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The American Red Cross Disaster Responder arrives at the scene with the mission to determine what the victim needs and how the Red Cross can help meet that need. Most often the major needs are shelter, food and clothes. Other needs are determined and the Red Cross volunteer will assist.

Union County had more than 50 disaster responders from the 13-county Northeast Georgia Chapter meet at the Union County Civic Center. Officials from the state and region provided information on changes to better help in disaster situations. Red Cross assures the victims they are going to be OK and that they are not alone. Volunteers help get them started on the road to recovery. Victims learn that people they have never met actually care about them. Many times the victim of a disaster has lost everything.

Disaster victims often have no idea of what is to take place next and the Red Cross can get them headed in the right direction. In Union County, the Disaster Responders have included George Holland, Cecilia Hol-



Union County hosted American Red Cross Disaster Responders from the 13-county Northeast Georgia Chapter in a meeting at the Union County Civic Center. nc



land and Norm Cooper in the past two decades.

An American Red Cross Disaster Office is located on Hunt-Martin Street in Blairsville. The Red Cross in Union County can be reached at 706-781-9401.

Every year millions of people around the globe are affected by natural disasters, conflict and health emergencies. The American Red Cross has provided millions of dollars to disaster victims.

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters, 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. The website

Number of Fires in Union County the American Red Cross Assisted With

2006 .. 2	2010 .. 4
2007 .. 12	2011 .. 9
2008 .. 9	2012 .. 6
2009 .. 3	2013 .. 6
Total ..51	

Fire Disaster Assistance Northeast Georgia Chapter American Red Cross

*** Year 2013 (Jan to Dec)**
473 people with \$93,211

***Year 2014 (Jan to May)**
353 people with \$80,635

Military Families Assisted

Jan. 2013 to May 2014
Chapter wide - 525 families
Union County - 8 families

www.redcross.org has an abundance of information.

The American Red Cross has many apps, including those for hurricanes, shelter finder, earthquake, flood, swimming, pet first aid, volunteers, wildfires, tornadoes and the official Red Cross First Aid app for expert advice for everyday emergencies.

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