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## **Lee County Red Cross deploying four volunteers to North Dakota** *Workers trained in Health and Mental Health Services*

**FORT MYERS, March 25** – Four volunteers from the American Red Cross of Lee County chapter are preparing to deploy to North Dakota to help support the relief efforts surrounding the expected flooding of the Red River.

Volunteers Betty Conley, Howard Harrison M.D., Elizabeth Harrison D.M.D. and Ron Saberton are all flying to North Dakota Thursday. All four volunteers are either licensed health or mental health workers.

As of 4 p.m. Wednesday, the Red Cross update is as follows:

- We have **298** volunteers on or en route to the job.
- **20** [Emergency Response Vehicles](#) (ERVs) are operating in North Dakota in support of sand-bagging efforts
- **3** additional ERVs will arrive today (March 25, 2009)
- We have **55,200** [ready-to-eat meals](#) in North Dakota
- We have **1,800** [clean-up kits](#) in North Dakota
- A Southern Baptist Kitchen with the capacity for **5,000 - 10,000 meals** has been placed on alert
- **4 shelter trailers** have arrived in Fargo. They include **3,200** [comfort kits](#), **6,500** blankets, and **3,200** cots.
- 6 additional shelter trailers have been deployed and will arrive in North Dakota today.

Some of the roles of included in Mental Health and Health Services include:

- Provide support to persons who have disaster-related or disaster-aggravated health or mental health needs
- Help clients find resources to meet health-related financial obligations.
- Provide Red Cross financial assistance to clients for medical expenses, as necessary.

Updates will follow this release. Also, periodic updates on what our volunteers see on the ground in North Dakota can be followed by visiting [arclcc.org](http://arclcc.org) and following our Twitter feed (LeeRedCross).

*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](http://arclcc.org). The American Red Cross of Lee County is a proud member of the United Way of Lee County.*