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Mitzelfelt Presents \$25,000 Check to High Desert Red Cross for Disaster Preparedness

VICTORVILLE – San Bernardino County Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt today presented a check for \$25,000 to the High Desert Chapter of the American Red Cross at its High Desert headquarters in Victorville.

“Public safety is my highest priority and an integral part of public safety is ensuring that we are prepared for a disaster,” Supervisor Mitzelfelt said. “These funds will enhance the Red Cross’s ability to serve individuals and families affected by a disaster by providing them with the food, shelter, and supplies they need during difficult times.”

The Red Cross plans to use the funds for disaster related response purposes, some of which include: assisting with payment of motel fees, food, clothing, medical supplies, and other costs related to sheltering those who are affected by local disasters or emergencies.

The High Desert American Red Cross has been serving the High Desert for nearly 20 years and has been one of the area’s premier emergency response organizations. The American Red Cross has distinguished itself by aiding victims of devastating natural disasters.

“I would personally like to thank Supervisor Mitzelfelt for this generous contribution of \$25,000,” said Bill Pyle, who serves as Executive Director of the High Desert Red Cross. “Supervisor Mitzelfelt has dedicated much time and effort to disaster preparedness, and these funds will go a long way to help ensure that our High Desert is better prepared for a disaster.”

Earlier this year, Supervisor Mitzelfelt allocated \$75,000 to purchase four Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trailers that were loaded with supplies for responding to disasters and also to be used to train volunteers.

Supervisor Mitzelfelt sees disaster preparedness as being critical for his High Desert district, especially considering that many communities are remote and often isolated during a disaster.