

# Peak Press

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## *Volunteer Kudos to the following outstanding individuals:*

**Dennis Burdick** - for preparing all of our mobile and stationary shelter kits for distribution around the Pikes Peak Chapter's 18-county jurisdiction.

**Steve Schwartz, Ann Porter, Sheila Bouton, Joy Garscadden, Bob Praisewater** - for an outstanding DAT response to the 12-unit Stepping Stones condo fire on August 10th.

**Brandon Larson, Ron Price and Jason Ramsey** - for their help in providing to the Veterans Administration in southeast Colorado.

**Don Espinosa and Chuck Pulver** - for offering to drive the Emergency Response Vehicle during the Colorado State Fair parades in Pueblo.

**Joy O'Hare** - although we're saying goodbye to "Intern Joy" as she goes back for her Sophomore year at Stanford University, we greatly appreciate all of her work with the Pikes Peak Chapter this summer and hope to see her again next year. Good luck, Joy!

**Bev Embry, Harriet Lewis, Patty Hettler, Steve Schwartz, Jon Ainsworth, Audrey Cornford, Mitch Lee, Maureen Johnson, John Snyder, Cathy Hart and Roger Bram** - for taking part in the chapter's first ever SAF Workshop.

*Help turn trash into cash for the Red Cross!*



Bring in your used cell phones or ink jet cartridges to the Pikes Peak Chapter. Save the environment and support the Red Cross!

Did you know? 87 cents of every dollar raised at the Pikes Peak Chapter is returned as direct goods or services to our community. Please make a donation to the Red Cross today. When you give to the Red Cross you change a life, starting with your own.

## SAF Workshop

The Pikes Peak Chapter recently sponsored a Service to the Armed Forces Workshop facilitated by Sue Harmon of the Northern Colorado Chapter. Twelve volunteers attended the 1 1/2 day session in order to get information and prepare for the online introductory test for SAF caseworkers. This step was taken to bring the chapter closer to beginning to provide emergency messaging and other Red Cross military services from within the Pikes Peak Chapter for the first time in 5 years. Thanks to all of those who attended and especially to Sue Harmon for her efforts toward preparing Pikes Peak Chapter volunteers for this very vital service.

## Quarterly Emergency Services Meeting

The next Quarterly Emergency Services All-Team meeting will be held on **September 24th at 6:30 P.M.** at the Falcon Substation at Kelly Johnson and Academy. We will share information, updates, upcoming initiatives and projects, new volunteer opportunities within the chapter, community outreach information and provide answers to any questions or concerns volunteers may wish to voice. ALL Emergency Services teams - Disaster, Service to the Armed Forces, International - are welcome and highly encouraged to attend.

## Mini-Institute Planning Committee Forming

As part of the Wal-Mart Foundation grant award, the Pikes Peak Chapter will be sponsoring a Disaster Leadership Mini-Institute in May 2010. A planning committee is needed to assist with logistics, curriculum planning, recruiting instructors, materials support and other tasks in order to develop and execute a successful institute that will build leadership capacity within southeast Colorado. Anyone interested in serving on the institute planning committee, please contact Jaici Murcia, Director, Volunteer and Emergency Services, at [jmurcia@pparc.org](mailto:jmurcia@pparc.org) OR 719-785-2724 ASAP. The committee should be fully formed and begin planning by late September.

## Community Disaster Education Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, September 9

Multicultural Youth Leadership Initiative /12:00 - 12:40 pm  
Sponsored by the El Pomar Foundation

### Saturday, September 12

Patriot's Day /9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
At the Focus on the Family Library (8685 Explorer Drive)

