

American Red Cross, Saginaw County Chapter

Disaster Action Team (DAT)

Local Disasters, Local Response

The volunteers who respond to disasters in our community are Disaster Action Team (DAT) members. Disaster Action Teams are the quick response unit of the Red Cross and they consist of trained volunteers that provide immediate emergency assistance to disaster victims. Last year, the American Red Cross, Saginaw County Chapter DAT members assisted 252 persons in an emergency.

There are four steps to becoming a Disaster Action Team member.

Step 1 - Meet the Requirements

DAT members *must*:

- Have a passion to help those in need
- Have a valid driver's license and reliable transportation
- Have a cellular telephone or pager
- Possess basic computer skills
- Pass a background check
- Be in good health
- **Be willing to respond as needed in all types of weather and at all hours of the day or night**



Step 2 - Call and volunteer

Call 989-754-8181 ext. 209

Step 3 - Receive FREE training

A DAT team member is required to complete the following training, free of charge:
Online Orientation of the American Red Cross and Introduction to Disaster, Fulfilling our Mission, Disaster Assessment, Mass Care, Shelter Operations, and Client Casework.

Step 4 - Go out and help.

DAT team members are some of our most dedicated volunteers. They are on-call for a one week period on a rotating basis.