



## <u>CITIZEN CORPS AFFILIATE</u> PROGRAMS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Citizen Corps Affiliate Programs and Organizations offer communities resources for public education, outreach, and training; represent volunteers interested in helping to make their community safer; or offer volunteer service opportunities to support first responders, disaster relief activities, and community safety efforts.

To be considered for official affiliation with Citizen Corps, programs and organizations must:

- support the mission of citizen participation in making America safer,
- be non-profit or government sponsored and nationwide in scope,
- be non-partisan, and
- not be listed on any Federal or State registers of financial non-responsibility.

Once approved, representatives from Citizen Corps and the program or organization will sign a "Statement of Affiliation," which will include an agreement to:

- Recognize the common purpose and mission between Citizen Corps and the approved organization;
- Publicly acknowledge the affiliation, which may include website links, co-logos on publications, and references in printed materials;
- Coordinate activities to ensure efficient use of the organization's resources for Citizen Corps; and
- Keep FEMA informed of activities conducted in support of Citizen Corps and provide an annual report summarizing those activities.

Affiliation with Citizen Corps at the Federal level does not constitute endorsement of any specific program or organization by FEMA or the Federal government, nor will an affiliate's membership or employees be deemed agents or assigns of FEMA or the Federal government. In addition, affiliate status does not confer or encompass financial support of or obligations from Citizen Corps, FEMA, or the Federal government to affiliate programs or organizations.