

EMERGENCY SERVICES



AMERICAN RED CROSS OF SOUTH CENTRAL PA

At approximately 9:00 a.m. on the morning of October 28, 2014, Fairview Township Fire Department was dispatched to assist the police department with a search detail for a missing person. Upon arrival, the fire department was advised that the missing person was 88 year old Earl Calhoun, a World War II veteran suffering from Alzheimer's. The family reported that Mr. Calhoun walked out of his home at some point during the night.

A command center was established at Fairview Township Fire Department, Station #3 located in Lewisberry Borough. Middle Creek Search and Rescue was dispatched to assist with the planning of the search detail. Upon mapping the search area, it was determined that numerous personnel resources would be required. Fire Departments from York, Cumberland and Dauphin Counties were dispatched to assist. Within a few hours, over 100 emergency responders had assembled at the Fire Station.

At this point, the need to care for the emergency responders also became a priority. The call was made to the American Red Cross to respond with canteen services for over 100 emergency responders. Within a short period of time, the Red Cross was on scene with a cadre of volunteers and the necessary supplies to support the responders for the duration of the event.

The American Red Cross provided feeding, hydration and also had cots and blankets if emergency responders needed to take a break. Without this support, the search and rescue operation could not have been possible.

The search detail lasted 32 hours until Mr. Calhoun was located in a wooded area one mile from his home. Over 250 different emergency responders participated at various points in time during the search. The American Red Cross was an integral part of the operation for the duration of the event. The Red Cross provides a vital service caring for emergency responders while they deal with everyday emergencies.

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