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Homeland Security

The more the public is brought into emergency preparedness and response, particularly through social networks like places of worship, civic organizations, the workplace, and neighborhood associations, the more effective we can be at limiting the impact of fear generated by terrorism and the more resilient we are when an incident of terrorism or natural force occurs. Citizen Corps fosters this collaboration between local governments, emergency service providers, and the public to improve community resiliency through citizen preparedness and participation.

The importance of citizen participation is indisputable. These Profiles show convincingly that our state and territory governments recognize the contribution of citizens and that they are working hard to forge a stronger connection with citizens across the land. This document and its companion publication, *Citizen Corps Annual Report 2004*, demonstrate the tremendous growth of Citizen Corps and its critical importance to the Nation's security. And during the first half of 2005, Citizen Corps has continued to prosper and engage increasing numbers of citizens around the country.

I want to thank the many partners who continue to make Citizen Corps a success. These include our dedicated Federal staff; our partners at the national level; our state, tribal, and local government partners; and most importantly, the citizens around the country who have embraced the responsibility to help themselves, their community, and their country be safer, stronger, and better prepared for whatever emergency, threat, or disaster tomorrow may bring.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Mayer".

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ALABAMA STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The State of Alabama Citizen Corps is coordinated through the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community-Based Initiatives. The state coordinator works closely with local governments from Mobile Bay to the Appalachian Mountains to develop strong state and local partnerships and to promote emergency preparedness and volunteerism throughout the State of Alabama.

On December 10, 2003, Governor Bob Riley established the Alabama Citizen Corps Council via Executive Order for the purpose of uniting state and local leaders to strengthen communities and prepare individuals to respond to threats of terrorism, crime and disasters. In addition to the state Council, Alabama currently has numerous local Councils, which serve more than 57% of the state's population.

Alabama's Citizen Corps Council is comprised of key stakeholders from both the state and local level. Membership includes the Alabama State Police, Alabama Department of Homeland Security, the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, Alabama Emergency Management Agency, Alabama Department of Public Health, Fire Chiefs' Association, local emergency managers, the Corporation for National and Community Service, American Red Cross, Association of Chiefs of Police, Department of Education, representatives from county and municipal government, county law enforcement, Alabama Sheriff's Association, Alabama State Defense Force, and local volunteers.

Alabama Citizen Corps was created to help coordinate volunteer activities to make communities safer, stronger and better prepared to respond to any emergency situation. It provides opportunities for citizens to participate in a wide range of activities to make their families, homes and communities safer from the threats of crime, terrorism and disasters of all kinds. Alabama Citizen Corps programs build on the successful efforts of communities in Alabama and other states to prevent, prepare and respond to any natural or man-made disaster. Programs that started through local innovation are the foundation for Citizen Corps and the national approach to citizen participation in emergency preparedness and volunteerism.

ALABAMA OVERVIEW

- Nineteen county/local Councils
2,556,740 (57% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Baldwin County Citizen Corps Council
- Chambers County Citizen Corps Council
- Chilton County
- Citizen Corps Council of Talladega County
- Colbert County
- Covington County Citizens Corps Council
- Cullman County Citizen Corps
- DeKalb County, Alabama
- Jefferson County Citizen Corps
- Madison County Emergency Planning Committee
- Marion County Citizens Corp
- Marshall County LEPC/IERC CERT Program

Councils continue on next page

FUNDING

FY05

- \$224,559
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$581,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$313,949
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$67,071 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$285,051 CERT funding through FEMA

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CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS (Continued)

Counties

- Mobile County Citizen Corps Council
- Montgomery, AL City/County LEPC
- Morgan County LEPC/Citizen Corps Council
- Randolph County Citizen Corps Council
- Russell County Citizen Corps Council
- Shelby County LEPC/Citizen Corps Council

Local

- Columbiana Public Safety Committee

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN ALABAMA



CERT

- 9 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 10 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 120 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 35 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- Medical Reserve Corps units are currently being formed



Fire Corps

- 4 Fire Corps programs

Community Highlights

On September 15, 2004 Governor Riley declared a State of Emergency for Alabama due to Hurricane Ivan. There was a mandatory evacuation of Mobile and Baldwin Counties, and the state requested Jefferson County open a shelter for the evacuees. Jefferson County's CERT members were activated twice to assist with shelter operations. They assisted with opening and dismantling a special needs shelter located at the Birmingham Jefferson Convention Center, as well as establishing an emergency shelter for displaced residents of a local apartment complex due to flooding.

