Red Cross Disaster Plan

(In case of flood or other natural disaster.)

EDITOR'S NOTE: In case of flood or other calamity due to "act of God," the Red Cross is the agency designated by act of Congress to direct rescue and relief in cooperation with all government agencies, state, national or local. By agreement with OCD in Washington, OCD works under Red Cross direction except in case of "military emergencies" when OCD takes charge and Red Cross serves as a subordinate agency. The Lane county outline follows the official manual of the American Red Cross.

NATIONAL SUPERVISION

American Red Cross—as soon as a disaster occurs, the nearest Red Cross office in Washington, St. Louis or San Francisco is notified by the local Red Cross chairman; if necessary trained workers are dispatched to the scene.

LANE COUNTY

County Chairman—Charles Wiper, chairman.

Executive Committee—Clarence Simon, Earl Kast, C. L. Sigloh, Clarence Lombard, Mrs. Elisha Large, Mrs. J. F. Cramer, V. M. Cameron, Mrs. Genevieve Turnipseed.

Executive Secretary—Miss Grace Jackson.

COMMITTEE ON DISASTER AND RELIEF

Disaster Chairman—F. Ford Northrop, chairman, Clarence Simon, Earl Kast, Cecil Davis, Mrs. C. A. Keever, and 30 staff assistants.

DISASTER SUB-COMMITTEES

Survey of Needs—F. Ford Northrop.
Rescues—Arthur Hendershott.
Medical Aid—Dr. R. C. Romig.
Shelter—Dr. C. L. Huffaker.
Food and Canteen—Mrs. Genevieve Turnipseed and Mrs. Andrew Fish.
Clothing—Mrs. W. T. Switzer.
Transportation—C. L. Sigloh.
Registration—Mrs. A. C. Drew.
Publicity—G. E. Gaylord.
Rehabilitation—National headquarters.

WHERE TO DIRECT CALLS

Eugene area, headquarters, 43 West 8th, Phones 225, 5057, or 363.

Springfield area, headquarters chamber of commerce, phones 2010, 2030, 2052.

(There are similar setups in Junction City, Florence and other principal centers in Lane county.)

FUNCTIONS

The Red Cross manual defines "disaster" as any calamity "when five or more families are affected," although local judgment is considered in every case. The Red Cross is the agency through which Lane county people do their share to relieve and reconstruct after disaster in all parts of the world. In turn the Red Cross provides funds to rebuild wrecked homes, restore farms and other enterprises when disaster comes to any part of Lane county. Rehabilitation expenditures in Lane county will run to many thousands of dollars as the result of recent Willamette floods, one of the major items being tons of wire for fences swept away. Where the beneficiary does not need financial aid the Red Cross gets prompt priorities on supplies which he could not otherwise buy in wartime.

COOPERATION WITH OFFICIALS

The Red Cross does not supplant other national, state or local officials or agencies which have responsibilities in any area. In many cases such as U.S. Engineers, state or city police, county sheriffs authority is coordinated and by cooperative agreement allocated as follows:

Red Cross (with Red Cross funds) supply emergency necessities of life, warnings, voluntary evacuation, rescue, medical care, food, clothing, shelter, survey of family losses, transportation of refugees and supplies, communication, public information, registration and welfare inquiries, rehabilitation which includes rehablitation of families, maintenance of families, building and repair of homes, household furnishings, medical aid and hospitalization, nursing, farm supplies, livestock and equipment, occupational training, equipment and supplies.

Public agencies and officials (with tax funds) protect persons and property, maintenance of law and order, fire protection, public health and sanitation (water supply, biologicals and quarantines), care of dead, enforced evacuation, maintenance of public institutions, control of liquor, ordinary public welfare, survey of public losses, public transportation (road controls, etc.), public communication, removal of public debris, salvage of unclaimed property, safety inspections in buildings, restoration of all public buildings and facilities.

Red Cross Disaster Organization Outlined

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feeding and clothing those afflicted by the ravages of the flood, extending from Oakridge to the north Lane County line.

