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American Red Cross Fire Prevention Program Comes to Joliet this weekend

Joliet, IL – The City of Joliet: The American Red Cross of Greater Chicago will be visiting the Joliet community to educate residents about fire prevention this Saturday, October 22nd from 9AM – 3PM.

American Red Cross volunteers will visit pre-registered residents directly in their homes to conduct a hazard hunt, safety makeover, and help families develop a disaster plan through a program called Team Firestopper. If you are interested in a safety makeover or would love to become a Team Firestopper volunteer, please visit www.chicagoredcross.org/tfs for more information.

In the greater Chicago area, Red Cross relief teams help disaster victims recover after home fires every single day. There are simple steps that everyone can take to protect their home and family from fire. Team Firestopper shares this information with people in communities that are disproportionately affected by fires. As part of the program the Red Cross will be distributing free smoke detectors, CO detectors, fire extinguishers, disaster preparedness kits to participating families. Team Firestopper is presented by CSX, Motorola Solutions Foundation, USG, with support from First Alert and Underwriters Laboratories.

The American Red Cross of Greater Chicago Team Firestopper program has worked to prevent home fires in neighborhoods with typically high incidences of these disasters for more than a decade as part of its efforts to create a disaster-resistant community.

Several times a day, nearly every day the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago provides fire victims with assistance for food, clothing, prescription medications, temporary shelter and other special needs an affected family might have. This relief is made possible by generous donations from people throughout our community. You can help the Red Cross continue to help fire victims by making a financial donation to the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago. Visit www.chicagoredcross.org to learn more.

About the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies nearly half of the nation's blood; teaches lifesaving skills; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a charitable organization — not a government agency — and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. The American Red Cross of Greater Chicago leads a regional grouping in Illinois and Northwest Indiana that serves more than 9.6 million people. For more information, please visit www.chicagoredcross.org.

The City of Joliet is the fourth largest city in the state of Illinois, located just 45 miles southwest of Chicago's Loop. Home to over 147,000 residents, in addition to thriving businesses and attractions, the City of Joliet is easily accessible by rail, auto and bus transit. A perfect place to live, work and play, Joliet is constantly striving to promote growth and diversity. For more information on Joliet visit www.visitjoliet.org or call 815.724.4000.

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