

## Deb Rose Testimonial: Disaster Services

Most people know the Red Cross for our response to the larger disasters—the hurricanes, floods and wildfires that grab the headlines—**but we must be ready for every disaster**, regardless of its size or the media attention it attracts.

“My discomfort doesn’t matter, my adrenaline gets pumping and I go,” Deb said. Deb Rose is just one of the thousands of American Red Cross volunteers who respond to disasters every day. As a volunteer with the American Red Cross of Monroe County, Deb responds to local disasters in her community such as house fires. Before becoming a volunteer, she didn’t realize how much help was needed on a day-to-day basis in her local community. Deb feels good to be able to help out those in need. “It’s hard to get out of bed at 2 o’clock in the morning and respond to a house fire, but that feeling only lasts for a millisecond,” Deb explained. Deb first volunteered for the American Red Cross of Monroe County in 2005 after learning about Hurricane Katrina in the news. With her husband assisting the American Red Cross at a national level, she instantly felt compelled to help out those in need at a local level. “My first concern when arriving at a disaster scene is to remove a family from the visual sight and embrace them. I want them to know they have someone to hold on to; a temporary lifeline,” Deb explained. She hopes she can inspire others to follow her example by volunteering and spreading the word about disaster services at the American Red Cross of Monroe County.



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