

FEMA and the American Red Cross Continue to Build Partnerships

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PHILADELPHIA – Business cards trade hands every day – introducing new partners, serving as a bridge to a stronger relationship between two organizations, and serving as an invaluable reminder that a new and potentially vital contact is just a phone call or email away. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region III and the American Red Cross are invaluable partners and understand the importance not only of our shared values of serving our communities and preparing for emergencies, but helping people. What can change is leadership, which is why FEMA Region III met with the American Red Cross Eastern Pennsylvania Region's CEO Guy Triano today to build on our existing partnership and strengthen our ties when it comes to our activities in eastern Pennsylvania.

"The Red Cross of Eastern Pennsylvania and FEMA have enjoyed a strong partnership for many years." Says Regional CEO Guy Triano, Red Cross Eastern Pennsylvania. "The greatest benefit of the partnership is the ability to help those facing a disaster in an efficient and effective manner."

"FEMA's mission of helping people before, during, and after disaster is supported by the full capability and partnership of the American Red Cross," stated Regional Administrator MaryAnn Tierney, FEMA Region III. "We partner with the Red Cross on everything from exercises to real world response, shelter coordination, and more still in between. Our relationship is one of the most critical to our support to communities across Pennsylvania and our region."

The American Red Cross and FEMA continue to partner together in preparation for disasters, as well as other initiatives. FEMA has supported the American Red Cross' Sound the Alarm Fire Safety Event, and both FEMA and the Red Cross activated to support communities potentially impacted by Hurricane Florence. Both organizations also continue to plan for emergencies and coordinate on shelter planning through exercises and consistent communication. By exchanging business cards now, both FEMA and the Red Cross Eastern Pennsylvania Region



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are building upon an already successful partnership and taking steps to better serve the communities in eastern Pennsylvania better in any potential emergencies.

For more information on the American Red Cross, Eastern Pennsylvania Region, please visit www.RedCross.org/local/pennsylvania/eastern-pennsylvania and www.RedCross.org/. For more information on FEMA Region III, please visit www.FEMA.gov/region-iii.

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 or cruzrojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

FEMA's mission is helping people before, during, and after disasters. FEMA Region III's jurisdiction includes Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. Learn more about FEMA Region III at www.FEMA.gov/region-iii. Stay informed of FEMA's activities online: videos and podcasts are available at fema.gov/medialibrary and youtube.com/fema. Follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/femaregion3.

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