



# Disaster Action Team (DAT) Trainee

## Help Respond to Local Disasters!

### ■ Purpose

DAT Trainees, under the direction of a DAT Responder, respond to local disasters, most often house or apartment fires. DAT Trainees focus on learning the role of a DAT Responder through basic curriculum and on-the-ground experience with the goal of providing effective service to clients and eventual promotion to the DAT Responder role.

### ■ Commitment

- Four 6-8-hour on-call shifts each month
- At least one Disaster meeting, exercise, training, or preparedness activity each quarter to remain engaged and abreast of changes

### ■ Complete Training Provided

- **DAT Trainee**
  - Approximately 6 hours of online and in-person training prepares DAT Trainees to respond in the field:
- **Benefits:**
  - Opportunity to serve community as a resource for victims of disasters
  - On-going training opportunities
  - Be part of a dynamic and committed corps of outstanding Red Cross volunteers
  - Gain experience in social work, human services, disaster response, and emergency management
  - Reduced fees on American Red Cross First Aid & CPR classes for active volunteers

### ■ Responsibilities

- Commit to availability during on-call shifts
- Promptly respond to local disasters while on shifts
- Collaborate with DAT Responder on-scene and DAT Dispatcher on phone
- Become familiar with the policies, regulations, and procedures for local disaster response and services
- Provide disaster services to clients including comfort kits, casework, and service delivery
- Accurately and thoroughly complete field paperwork during responses
- Communicate in a timely manner with Recovery staff following responses
- Represent the American Red Cross by operating within established procedures and guidelines
- Act in ways consistent with the American Red Cross Mission and Fundamental Principles
- Clearly, appropriately, and professionally communicate with DAT members, clients, paid and volunteer staff, and community partners
- Complete all necessary training courses (see Training section below) within first year of service
- Regularly attend Disaster monthly/quarterly meetings

### ■ Qualifications

- 18 years of age or older
- Access to reliable vehicle (mileage is not reimbursed) transportation
- Access to reliable cell phone
- Ability to work under adverse conditions
- Ability to record information clearly, accurately, and thoroughly
- Ability to work with individuals of diverse backgrounds



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and click on "Apply To Volunteer"

**Position Title: DCS: OPS - DAT Twin Cities Area**

If You Have Any Questions, Please Send Them To:

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