

While the Red Cross chapters in Winona, Goodhue and Wabasha County continue their consolidation process, finding more and more volunteers to help cover the area is the number one task of Marie Barrientos, the executive director for the new chapter.

The Red Cross originally planned to just consolidate Goodhue and Winona counties when it announced the move a couple of months ago. Last month, the decision to add Wabasha was made. Barrientos says volunteers will play a large role in maintaining the level of services in both Wabasha and Goodhue counties.