



In recent years, we have all seen a number of large-scale disasters strike, both nationally and in our own backyard. Hurricanes have devastated parts of Texas, Louisiana, Florida, the Carolinas, and Puerto Rico. Closer to home, wildfires have leveled entire communities. In the recent Camp Fire alone, 85 people died and more than 18,000 structures were destroyed in and around the town of Paradise.

Supported by an amazing corps of volunteers, the American Red Cross has responded in force to each one of these disasters — and to many more that you haven't heard of.

The value of service is something that is also well understood by members of Rotary International. That's why a new partnership is emerging between Rotary and the American Red Cross.

To kick-off this collaboration, representatives of the two organizations are hosting a free and informative "**Rotary/Red Cross Boot Camp**," based on the Red Cross "Ready When the Time Comes" program. Here are the details:

Sunday, January 20, 2019

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Lunch and refreshments provided)

2731 N. First Street, San Jose, CA

To sign up for the training session, please go to this web page:

tinyurl.com/ARCRotaryBootCamp

After you sign up, you will receive an invitation to register in the Red Cross's Volunteer Connection system. We will also send you training videos that it would be helpful if you could view prior to the Boot Camp. Please extend this invitation to others.

Boot Camp schedule

- Rotary Overview
- Red Cross Overview
 - Sound the Alarm – free smoke alarm installation and fire safety education and preparedness
 - Missing Maps—a collaborative project to map areas using satellite imagery to help humanitarian organizations meet the needs of vulnerable people around the world
 - Blood Drives
 - Hands-only CPR
- Tour a new Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV)
- Volunteering during a disaster (shelters, response, etc.)

After completion of this Boot Camp, you will receive a special “Ready When the Time Comes” certificate.

For more information, please email Camilla.Booootian@redcross.org or call her at 831-421-1146.

Hope to see you on the 20th!