

March is Red Cross Month

"I request that during that month (March) our people rededicate themselves to the splendid aims and activities of the Red Cross."-
-President Franklin D. Roosevelt, first Presidential Proclamation of March as Red Cross Month, 1943

Each year the president of the United States proclaims March "Red Cross Month." We use this opportunity to thank our supporters, increase public awareness and consideration of Red Cross' mission and drive contributions.

This year we will utilize the theme "Everyday Heroes" as we recognize the nation's Everyday Heroes who in some way help their community by giving of themselves. We will also ask the public to be a hero by making a financial or blood donation, taking a Red Cross class in First Aid and CPR or volunteering.

Celebrating Our Every Day Heroes

March is Red Cross Month and the American Red Cross recognizes the country's everyday heroes who reach out to help their neighbors in need.

- These every day heroes lend a hand to those in need in communities across the country.
- Helping disaster victims get on the road to recovery.
- Giving blood to help a hospital patient



- Brightening the day of an injured service member who is in a hospital far from home.
 - Stepping forward to assist someone having a heart attack or to save a drowning child.
- This month we encourage everyone to discover their inner hero by giving their time, make a financial donation or give blood.

Get Involved. It's Easy!

- Work on a preparedness plan for your household so you will be ready for emergencies.
- Give blood or a financial donation if you are able.
- Become a Red Cross volunteer.

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Pets and Disaster



concerns and other considerations. Service animals that assist people with disabilities are allowed in Red Cross shelters.

-Know which friends, relatives, boarding facilities, animal shelters or veterinarians can care for your animals in an emergency. Prepare a list of phone numbers.

-Although your animals may be more comfortable together, be prepared to house them separately.

-Include pets in evacuation drills.

-Make sure all vaccinations are up to date and that cats and dogs are wearing collars with identification. Consider micro shipping for identification.

Download the Pet First Aid App

Take care of your furry family member. The American Red Cross Pet First Aid app puts veterinary advice for everyday emergencies in the palm of your hand. Get the app and be prepared to act when called upon. With videos, interactive quizzes and simple step-by-step advice it's never been easier to know Pet First Aid. The cost is 99 cents.

Plan to take your pets with you in an evacuation. If it is not safe for you to stay, it is not safe for them either.

-Know which hotels and motels along your evacuation route will accept you and your pets in an emergency. Call ahead for reservations if you know you may need to evacuate. Ask if no-pet policies could be waived in an emergency.

-Most Red Cross shelters cannot accept pets because of health and safety

For more information on pet safety, visit www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/pet-safety

For more information on the Pet First Aid Mobile App, visit www.redcross.org/mobile-apps/pet-first-aid-app

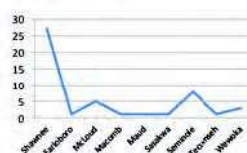
Service Delivery

Pottawatomie County and Seminole County Red Cross Single Family Fire Services July 1—February 28, 2014

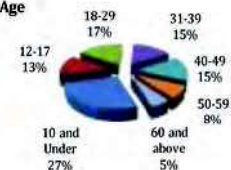
Cases/County



Cases per Town



Age



For more information: www.redcross.org/oko
 Volunteer Connection: <https://volunteerconnection.redcross.org/>
 Susan Morris: 405.273.8800 or susan.morris@redcross.org

Bizzare Holidays- March

- 14 Learn about Butterflies Day
- 15 Everything You Think is Wrong Day
- 16 Everything You Do is Right Day
- 17 Submarine Day
- 18 Goddess of Fertility Day
- 18 Supreme Sacrifice Day
- 19 Poultry Day
- 20 Extraterrestrial Abductions Day
- 20 Proposal Day
- 21 Fragrance Day
- 22 National Goof Off Day
- 23 Near Miss Day
- 24 National Chocolate Covered Raisin Day
- 25 Pecan Day
- 26 Make Up Your Own Holiday Day
- 27 National "Joe" Day
- 28 Something on a Stick Day

FUN FACT:

March 1, 1999 Red Cross initiates Nucleic Acid Testing (NAT), which provides early detection of HIV and Hepatitis C in blood.



Let Your Family Know You're Safe

If your community has experienced a disaster, register on the American Red Cross Safe & Well website at redcross.org/safeandwell to let your family and friends know about your welfare. If you don't have internet access, call 1-800-RED-CROSS to register yourself and your family.

Important Dates

March 15- Mass Care Exercise

March 20- DAT meeting at YMCA- Bring your fav Mexican dish!

March 22- HOME Kit Distribution

April 2- St. Greg's University Blood Drive
10:30 am to 4 pm
Shawnee Room

On Call:
Shar- 3/17/2014

Upcoming Birthdays!
March 25-Rebecca Young

Thank you to all of you for volunteering with the Red Cross!

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