



# News Release

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**"We're Here Because of You, Together We Can Save a Life"**

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### **Red Cross Ready to Respond to Potential Flooding**

**SOMERVILLE, NJ, March 7, 2008**— With heavy rain and potential flooding forecasted for this weekend, the American Red Cross Greater Somerset County Chapter stands ready to respond. The chapter has begun preparation in the event residents need to be evacuated. Red Cross encourages all residents in flood-prone areas to be prepared for potential flooding and evacuation. We encourage residents to stay alert to the changing weather conditions.

If an EVACUATION is ordered by local officials, they will notify you where Red Cross and other community shelters are located or call 908-725-2217.

We encourage you to bring the following items for each member of you family:

- prescription and emergency medication
- extra clothing
- pillows and blankets
- hygiene supplies
- important documents other comfort items

Additionally, special items for children and infants, such as diapers, formulas and toys, should be brought, along with other special items for family members who are elderly or disabled.

When a Flood WATCH Is Issued . . .

- Listen to local radio or TV stations for flood information.
- Move your furniture and valuables to higher floors of your home.
- Fill your car's gas tank, in case an evacuation notice is issued.

When a Flood WARNING Is Issued . . .

- Listen to local radio and TV stations for information and advice. If told to evacuate, do so as soon as possible.
- Move to higher ground away from rivers, streams, creeks, and storm drains. Do not drive around barricades . . . they are there for your safety.
- If your car stalls in rapidly rising waters, abandon it immediately and climb to higher ground.

*The American Red Cross Greater Somerset County chapter is a non-profit organization that helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. The chapter serves the residents of Somerset County, offering disaster relief and preparedness education, armed forces services, health and safety training, medical transportation, blood services, and Lifeline personal emergency response service program. The American Red Cross of Greater Somerset County depends on donations of time, money, and blood from*

*others to make our humanitarian work possible. For more information, call 908-725-2217 or visit [american-redcross.org](http://american-redcross.org).*