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### **Together, American Red Cross volunteers:**

- Assist victims of hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, floods, winter storms and other disasters, including families forced from their homes by fire.
- Provide Community Disaster Education and first aid, CPR, swimming, babysitter preparedness and other classes.
- Facilitate emergency communications between military personnel and their families.
- Organize and participate in Disaster Action Teams.
- Donate professional expertise in accounting, finance, public relations, Web site development, administration and information technology.
- Fill leadership roles at local offices, including on task forces and boards of directors.

### **WHO ARE RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS?**

We are people who help with a single event or several times a month. Some of us have been involved in our communities for 10, 20, 30 years or more—providing lifesaving services and leadership and helping to prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. **For over 91 years, volunteers have provided Leadership, Strength, and Energy to the Southern Maryland Chapter of the American Red Cross**

## **White House Service Initiative — United We Serve**

*We need your service right now at this moment in history. I'm not going to tell you what your role should be; that's for you to discover. But I am asking you to stand up and play your part. I am asking you to help change history's course. — President Obama 4/21/09*

At this challenging time in our nation, Americans are being called upon to work together to help solve some of our country's most critical issues. To this end, President Obama has announced a nationwide service initiative – **United We Serve**. The service initiative was developed by the White House Office of Social Innovation and Civic Engagement in collaboration with the Corporation for National & Community Service. **United We Serve** is a call to action; an effort to meet growing community needs through volunteer service; to make service a way of life for all Americans. The First Lady officially kicked off United We Serve on June 22nd at the National Conference on Volunteering and Service. The initiative will run through the summer, culminating with a National Day of Service and Remembrance on September 11, 2009.

We have several great volunteer opportunities in the Chapter

**Disaster Services** – Respond to local emergencies to support victims of disaster. Provide emergency assistance and comfort to disaster victims, survey homes for damage and losses, participate in drills, and much more.

**Health and Safety Services** – Teach CPR and First Aid to members of the community, train lifeguards, teach Babysitting skills to young teens, and teach Basic Care-Giving Skills. Instructor training provided.

**Scrubby Bear seminars** We will be offering free training, setting up days and times when volunteers can educate and entertain at Day Care in Southern Maryland

**Administrative** – Provide general clerical support in a wide variety of areas such as: data entry; assist in assembling schedules; mailings and special projects; greet clients and visitors at the reception desk; and answer telephones.

**Special Events** – Assist with various special events such as: Annual Golf Tournaments, Fundraising Dinners, Fairs, and other event services

**Call Center** – Answering the needs of people from coast to coast. Volunteers needed to work the phones during Scheduled Activations and doing follow-up Survey Projects.



## **Safety Tips from the National Council on Fireworks Safety**

- Obey local laws. If fireworks are not legal where you are, do not use them.
- Use fireworks outdoors only and always have water handy.
- Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Read and follow all warnings and instructions.
- Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Use common sense. Spectators should keep a safe distance from the shooter and the shooter should wear safety glasses.
- Only persons over the age of 21 should be allowed to handle sparklers of any type.
- Do not ever use homemade fireworks: They can kill you!
- Report illegal explosives to the fire or police department in your community



## **June started off with a bang/ or a Divot**

The first day of June was a bright, clear day. A wonderful day for a round of Golf and that is what over 70 players did. It was the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Columba Lodge Open Golf Tournament held at Wicomico Golf Club. The Charity of choice was our Chapter. On hand from the Chapter were Mike Zabko, Dianne Williams, Jennifer & Bill Spedden, Lori Wilson, and Bunky Gretton.

## 2009 Annual Meeting of the Chapter

A Big Thank You goes out to Mr. Tom Jarboe & *Technology Security Associates, TSA* for hosting the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Chapter on June 9<sup>th</sup> at their new headquarters in Lexington Park. The meeting included the State of the Chapter Reports, election of the Board of Directors, and some very nice desserts. The following people took time out of their busy day to attend. *Lois Stephenson, Bob Schroeder, Vic Curtis, Earl Buffaloe, Debbie May, Ed May, Bruce Gentile, Danny Michael, Mae Wade, John Johnson, Pat Schroeder, Alice Pitcher, Alan Pitcher, Racquel Smith, Tim Duffy, Katherine Robeson, Pam Washington, Nancy Hayden, George Hayden, Dale Hutchins, Tony Colantonio, Linda Colantonio, Mike Zabko, Debora Storey, Diane Williams, Pat Fleming, Liz Kwasniak, Jennifer Spedden, Bob Gretton, Teresa Gretton*



### CORPORATE PARTNER IN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

The Southern Maryland Chapter and **Technology Security Associates, Inc.** have agreed to a partnership in Southern Maryland working together towards a common goal of preparing Southern Maryland for disasters. *TSA* will get specific Disaster training for their employees to be prepared for a family crisis and also to volunteer with the chapter should a disaster present itself in Southern Maryland. *TSA* management has agreed to support the Red Cross efforts should the Red Cross need disaster response trained volunteers. Contact any of the Chapter offices or any of the Red Cross Partner Companies for information on being a corporate partner in Disaster Relief.