In April 2003, Marshall County formed a Citizen Corps/CERT Council to promote citizen preparedness and volunteerism. The Council and program members have spoken to civic and community groups to promote emergency preparedness, family safety, crime prevention, mitigation activities and disaster response and recovery. In addition, Neighborhood Watch groups patrol local neighborhoods and report suspicious activity, watch homes of vacationing neighbors and attend CERT training. They also routinely assist with storm spotting during times of inclement weather. CERT members attend numerous civic and community meetings to promote preparedness and mitigation—they pass out information such as home flood proofing, wild fire precautions, winter storm preparedness and preparation of family disaster plans and kits. The Council has received national recognition from the Corporation for National and Community Service for its Lake Watch Program.

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ALASKA STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

Citizen Corps is a grass-roots initiative to actively involve all citizens in hometown security through personal and community preparedness, training and volunteer service. Citizen Corps programs present unique opportunities for Alaskan communities. With many of Alaska's communities being isolated, techniques and skills learned through Citizen Corps programs have significant and frequent application in Alaska. One of the state's special projects is adapting CERT for remote (tribal) native villages.

The State Council is a subcommittee of the all-hazards State Emergency Response Commission. The new chairperson, Bea Adler from the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Council, anticipates the addition of two to five more local Councils during 2005.

Community Highlights

The Municipality of Anchorage has added a Citizen Corps Academy to its nationally recognized AWARE (Anchorage Watchful Alert Ready for Emergencies) series – AWARE Academy, AWARE Schools, Think AHEAD (for businesses), and AWARE with Care. Citizen Corps Academy classes run one night a week for six weeks. CERT, VIPS, Neighborhood Watch, Medical Reserve Corps, and local search and rescue organizations are among the components. The first sixteen graduates received certificates of completion from Mayor Mark Begich. Project Lifesaver was introduced to Alaska with guidance from the Anchorage Auxiliary Search team. This program originated in 1999 in Virginia and uses transmitters to assist caregivers of those with Alzheimers and others illnesses/disabilities to locate their charges should they wander away and become lost. Seventeen CERT graduates have been trained in this program, which will ultimately be available statewide.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough is approximately the same size as Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire combined. Kimberly Lorentzen joined the program as coordinator in October 2004. Under her leadership, the Kenai Peninsula Council has developed goals and objectives which include training a minimum of 50 volunteers per quarter in 2005. The Council promotes CERT through a newsletter, brochures, PSAs, and a website. The Kenai's Fire Corps program is partnering with the Sprucebark Beetle Mitigation Program to present Wildfire Protection Plan programs in Peninsula communities.

ALASKA OVERVIEW

- Six county/tribal Councils serving 398,077 (63% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Anchorage Citizen Corps Council
- Kenai Peninsula Borough Citizen Corps Council
- Matanuska-Susitna Borough Citizen Corps

Local

- Juneau Citizen Corps Council

Tribal

- Kobuk Citizen Corps Council
- Shungnak Citizen Corps Council

FUNDING

FY05

- \$118,934
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$307,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$165,817
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

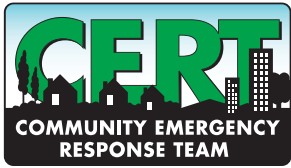
FY02

- \$35,272 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$149,906 CERT funding through FEMA

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PROGRAM PARTNERS IN ALASKA



CERT

- 3 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 6 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 15 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 35 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 6 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- No registered Fire Corps programs since national launch in December 2004

The Shungnak and Kobuk Citizen Corps Councils are growing and developing partnerships in the Upper Kobuk Region, and have extended their reach toward the Village of Ambler. One regional meeting brought together the Isinnagmuit Volunteer Firefighters' Association with Shungnak and Kobuk Search and Rescue Citizen Corps team members. This meeting was effective in communicating that Citizen Corps programs make a positive contribution to a healthy village life.

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough is especially pleased to see the 27 graduates of the first Train-the-Trainer held in July 2004 now conducting CERT training in their own communities. This class was unique because of the distances some of the students traveled to attend. It was exciting to bring together residents representing the diversity of cultures and life styles unique to Alaska; all with a single purpose: to learn the skills necessary to bring CERT to their neighbors. Though technically reachable by road, the far-flung nature of some communities makes CERT training a potential life saver. Classes are beginning in 2005 for Trapper Creek and Petersville Road residents, communities beyond the reach of fire services.

