

**Community Partner:** Oktibbeha County Red Cross

**Team name:** DEFCON Red

**Team Members:** Andrew Albee, Nnedi Ezeala-Harrison, Lily Li, Rob'Dreka Shaw, Stedmond Ware

The DEFCON Red Action Team completed 128 hours of service to the Oktibbeha County Red Cross, logged 80 visits, and traveled 177 miles during the fall semester of 2008. The purpose of their work was "to raise awareness of the Oktibbeha County Red Cross among Mississippi State University students and to become fully trained to assist the Red Cross." The DEFCON Red Action Team addressed their purpose by creating a presentation about the Oktibbeha County Red Cross that promoted mutual understanding, friendship, cooperation, lasting peace amongst all people, and that urged others to take action and to enlist as Red Cross volunteers. The Action Team also became CPR-certified so they could be prepared to bring assistance, without discrimination, to those that are suffering. After completing a semester of service to the Oktibbeha County Red Cross the DEFCON Red team is now aware of the positive impact they had. "Team DEFCON was very successful in completing its mission. The team indeed benefitted the Red Cross through promoting volunteerism of students. The team signed up 140 students to serve as volunteers, and raised \$224.73 in donations to the Red Cross."