

Red Cross

◆ Notification in Case of Emergencies

A service-related emergency – If your service member has an emergency during the deployment, you will be notified personally (NOT by telephone!) by either:

- ◆ The Military Chain of Command
- ◆ A Military Chaplain
- ◆ The Red Cross

If you receive information from any other source it is a “rumor” until it is verified by one of the three above.

◆ An Emergency at Home

If there is an emergency at home that requires the Guard member return home on emergency leave, the first place to call is your local Red Cross Chapter _____. They are the **ONLY** organization that can verify the emergency and then contact the chain of command to request the leave. You will need to provide the following information:

Service Members Social Security Number _____

Military Address **Where Deployed** _____

Home Base Unit _____

After contacting the Red Cross, be sure to call your Family Asst Center Specialist. They will have other resources that can help you during the emergency situation.

Remember there are only a couple situations that would allow the Guard member to return home on emergency leave: a death or serious illness/injury of an immediate family member. The birth of a child or a broken limb is not considered emergencies.

Also, keep in mind the Red Cross can only verify the circumstances of your emergency. The military chain of command will determine whether the service member will be allowed to return home.

If all else fails contact the organization. If that fails, contact the Family Program's Office at 1-800-446-4645.