In 2004, CERT training was held for 52 high school students in the Junior ROTC program at Colony High School in the Borough's core population area. Reaction of students, the school administration, and teachers was enthusiastic and CERT will now be a regular part of the JrROTC curriculum at Colony High and will expand to include other schools. A grant from the Fraternal Order of Alaska State Troopers will provide protective gear and tools for Colony's CERT program. In addition to basic CERT skills, training in avalanche and wilderness rescue is included.

The Neighborhood Watch Program has attracted significant interest, with subdivisions signing on rapidly. They are working closely with the Alaska State Troopers Palmer Detachment to present information to homeowners who are committed to the safety and well-being of their communities.

The City and Borough of Juneau Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) signed a resolution on December 21, 2004 to sponsor the Juneau Citizen Corps Council. The initial Juneau Citizen Corps program is made up of CERT, and the following volunteer rescue organizations: Juneau Mountain Rescue, Juneau Ski Patrol, Capital City Fire Rescue Volunteer Firefighters, Juneau Technical Rope Rescue Team, Juneau Dive Rescue Team, Juneau Avalanche Response Team, and SEADOGS (search dog team). Other volunteer response groups have expressed interest and may join in the near future.

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CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL OF AMERICAN SAMOA

American Samoa completed an initial strategic planning process for Citizen Corps in 2003. Citizen Corps organizers in American Samoa began by developing a vision statement and mission, and established and tracked a series of 14 goals and accomplishments.

The Citizen Corps Council of American Samoa, which consists of representatives from faith-based and community-based organizations, industries, and village governing groups, has formed a partnership with local media to deliver the Citizen Corps message to residents. The council has also translated Citizen Corps materials into the Samoan language.

Community Highlights

Forty-seven citizens have completed the CERT Train-the-Trainer course. CERT will be established in every village and in several major industries, with all graduates obtaining a disaster response kit. The Council is also working with the government to establish CERT teams in local school districts.

Village mayors, county chiefs, district governors, and the Secretary of Samoan Affairs have extended their support to establish the VIPS program in every village. Council representatives met with the Commissioner or the Department of Public Safety to discuss strategies to work collaboratively to implement the program.

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AMERICAN SAMOA OVERVIEW

- No Councils established to date

FUNDING

FY05

- \$35,285
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$91,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$49,208
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$10,476 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$44,522 CERT funding through FEMA

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**PROGRAM PARTNERS
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CERT

- No registered Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- No registered Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- No Registered Neighborhood Watch groups in law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- No registered Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- No registered Fire Corps programs since national launch in December 2004

ARIZONA STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The Arizona State Citizen Corps Council continues to extend its preparedness education message through partnerships with diverse individuals and volunteer organizations, including civic leaders, a variety of volunteer organization representatives, Citizen Corps affiliates, first responders, private industry and local/county Citizen Corps Councils. The Arizona Division of Emergency Management is responsible for supporting Citizen Corps at the state level, and promotes Citizen Corps and its affiliated programs on its website, (www.dem.state.az.us) providing general information and information on how Arizona citizens can get involved.

The primary goal of Arizona's FY2004 grant funding is to establish and support local Citizen Corps Councils.

In September 2003, the Arizona Division of Emergency Management partnered with the Arizona Emergency Services Association to sponsor the First Annual Citizen Corps/CERT Conference on behalf of the Arizona State Citizen Corps Council. More than 100 civic leaders, volunteers, first responders and emergency managers participated. Staff members for the Director of Homeland Security; the Division of Emergency Management; and the Governor's Office for Children, Youth, and Families are working diligently to organize the Second Annual Conference.

Arizona has developed a statewide mutual aid agreement with its fire districts to establish a comfort level in knowing what can truly be expected from CERT members responding to an incident, and guarantee that all CERT members have a minimum level of expertise. The Arizona Division of Emergency Management is developing a certification program for the trainers and evaluators of the CERT Train-the-Trainer Program to achieve this goal.

Community Highlights

Running mock attacks and response drills, the Citizen Corps Council for Homeland Security of Southern Arizona keeps volunteers on the cutting edge of bio-terrorism planning. The Council also assembled a crew of 50 nurses for their Vaccination Strike Team and is working with state licensing boards to reduce the cost of maintaining licenses for retired medical professionals.

The City of Chandler Citizen Corps Council conducted a preparedness exercise at its fire department training facility for its CERT Council with a local Homeowners Association (HOA). CERT members simulated how they would assist HOA members during an emergency or disaster.

