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### **RRT Provides Support to First Responders at Francis Scott Key Bridge Collapse**

*Rapid Relief Team (RRT), Charitable Arm of PBCC, Prepares 1400+ Meals; Among First on Scene*

Baltimore, MD, March 28, 2024 – In the wake of the tragic collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge, the Rapid Relief Team (RRT), the volunteer arm of the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church, has rapidly mobilized to provide support to first responders at the scene.

Within two hours of the incident, RRT volunteers from Baltimore and Washington arrived to deliver over 1,400 meals and refreshments to emergency services personnel across 16 different agencies engaged in the rescue operation. RRT's volunteers served breakfast sandwiches, bagels, and coffee in the morning, fresh pizza for lunch and 700 signature burgers for dinner, prepared on-site. For responders who could not take a break, RRT provided 120 nutritious Frontline Snack Packs.

"Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers extend to those impacted by this incident", said Randall Thomas, RRT's North American Director. "This is an unspeakable tragedy, with many first responders working tirelessly."

He continued: "Core to RRT's mission is to ensure those involved in the rescue operations have hearty food to keep their energy up. Our volunteers are always on standby, ready and willing to help."

"RRT provided an invaluable resource, saving operational resources the worry of one more thing," said Major John Frank, Commander, Special Operations Division. "We are extremely grateful for the assistance provided."

RRT is a global network of over 14,500 volunteers who assist emergency services during disasters and crises by providing meals and other forms of support. Established in 2013, RRT is dedicated to showing kindness through its actions, embodying the spirit of community and support in times of need.

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