committee: Ken White III, Alice Birch, Cliff Brice III, Jody Carrillo, Priscilla Lucero, Andy McLachlan, Jane Rawlings, Laura Solano, Burnie Zercher, Tom Gonzalez, Judy Navarro, Catherine Nowak; to volunteers: Bill and Deborah Fortune, Carol Clark, Liz Northcott....; and to employees: Christina Collins, Jim Cox, Judy Garcia-Navarro, Donna Hughes, Jaici Murcia, Catherine Nowak, Linda Russett, Matt Reeves, Frances Scott, and Heather Walma.

“Hometown Adult Hero”: Tom Luster, Casey Wilson, Jim Vaupel and Dave Blosser, Presented by CTU- Pueblo; “Hometown Youth Hero” : Andrew Rittlerling, Presented by BNSF; “Hometown Military Hero”: Jacob Castro, Presented by Xcel Energy; “Hometown Animal Hero” : Rainbow, Presented by La Vert Hoag Foundation; “Hometown Community Service Hero”: Zachary Valdez, Presented by Black Hills Energy; “Hometown Community Partner Hero”: International Surgical Missions, Presented by Parkview Medical Center; and “Humanitarian Award” : Mr. Robert Jackson, Presented by Burnie Zurcher, President/CEO, ICM, Vice Chair of BOD, American Red Cross, Pikes Peak Chapter.

**All photos courtesy of Donna Martinez Photography.**



ABOVE: The snow storm kept the night's MC from attending, but Board Member Ken White III stepped up to take on the role and keep the evening's program moving.

RIGHT:

Southeast Branch volunteer, Carol Clark, makes the rounds and mingles with guests. Carol has been a volunteer with the American Red Cross for nearly 50 years and serves as a members of the leadership staff for the Southeast Colorado Branch.



ABOVE LEFT: Humanitarian Award recipient, Bob Jackson, is ushered to the stage by his family and a standing ovation.

LEFT:

The Humanitarian Award



ABOVE: Three members of the local Color Guard opened the event carrying the flags of the United States of American, the State of Colorado, and the official flag of the Red Cross.



LEFT:

Rainbow, a member of the Pueblo Sheriff's Department K9 unit, and her handler accept the Animal Hero Award.

RIGHT:

Pikes Peak Chapter Board Member and Hispania News Editor, Bob Armendariz reviews the program prior to dinner and the beginning of the evening's event.



AGBOVE: Guests arrived in a beautifully decorated ballroom at the Pueblo Community College.