The La Paz County Citizen Corps, in conjunction with the Buckskin Fire Department, tested its programs and raised money for the 9th Street Youth Center during the Parker BikerFest. Jim Wooddell, La Paz County Citizen Corps Council Coordinator/CERT trainer, and Buckskin Fire Department Fire Chief Charlie Philpot, CERT primary instructor, were key event organizers. The Council provided a 30KW propane-powered generator to power all the lights, vendor booths and sound equipment at the site. Volunteers manned a communications van, equipped with radios to maintain contact with local and county law enforcement and fire departments. Wooddell and Philpot estimate the same set up would have supported about 3,000 people during an emergency.

ARIZONA OVERVIEW

- Twenty-seven county/local/tribal Councils serve 4,646,835 (91% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Arizona Central Region Citizen Corps Council
 - La Paz County Citizen Corps
 - Mohave County Citizen Corps
 - Pima County Citizen Corps Council
 - Pinal County Citizen Corps
 - Santa Cruz County Citizen Corps
 - Yavapai County Citizen Corps
 - Yuma Citizen Corps
 - Ajo Citizen Corps Council
 - C.O.S. Citizen Corps Council
 - Citizen Corps Council for Homeland Security of Southern Arizona
 - City of Chandler Citizen Corp
 - City of Mesa Fire Dept
 - City of Peoria
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FUNDING

FY05

- \$254,176
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$650,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$351,339
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$74,071 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$314,800 CERT funding through FEMA

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CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS (Continued)

Local

- City of Phoenix Citizen Corps Council
- Fountain Hills Citizen Corp
- Glendale Fire Department Citizens Corps Council
- Green Valley Citizen Corps Council
- Linden C.E.R.T. team
- Robles Junction Community Council
- Surprise Public Safety Citizen Corps Council
- Tempe Citizen Corps Council
- Town of Gilbert Citizen Corp Council
- Town of Oro Valley Citizen Corps Council

Tribal

- Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
- Gila River Indian Community Citizen Corps Council
- Salt River Fire Department

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN ARIZONA



CERT

- 30 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 27 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 170 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 29 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 3 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 3 Fire Corps programs

The Maricopa County Citizen Corps Council launched its website, (www.maricopacitizen corps.org) with its FY2004 grant. The Council is currently establishing bylaws and forming committees.

The Town of Oro Valley Citizen Corps Council published a community preparedness flyer, bookmark and magnet and distributed them to every residence in the town of approximately 39,000. The Regional Medical Reserve Corps serving this area recruited 63 registered nurses for training and certification to administer smallpox vaccinations and other immunizations.

The Pima County Citizen Corps Council is working with four communities and the local unified school district to promote CERT programs. The Metropolitan Medical Response System has developed a training relationship with Pima Community College and now helps coordinate similar programs for Medical Reserve Corps and CERT through the Council.

The Santa Cruz County Office of Emergency Management included members of the Pima and Santa Cruz Citizen Corps Councils in the statewide "Bi-national Exercise," a simulated WMD event. A member of the Santa Cruz County Citizen Corps was appointed to the Exercise Design Team, tasked with gathering escorts and volunteers for participation in the exercise. These Citizen Corps and CERT volunteers provided security at the county EOC, served as escorts for guests from the United States and Mexico, and performed as victims during the event.

The unofficial Southeastern Arizona Regional Citizen Corps Council hosted its Second Annual Conference in Rio Rico on May 6–7, 2004. Speakers included subject matter experts from around the state and nation.

Community Emergency Response Team programs have been established in two communities devastated by the Rodeo Chediski Fire. CERT members are receiving continuing education in areas of need identified by local fire officials.

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ARKANSAS STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

Recognizing the importance and continuing growth of the Citizen Corps Program, the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM) expanded its commitment to the Program with the addition of one full-time Citizen Corps staff member in 2004. The expansion of the Citizen Corps staff increases ADEM's capability of supporting the local, county, and state Councils.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

The VIPS members of the White County Citizen Corps Council have been instrumental in the implementation of more than four after-school programs throughout White County. This has resulted in improved school grades, a decrease in at-risk behavior and the development of positive role models. Several hundred citizens were involved in these programs. The Council's VIPS and Searcy Watch have also helped reduce drug activity and violence. The White County Citizen Corps Council VIPS members were also consulted on the needs of the new county detention center.

