



Personal Disaster Assistance Team / Emergency Social Services Responder Volunteer Thompson Nicola Regional District - BC

The Canadian Red Cross Society, a non-profit, humanitarian organization dedicated to helping Canadians, as well as the most vulnerable throughout the world, is seeking a *Disaster Management – Personal Disaster Assistance Team / Emergency Social Services Responder volunteer*. Reporting to the Community Planning and Response Coordinator, this position ensures the delivery of quality emergency social services to people affected by personal disasters within their area.

As a Personal Disaster Assistance Team / Emergency Social Services Responder Volunteer, you will take at least 40 hours of National Red Cross and Justice Institute of BC Emergency Social Services training to learn how to best support those affected by disasters. After this training is completed, you will become part of a larger response team that can be activated for both small and large-scale disasters. There are opportunities to develop your leadership skills through training and exercises and to share your expertise in key support services areas like human resources and logistics.

Key Responsibilities

- Completes client needs assessment for people affected by disasters
- Provides comfort kits and other direct aid as needed
- Completes paperwork in a timely and accurate manner
- Provides clients with referrals to partner agencies and other community based groups
- Ensures service provision aligns within the Canadian Red Cross National Disaster Assistance Guidelines and Emergency Management BC Emergency Social Services guidelines.
- Participates in preparedness activities at the community level
- Completes mandatory Emergency Social Services and Disaster Management training as scheduled
- Attends team meetings as requested
- Support communities and individuals affected by disasters
- Develop technical skills and knowledge around coordination of disaster responses
- Share specialized skills and expertise in human resources, finance and administration, logistics, and planning as required

Qualifications

- Must be a minimum of 18 years of age
- This position requires a satisfactory vulnerable sector Canadian Criminal record check
- A valid provincial drivers license is an asset
- Be able to provide a satisfactory Driver's Abstract
- Proven customer service skills
- Well demonstrated interpersonal skills
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Strong organization skills
- Ability to effectively prioritize and execute tasks in a high-pressure environment
- Demonstrates initiative, tact, and an understanding of client confidentiality

Working Conditions

- We are seeking volunteers who can commit to a minimum of two years. Ideally volunteers will be available on an on-going basis. We are currently seeking volunteers available to work during non-traditional hours (weekends, evenings) and/or regular business hours..
- Opportunity for qualified volunteers to deploy away-from home to disaster responses in B.C. and across Canada.

Apply now to join our local Red Cross team and become a part of the world's largest humanitarian organization, and one of our 13 million volunteer across the world.

The Canadian Red Cross Society is an equal opportunity employer.

Interested parties may submit their resumes, quoting **Posting ID DM-RP-THNI-RD-870**, no later than April 30, 2017

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While we appreciate all responses, only candidates under consideration will be contacted.
Please note that relocation funding is not available for this position.

Print our volunteer application form