



Colonial Crossroads Disaster Action Team helps at Springfield fire

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The Colonial Crossroads Chapter's Disaster Action Team was called out late Tuesday afternoon, Feb.9 to respond to residents in crisis following a multi-unit apartment fire at 236 Morris Ave., Springfield.

The fire consumed eight apartment units, residents were allowed to retrieve personal belongings. Members of the Disaster Action Team (DAT) were on hand to offer shelter, food, emotional counseling and guidance on next steps. Two of the nine people affected were children, 10 and 13 years old. Nine people accepted hotel accommodations, one of the many services the DAT offers, including a nurse who can refill prescription medications.

This is the second response for the Disaster Action Team within the past month. The team responded to a multi-unit house fire on January 14th on Main Avenue in Stirling. That house was completely destroyed by fire and the tenants were offered help by the Colonial Crossroads Chapter. Typically, there is a sharp rise in house fires during the winter months and the DAT is called up frequently to provide immediate critical assistance to residents who have lost their homes.

The Colonial Crossroads Chapter has served the residents of Berkeley Heights , Chatham Borough, Chatham Township , East Hanover, Florham Park , Long Hill Township , Madison , New Providence, Springfield and Summit since 1917. Local Red Cross programs and services include disaster preparedness education and response services; life-saving skill training such as CPR, First Aid, and water safety; armed forces emergency services, transportation and blood services. To find out more about the local Red Cross, how you can donate your expertise, time, money or blood; or to help your family, business, or community prepare for emergencies, visit ccnjredcross.org .

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