The Polk County Citizen Corps Council completed agreements with two high schools in the county to implement and train Student Emergency Response Teams. Approximately 200 students will receive training. These agreements have produced strong interest in emergency planning from teachers and staff in three school districts. This interest from the schools will help the entire community become better prepared.

In November 2004, the Ouachita County CERT Team responded to a request for assistance from the local health department to provide flu shots to infants and at-risk seniors. Team members utilized their training to support the health department with crowd control and to provide shelter for patients waiting in the cold and rain. With the assistance of the 13 responding CERT members, 700 citizens were given shelter, screened and processed within four hours.

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ARKANSAS OVERVIEW

- Twenty-six county Councils serving 1,304,965 (49% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Arkansas County Citizen Corps Council
- Benton County Citizen Corps Council
- Carroll County Citizen Corps Council
- Clark County LEPC
- Conway County LEPC
- Craighead County Citizen Corps Council
- Crittenden County Citizens Corps
- Garland County CCC
- Independence County Citizen Corps Council
- Jackson County Neighborhood Emergency Response Team
- Jefferson County LEPC/Citizen Corps Council
- Logan County CERT Council
- Lonoke County Citizens Corps Council

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FUNDING

FY05

- \$175,885
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$454,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$245,470
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$52,354 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$222,507 CERT funding through FEMA

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CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS (Continued)

Counties

- Miller County Citizen Corps
- Mississippi County Emergency Operations Council
- Ouachita County Citizen Corps Council
- Perry Co. LEPC
- Poinsett County Citizen Corp
- Polk County Citizen Corps Council
- Pulaski County Citizen Corps Council
- Sharp County Citizen Corps
- White County Rural Prevention Association

Cities

- St. Mary's Assistance & Prevention Programs

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN ARKANSAS



CERT

- 14 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 8 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 58 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 35 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 3 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 4 Fire Corps programs

CALIFORNIA STATE CITIZEN CORPS PROGRAM

The Governor's California Service Corps' (CSC) Citizen Corps mission is to strengthen California against disasters and emergencies of all kinds through aggressively implementing the State's Citizen Corps program and engaging the power of volunteerism by providing consistent leadership, training, education, service opportunities and technical assistance to create stronger, safer and better prepared neighborhoods and communities.

The CSC's California Citizen Corps program works closely with both State and Federal Departments of Homeland Security, the Corporation for National and Community Service, State Office of Emergency Services, Emergency Medical Services Authority, key State-wide associations, California's tribal nations, the 58 counties, and many others to implement Citizen Corps programs statewide.

Key: Integration With First Responders

Since November 2002, California's strategic approach has been to develop local Councils, and Citizen Corps overall, within the existing statewide emergency response structure, mandated by law. California has a "Standardized Emergency Management System"—or SEMS—which coordinates information and resources in a local/city/county/state/federal bottom-up approach. The key to the success of Citizen Corps was the new program's orderly integration into this system. To accomplish this task, the first three grant cycles have been distributed to the county level on a population basis—the key local coordination point for municipal emergency coordination. Since 2002, all 58 counties and the tribal nations have participated in Citizen Corps programs. Counties are developing Citizen Corps "coordinating" Councils—integrating the programs with first responders and the emergency infrastructure—and are gaining expertise towards guiding further development of Councils and programs at the city and neighborhood levels.

Strong Track Record Takes Shape

Under the design of the California State Citizen Corps Council, a state-wide CERT Workgroup was formed to coordinate the efforts in this popular program. In the last year, the workgroup completed a series of Train-the-Trainer classes statewide; developed a new "Wildland/Urban Interface" module endorsed by the State's fire community; and developed, tested, and fielded a new "T-4: Instructor Academy" to create self-sustaining and well-managed CERT programs throughout the state for long-term success.

In less than two years, local Citizen Corps Councils have grown from zero to more than 50. In 2002, less than 8% of \$1.2 million allocated locally went unspent—a successful 92% usage rate of citizen-based program funding; Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) programs in California have almost tripled in 21 months from 49 to the current 125; Medical Reserve Corps programs have grown from zero to 22; and the California Service Corps office estimates that in 2003, more than 80,000 volunteers were active in Citizen Corps related activity—giving 9.8 million hours in service, worth an estimated \$170 million in direct community-based homeland security activities.

