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Mario Bruno is the Chief Executive Officer of the American Red Cross Connecticut and Rhode Island Region. The Region serves more than four million people in Connecticut and Rhode Island towns, responding to more than 700 disasters and training close to 200,000 people each year in some 3,500 locations. The Region ensures appropriate capacity to respond to disasters while preparing residents to respond to emergencies.

Mario has more than 15 years of experience with the American Red Cross disaster and health services programs, both as a volunteer and an employee. He began his career with the American Red Cross as a Disaster Action Team responder, Blood Services volunteer and Health and Safety instructor for the Central Massachusetts Chapter, where he became Disaster Services Chair after two years. Mario served as an Emergency Medical Technician in Massachusetts during this time. He also served as State Disaster Specialist for Southern New England as a Red Cross national headquarters employee. In this position, Mario helped develop Chapter and State Disaster Services capacity in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Mario holds a Bachelor's degree in Science from Worcester State College in Massachusetts, and a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix in Arizona. He holds several Federal Emergency Management Agency certifications, as well as intermediate and advanced American Red Cross disaster relief training.

Mario has responded to many national and regional disasters for the Red Cross. He managed the Connecticut Red Cross response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 in New York. He was also a member of the leadership team in Orlando, Florida, during the 2004 hurricane season, coordinating the response to four consecutive hurricanes that impacted Florida. Recently, Mario managed the Red Cross' response to Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma, during which the Chapter trained 2,000 new volunteers and deployed more than 400 volunteers to the Gulf Coast, as well as serving more than 300 displaced families in the Chapter's service area, employing a team of an additional 200 volunteers. He also managed more recent responses to Hurricane Irene and the October 2011 Nor'easter.

Mario is originally from Spain, where he attended medical school and volunteered for the Spanish Red Cross prior to moving to the United States in 1996. He is happily married to Greta and they have two beautiful girls, Isabella and Karina.