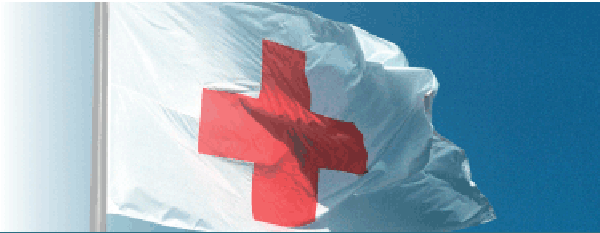




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The American Red Cross Offers Disaster Course for Columbia County Residents.

Since 1910, the American Red Cross of Northeastern New York (ARCENY) has given relief to victims of disasters and helped people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies in Schoharie County. ARCENY would like to invite residents to attend the **Fulfilling our Mission: Translating Your Compassion into Community Action Course** on Thursday, May 27th. This basic level **free** course introduces residents, disaster volunteers, and members of other local agencies to the role of the Red Cross in the community's actions in preparing for, responding to and recovering from emergencies and disasters. The course will enable individual volunteers to translate their care and compassion for their community into action and provide information to other community agencies on Red Cross work and possible partnership in preparation for and response to a disaster.

The Red Cross will be holding a **Fulfilling Our Mission** course for all Columbia County residents and employees on **Thursday, May 27th from 6 to 9pm at the Hudson Fire House, 77 7th St. Hudson. Registration required.** For more information please call (518) 458-8111 or register on-line at <http://www.redcrossneny.org/admin/events/eventDetails.asp?eventid=174>

About the American Red Cross of Northeastern New York

Since 1910, ARCENY has given relief to victims of disasters and helped people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. Last year, nearly 1,000 residents of the greater Capital Region received free, emergency assistance by ARCENY after disasters such as fires, floods, and power outages. Each year, more than 40,000 greater Capital Region residents learn to save lives through Red Cross CPR, water safety, first aid and emergency preparedness classes; and hundreds of local military families receive support and emergency communications services.

The Red Cross is not a government agency; it relies on donations of time, money and blood from the American people to do its work. An average of 92 cents of every dollar the Red Cross spends is invested in humanitarian services and programs. For more information about your local Red Cross and our 100 years of service, visit www.redcrossneny.org or call (518) 458-8111.

**Volunteer with the American Red Cross and change a
life...starting with your own.**