Please call 888-276-2767 or 301-934-2066, or e-mail

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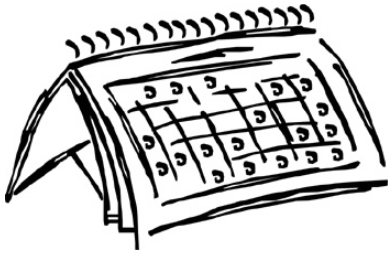
### ***Who is Technology Security Associates, Inc.?***

Technology Security Associates, Inc (TSA) was established in 2002 and is a listed as a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business. TSA supports a wide-ranging group of Department of the Navy acquisition programs in the areas of technology and information security and international programs. In its short history, TSA has earned an excellent reputation for developing original processes to enable customers to meet new DoD requirements in emerging policy areas, isolating problems and creating and implementing superior solutions, and an extensive knowledge base in its unique areas of expertise. TSA also supports several small and large commercial clients in Information Security. TSA received the 2005 St. Mary's County Emerging Small Business of the Year Award

## **Red Cross Training**

If you are a new volunteer, or have been volunteering for years you should take **Fulfilling Our Mission**. The class is being held at the La Plata office on Aug 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. It is an introduction into the world of volunteering for the American Red Cross. Going over the Core values and Principles of the ARC.

The following week, we will have a class on **Shelter Operations**, also at the La Plata office Aug 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm to 9:00pm. This is an important class on preparing to assist in shelters. Meeting the needs of people that have been displaced. Visit <http://southernmaryland.redcross.org/> click on Red Cross Services, than click on Classes to sign up..



## Mark down the Dates

### **Looking for an ERV Driver and volunteers to represent the Chapter at Red, White, and Blue Sunday, July 26th at 10:00am**

Service honoring all who have dedicated their lives to watching over our community....All police, fire, rescue, and disaster relief personal and their families are invited and will be recognized...Cookout will follow the service. The celebration will be held at the Life Stream Church in Waldorf. 5105 Leonardtown Rd. **Please let me know if you plan to attend, so I can send them your name.**

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**What:** EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR

**When:** Saturday, August 8, 2009.. 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Where:** LDS Church Building 22747 Old Rolling Road Lexington Park

**Need an ERV Driver and volunteers to hand out Emergency Preparedness material**

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## Please dress the part

**When you volunteer for the Chapter, you ARE the Chapter. You are in the public eye. Appropriately dressed volunteers add to the overall credibility of the American Red Cross and the Southern Maryland Chapter. When volunteering at an event, it should be all about image. Wear something that is upscale casual. What you don't want to wear when volunteering is: Shorts, T-Shirts, Tank-Tops, Flip Flops, and anything that is inappropriately "revealing" When you report to an event, ask for a Red Cross Vest.**

*This comes from the Chapter Volunteer Handbook*

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Do you know someone who might like receiving our Newsletter? It's a great way to stay informed on what is going on in Southern Maryland and the Chapter. All I need is their Name and email address; I will put them on a **Newsletter Only List**.

## Red Cross online Orientation

The American Red Cross and the Southern Maryland Chapter does make the World a better place. If you are new to our team or have been an ARC volunteer for years, Cut and Paste the following and enjoy the Red Cross online Orientation.

<http://www.redcross.org/portal/site/en/menuitem.d229a5f06620c6052b1ecfbf43181aa0/?vgnextoid=fa5f2b0d3232b110VgnVCM10000089f0870aRCRD&vgnnextchannel=fb6b2b0d3232b110VgnVCM10000089f0870aRCRD#mission>

Do you know someone who could donate: cases of bottle water, flashlights, computer paper, or office equipment? How about a storage shed? A room to hold meetings and training classes! Big or small, it never hurts to ask!!!



**Donate your used car, truck, R.V., motorcycle, boat, farm, construction equipment, real estate, and even time shares to the**

**American Red Cross Southern Maryland Chapter**

**Our program is simple ...** Avoid the hassle and expense of selling and the dangers of dealing with strangers in your home. Just donate your vehicle to the **American Red Cross..It's Easy ! FREE** pickup at your home or office ! You pocket the tax savings !

Call or e-mail us for details toll free hot line 888-276-2767

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*In last month's Newsletter we ran a contest to win a \$15.00 Gift Card to Applebee's*

We asked for the definition of a Red Cross Volunteer. It must have been a hard question, because we only got one response and it was correct.

**Diane Murphy of Huntingtown, MD.** Answered correctly!

**A Red Cross Volunteer is someone who donates,  
Time, Money, and or Blood**

**Time** = We could never have enough Volunteers, email Bob "Bunky" Gretton bobg@somdredcross.org

**Money** = Donate by Mail: Southern Maryland Chapter, American Red Cross P.O. Box 507 La Plata, MD 20646 (Please indicate on check, if for the chapter's general fund account or Local disaster account.) Donate by Phone: Give us a call at 301-934-2066 or call toll free at 1-888-276-2767 Donate in Person: Southern Maryland Chapter Headquarters or our other Offices in Calvert and St Mary's. Donate Online: visit <http://southernmaryland.redcross.org> Click on Red Cross Service, Click on Donate. All Funds Donated Stay in Southern Maryland unless designated differently by the Donor

**Blood** = Blood donation opportunities, visit [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543)

