



SAFE AND SECURE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

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The **Safe & Secure** program engages neighborhoods, businesses and non-profit organizations in a seven-step process of becoming prepared as a community for a natural or manmade disaster through assessment, education and preparedness projects. Trained Citizen Corps volunteers facilitate this comprehensive program through the following:

1. **Outreach and organization.** Engaging neighborhoods, businesses, and public and non-profit entities in the program.
2. **Assessment of needs and opportunities.** Analyzing the risks, vulnerabilities, and capabilities of the participating entities.
3. **Planning.** Identifying strategies and mitigation opportunities to improve safety and ensure continuity of services in a disaster.
4. **Training and education.** Providing training and education to participants on a variety of disaster- and emergency-preparedness topics (see reverse for details).
5. **Mitigation and preparedness.** Implementing mitigation and preparedness measures to enhance safety and service continuity.
6. **Community connections.** Assessing and developing plans for the individual and group involvement in the larger community, both in a large-scale disaster and in building community in Tulsa.
7. **Volunteerism.** Strengthening the larger community through volunteerism.

Safe & Secure Volunteers. Through the Safe & Secure program, a pool of Citizen Corps volunteer facilitators is trained, helping to create a safe, secure and strong community. The volunteers will receive free instructor training from professional representatives of the program's cooperating partner agencies and will facilitate the program within neighborhoods, nonprofit agencies, businesses and other interested parties in the above seven-step action plan.

Safe & Secure Community Units. Neighborhoods, businesses and non-profit organizations participating in the program are known as community units. Participants associated with the community unit will be led through risk assessments, will conduct a mitigation/preparedness project, and will receive free training in a variety of emergency- and disaster-preparedness topics. At the end of the process, participants will be invited to join the larger homeland security effort through volunteerism in Citizen Corps and other volunteer programs. Community units are asked to identify a point-of-contact for the Citizen Corps staff and volunteer team and to sign a non-binding memorandum of understanding before starting the program.

Partner Organizations. Initial partners in this endeavor include entities such as RSVP, the Tulsa Volunteer Center, the Community Service Council, the American Red Cross, the Citizen Crime Commission, the Tulsa Area Emergency Management Agency, the Association of Contingency Planners, the American Institute of Architects, the Tulsa Police and Fire Departments, the Tulsa City-County Health Department, the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office, other first response entities, and a variety of community and faith-based organizations.

Get A Plan — Get A Kit — Get Involved



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Training and Education Options

All training and education modules are optional.

Individuals may sign up for all modules or select the specific modules that most interest them.

A. First Aid/CPR/AED

Volunteer Instructor: Certified by American Red Cross

- A standard adult first aid and CPR course and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training.

B. Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)

Volunteer Instructor/Manager: State-certified CERT Trainer

- A 24-hour course presented over a period of three to eight weeks that will teach participants how to respond in the event of a disaster where police/fire/and ambulance services are unable to reach the scene immediately. Areas of focus include fire suppression, light search and rescue, triage and other basic response techniques.

C. Alert Neighbors/Corporate Alert Neighbors/Citizens Alert Patrol

Volunteer Instructor: Trained Citizens Crime Commission presenter

- This presentation explains the Alert Neighbors programs and the process for starting or renewing an active Alert Neighbors or Citizens Alert Patrol in a neighborhood or business.

D. Family Disaster Preparedness I

Volunteer Instructor: Trained by American Red Cross

- This presentation covers basic planning for emergencies and disasters, including building a disaster kit and formulating a disaster plan.

E. Family Disaster Preparedness II

Volunteer Instructor: Trained by American Red Cross

- This presentation provides more in-depth information regarding disaster preparedness at work or home.

F. Home Hazard Awareness

Volunteer Instructor: Trained by Tulsa Fire Department

- A presentation covering basic fire safety, prevention and suppression and other home hazards such as household poisons and carbon monoxide.

G. Bioterrorism, Epidemics, and Public Health Threats

Volunteer Instructor: Trained Tulsa City-County Health Department presenter

- A presentation that discusses Tulsa's preparation for bioterrorism and epidemics, the syndromic surveillance system, and individual protection strategies.

H. Open for Business/Open for Service: Contingency Planning

Volunteer Instructor: Representative of Association of Contingency Planners

- This presentation uses materials from the Institute for Business and Home Safety "Open for Business" program and discusses how to develop business continuity and contingency plans (for businesses and non-profit organizations only).

I. Handling Language/Diversity Issues in an Emergency

Volunteer Instructor: Trained Citizen Corps Language/Culture Bank presenter

- This module will cover how to be sensitive to issues of language and diversity and how to understand and overcome those differences, particularly in an emergency situation.

J. Citizen CPR (not available to businesses)

Volunteer Instructor: Certified by Red Cross or other providing agency

- An abbreviated, non-certified course on CPR is provided through Citizen CPR.