

Logistics: An Overview FACT SHEET

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Course Purpose	The purpose of this course is to provide basic information about the activities and processes of Material Support Services activities in support of an American Red Cross disaster relief operation. Participants will learn about the skills, abilities, and knowledge needed by Material Support Services workers and how they can get started in their local chapter.
Learning Objectives	<p>After completing this training, participants will be able to—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the role of the Material Support Services activities on a disaster relief operation and why it is needed. • Define the three activities of the Material Support Services activities that support a disaster relief operation. • Describe the six processes that enable the activities of the Material Support Services activities to be carried out successfully. • Identify the skills, abilities, and knowledge needed by workers in the Material Support Services activities. • Develop a plan of action for involvement in the Material Support Services activities and the Red Cross.
Course Participants	Participants will be volunteers and employees of the Red Cross and other agencies and community leaders who wish to serve in or work with the Material Support Services activities on a disaster relief operation.
Course Prerequisites	There are no prerequisites for this course.
Course Length	This course is three hours in length. Full attendance of the entire course is required to receive a certificate of completion.
How the Course is Scheduled	The sponsoring Red Cross unit will schedule this training for a suggested minimum of four participants. The maximum number of participants is limited only by the ability of the sponsoring unit to provide a training facility to comfortably accommodate them and to maintain the recommended instructor to participant ratio of one instructor for every eight to ten participants.

Instructors

This course will be taught by a team of authorized Disaster Services instructors who have Material Support Services experience in local, service area or larger disaster relief operations. Instructors must be familiar with current disaster regulations and procedures, Red Cross agreements with other agencies that provide disaster relief, and the disaster plan of the local service delivery unit. Instructors must have successfully completed the Logistics: An Overview course (ARC 3071-1, Rev. September 2005) before teaching it.
