

RED CROSS TRAINING & CERTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY RELIEF WORKERS

Southwestern University School of Law is asking for student volunteers to help the American Red Cross and the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

RED CROSS TRAINING & CERTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY RELIEF WORKERS: On September 24 & 25, 2005, Southwestern University School of Law will sponsor a twelve hour training of emergency relief workers. Information about signing up to attend will be posted shortly. The Red Cross will provide free training and materials for up to 300 Southwestern students and others interested in becoming Nationally Certified Disaster Relief Workers. When final exams are completed in December, students will be deployed to the Gulf Coast Region to provide help and services to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. In addition to training, the Red Cross will provide transportation, lodging, and food for everyone willing to spend a minimum of 9 days working 12 hour shifts in "hardship conditions." Maximum deployment is up to 21 days.

People are needed to help with mass care (food and shelter), health care, counseling services, communications, information technology, transportation, human resources and all areas of disaster relief. Forty thousand (40,000) volunteers are needed by November 2005 and the Red Cross predicts the need to extend well into 2006.

1. Red Cross training is open to ALL students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni and their friends and family. Participants must be at least 18 years old.
2. Student volunteers will deploy the day after final exams end in December. You decide how long you stay - from a minimum of 9 days to a maximum of 21 days.
3. Once you are certified by the Red Cross, you may volunteer to be deployed in Emergency Relief situations for the rest of your life.
4. Training has been expanded to include Family Case training in addition to Mass Care training. Volunteers will be able to help manage families' needs as a case worker and will have authority to providing emergency funds where necessary.
5. If you are interested in becoming certified with the Red Cross, but are unable to deploy to New Orleans, there are limited opportunities to volunteer in Red Cross shelters in the Los Angeles area. Please remember, however, that the Gulf States are our primary target.

CHECK OUT INFORMATION ON SOUTHWESTERN'S WEBSITE. The direct link is: <http://www.swlaw.edu/katrinarelief.html>. You can also access it by going to www.swlaw.edu and clicking on Hurricane Katrina Relief.

PLEASE talk to your friends, colleagues, and family about these incredible opportunities and invite them to join us in our efforts. We want to thank you all once again for being so generous with your time and talents by volunteering. Please keep checking your emails for important updates.

Thanks!

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Please write as soon as possible to declare your interest in helping, requests for information and questions to the Public Interest Law Society at the following email address: publicinterestlaw@yahoo.com. Volunteers will be meeting soon!