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Commissioners Proclaim March American Red Cross Month in Cumberland County

Cumberland County, Pennsylvania- Today during their public meeting, the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners Presented a Proclamation to representatives of the Cumberland Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross (ARC). This chapter actively serves over 300,000 individuals in Franklin and Cumberland Counties.

The Cumberland County Department of Public Safety works closely with the ARC in disaster preparedness and response and depends on the organization to provide a variety of valuable services in the disaster response effort. ARC provides assistance and sheltering for fire victims, opens and operates disaster shelters/mass care centers for those impacted by disasters and provides food and beverages to first responders on the scene of long term incidents. In 2013, the ARC in the Central Pennsylvania Region responded to assist with over 450 fires. They do this with a large volunteer force and at no charge to those they help. Red Cross staff also serves as subject matter experts in the DPS Emergency Operations Center during large scale events.

March is American Red Cross Month and Cumberland County is thankful to have such a hardworking and dedicated chapter with more than 150 volunteers serving Cumberland County. For more information on the Cumberland Valley Chapter visit:

<http://www.redcross.org/pa/carlisle>.

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