For the time when and if another disaster strikes Lane County it is well to keep in mind the organizations that will function:

Probable heights of floods will be forecast by the Weather Bureau. Warnings and general instructions to the populace will be given by newspaper and radio. These two sources check thoroughly on what they give out. Depend on them. Discard rumors and hearsay.

The State Police, the Sheriff, and the city police will handle traffic so that people will not get into dangerous areas and spectators will not hinder rescue efforts. They will also protect the property left behind by evacuees.

In case of a fire in a city or town the local fire department will fight the conflagration as usual. The fighting of forest fires will be directed by officials of the Willamette and Siuslaw National Forests and of the Lane County Fire Patrol.

City, County and State maintenance crews will repair roads and bridges. Telephone, telegraph, power, gas, water, railroad, and bus utilities will be maintained by their own personnel.

Health officials will have their part to do, to prevent pestilence and preserve a high state of health.

The foregoing are largely legally organized governmental organizations with hired employees.

The Red Cross organizes and directs the necessary community volunteer services. In case of floods, volunteer boatmen are directed where to go to rescue stranded persons. Among these boatmen are the McKenzie River Guides Association whose members have worked so generously and untiringly in recent floods. Men who have suitable boats and are willing to aid in rescue work should register with the Red Cross, phone 225. In case of forest fire, the Red Cross will direct transportation.

Evacuees will be received and registered by the Registration Sub-Committees and sent to temporary housing and feeding centers if necessary. All evacuees will be registered if possible, even if further help is not needed in order that inquiring friends and relatives will know they have been saved. In the recent flood, this service proved its worth to frantic relatives.

The Red Cross Motor Corps, those women in the blue-gray uniforms who have so generously devoted the use of their own cars, act as messengers to carry evacuees to shelters and to carry information and supplies wherever needed.

The Red Cross Canteen Corps has supervision over the preparation and serving of food in the shelters and will prepare meals out-of-doors if necessary. During the recent flood, this corps prepared hot food, which was carried by the Motor Corps, to rescuers and others who worked in the cold and rain along the rivers. In Springfield the new high school was the feeding center, 80 to 100 persons being served each meal.

The Clothing sub-committees will provide such wearing apparel as is needed. Some of the clothing has been made in Red Cross production centers, some purchased from local stores and much donated. During the recent flood, 3 tons of clothing were obtained from the Red Cross warehouse in Portland. Of course, not all of this was distributed, but such a large amount made possible a good selection.

Altogether, about 300 persons participated in one way or another in rescuing and caring for refugees from the flooded areas. Many of these volunteers worked independently and are to be commended for their initiative in meeting the emergencies as they arose. The 100 or more boatmen who risked their own lives to save others are deserving of the highest praise. In Springfield, the police, firemen, school teachers, and O. C. D. air wardens and auxiliary police exhibited a high type of community service.

The Army Engineers cooperated very fully and directed boatmen where to carry on rescue work below Eugene.

A large detail of soldiers from Camp Adair, working in cooperation of the Army Engineers and Sheriff Crowe protected the property of evacuees during their absence.

In the event of a disaster, the national headquarters of the Red Cross provides funds for the immediate emergency such as providing food, clothing, and shelter. Later, funds are provided to restore the disaster victims to a reasonable economic condition so that they can quickly resume their normal way of living.

In the first week, during and immediately following the recent flood, about $2,000 was spent in providing essential supplies and services. It is believed that rehabilitation requirements will approximate $25,000.

The headquarters of the Lane County Chapter are located at 43 West 8th Avenue in Eugene, phone 225 or 5057. In case of a disaster emergency outside of usual office hours call the Disaster Committee Chairman F. Ford Northrop, 1437 E. 21st avenue, phone 2612-J; Miss Grace Jackson, Secretary, The Braes, phone 4259; or Charles Wiper, Chapter Chairman, 2111 University street, phone 5096-W.

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