



**American
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Alan Stafford awarded Volunteer of the Year *Lee County Recognition Dinner honors all volunteers*

FORT MYERS, April 12 – Devoted volunteer Alan Stafford was honored with the American Red Cross of Lee County’s Volunteer of the Year award Thursday at the volunteer recognition dinner.

The annual volunteer recognition dinner is an opportunity to thank the hundreds of local volunteers who represent the Red Cross throughout the community every day.

Stafford is the chapter’s Disaster Training Coordinator, responsible for organizing dozens of training courses throughout the year. He, with the help of his partner AmeriCorps member Beverly Collins, has revolutionized the chapter’s training program, which continues to train record numbers of volunteers.

His hard work has even been noticed statewide, as he’s been asked to work with other chapter and state officials to improve their training programs.

“Alan is an exceptional volunteer and his dedication has led our training department to the forefront in the state,” said Carlene Sharples, Disaster Services Chair.

Stafford is also an active member of a Disaster Action Team (DAT). These volunteers are on-call and respond to disasters, like the home fire Stafford responded to the morning following this award ceremony.

Volunteers who worked countless hours following January’s earthquake in Haiti also received special recognition.



The Red Cross is dedicated to helping make families and communities safer at home and around the world. It provides training in life-saving skills and mobilizes relief to victims of disasters in addition to assisting members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families. For additional information about the Red Cross and the assistance it provides, making donations, registering for a class or volunteering, call 278-3401, or log on to arclcc.org. The American Red Cross of Lee County is a proud member of the United Way of Lee County.