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**NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Red Cross Shelters Remain Open in California; Local Red Cross Holds Disaster Response Training for New Volunteers**

***In anticipation of rain in the coming days, Red Cross shelters remain open for people living near the Oroville Dam. Training will be held this week for new volunteers interested in future disaster relief volunteer work.***

**PORTLAND, Ore, February 14, 2017** – American Red Cross shelters opened because of evacuations near the Oroville Dam will remain open. Although emergency evacuation orders were lifted, evacuation warnings remain in effect.

As of Tuesday morning, an estimated 4,800 people in northern California were in 28 Red Cross and community shelters after being evacuated from their homes due to compromised Oroville Dam spillways. At least 188,000 people were ordered to evacuate Sunday night.

Seventeen responders from Oregon and Southwest Washington traveled to California to aid in the response, including five from Medford and one from Bend.

The Red Cross will hold training for new volunteers interested in disaster relief volunteer work this week in Central and Southern Oregon. Individuals interested in learning more about becoming a disaster response volunteer in the local community and/or a responder for national deployments are encouraged to attend our new disaster response volunteer training. Trainings will be conducted February 16 and 17 at the following times and in the following locations in Medford, Brookings, Bend and Klamath Falls.

### **Medford, Oregon**

February 16, 2017: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.  
Red Cross Medford Office  
60 Hawthorne Street in Medford, OR  
Deployment Overview Training – 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.  
Shelter Fundamentals Training – 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

### **Brookings, Oregon**

February 17, 2017: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Southern Oregon Community College  
Curry Campus: 96082 Lone Ranch Parkway, Room 138 in Brookings, OR  
Deployment Overview Training – 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Shelter Fundamentals Training – 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

### **Klamath Falls, Oregon**

February 17, 2017: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Klamath Falls Red Cross Office  
3305 South 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Klamath Falls, OR  
Deployment Overview Training – 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Psychological First Aid Training – 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

## **Bend, Oregon**

February 16, 2017: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Service Master training room

61523 American Loop in Bend, OR

Deployment Overview Training – 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

Psychological First Aid Training – 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

No RSVP is required and interested people can simply show up to the trainings. Questions about the training events may be directed to: [volunteer.cascades@redcross.org](mailto:volunteer.cascades@redcross.org) or 503.528.5624.

**FIND A SHELTER** If someone needs to find a shelter, they can visit [redcross.org/shelter](http://redcross.org/shelter). If someone is staying with friends or family, they can visit Red Cross shelters during the day for information or a hot meal.

People can also download the Red Cross Emergency App to have safety information available on their mobile device, including open shelter locations, emergency weather alerts and safety information. Red Cross apps are available in smartphone app stores by searching for the American Red Cross or going to [redcross.org/apps](http://redcross.org/apps).

**MAKE A DONATION** The Red Cross depends on donations to prepare for and provide immediate relief from disasters. Help people affected by California floods by visiting [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS. Donations enable the Red Cross to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from these disasters.

### ***About the American Red Cross:***

*The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit [redcross.org/Cascades](http://redcross.org/Cascades), or find us on Twitter at [@RedCrossCasc](https://twitter.com/RedCrossCasc).*