CALIFORNIA OVERVIEW

- Eighty-four county/local/tribal Councils serving 28,542,780 (84% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Butte County Citizen Corps Council
 - CCC of Monterey County
 - CCC of Siskiyou County
 - CERT of Del Norte
 - Contra Costa County CCC
 - Kern County Op. Area EC
 - Kings County Citizen Corps Council
 - Los Angeles County Op. Area CC
 - Marin County/OA, CA Disaster & Citizen Corps Council
 - Mendocino Citizen Corps Council
 - Merced Citizen Corps Council
 - Nevada County Citizens Corps Council
 - Orange County California CCC
 - Sacramento Region CCC
 - San Benito Citizen Corps
 - San Bernardino County
 - San Diego County CCC
 - San Francisco Citizen Corps Council
 - San Mateo County ESC
 - Shasta Area Citizen Corps Council
 - Solano County Citizen Corps Coordinating Council
 - Sonoma County Operational Area EC
- Councils continue on the next page*

FUNDING

FY05

- \$1,074,172
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$2,766,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$1,494,675
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$316,488 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$1,345,075 CERT funding through FEMA

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CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS (Continued)

Counties

- Sutter County Citizen Corps Council
- Tulare Citizen Corps Council
- Ventura County Citizen Corps Council
- Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters/CCC of Humboldt County
- Yuba County Citizen Corps Council

Cities

- Disaster Advisory Policy Group/CCC
- Town of Apple Valley CCC
- Benicia Citizen Corps Council
- City of Campbell ES/CCC
- City of Colton Citizen Corps Council
- Concord Citizen Corps Council
- City of Corona Citizen Corps Council
- Costa Mesa Citizen Corps
- Del Norte County CCC
- National Family Life CCC
- City of Cupertino
- El Cerrito Citizen Corps Council
- Partnership in EP
- Fontana Citizen Corps Council
- City of Fremont Citizen Corps Council
- Fresno Citizen Corps
- Helendale Citizen Corps Council
- Rodeo-Hercules Fire District CC
- Huntington Beach CCC
- Emerald Bay Citizen Corps Council
- Laguna Niguel Public Safety Committee
- Loma Linda Citizen Corps Council
- South Central LA CCC
- South Central Prevention Coalition
- HATZOLAH of LA Rescue Team
- LA Emergency Response Corps
- LA Neighborhood CCC
- Manteca Area Citizen Corps Council
- Milpitas Disaster Council/CCC
- Morongo Valley Citizen Corps Council
- San Fernando Valley Citizen Corps
- LASD-Whittier County Community Advisory Committee
- Oakland Emergency Management Board
- Orangevale Citizen Corps Council
- Placentia Freedom Corps
- City of Redlands
- Redondo Beach Citizen Corps Council
- Juan A Ochoa
- City of Rialto CCC
- Richmond Emergency Action Community Teams
- Rio Vista Citizen Corps Council
- Riverside Citizen Corps Council
- Roseville Citizen Corps
- San Jose Citizen Corps Council
- City of San Mateo Citizen Corps
- Stockton California CCC
- Temecula Citizen Corps Council
- TOneighborhoodwatch.org
- Sunland-Tujunga Safety & Emergency Response Volunteer Services
- Union City Citizen Corps Council
- Victorville Citizen Corps Council
- Walnut Creek Citizen Corps Council
- City of Woodland Citizens Corps
- Town of Yucca Valley Citizen Corps

Tribal

- California Tribal Nations Statewide EMC
- Southern California Tribal Emergency Planning Consortium

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN CALIFORNIA



CERT

- 133 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 195 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 1763 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 137 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 21 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 8 Fire Corps programs

2005 Goal: Institutionalize

Citizen Corps will be the focal point for long-term usage of emergency volunteerism in California. The 2004 Citizen Corps grant calls for the development of local volunteer resource management plans and strategic implementation plans—to ensure statewide, consistent integration of these resources. California is also fielding a new concept of specialized, trained AmeriCorps service programs to allow for a deployable resource consistent with development of Citizen Corps programs. A state-level plan will also follow. The year will also begin a special focus on schools and family preparedness through new initiatives under development.

Community Highlights

The Fresno Citizen Corps Council has formed a community network that includes: business, civic, medical, military, social service, governmental, law enforcement, education, disaster response and faith-based communities. The Fresno Citizen Corps Council also provides training programs in Spanish and several Southeast Asian languages—and is leading the State's efforts locally to develop the new "Fire Corps" program in the State.

The Los Angeles City Fire Department, which created the original CERT program, trains more than 2,000 CERT members each year. Its members have assisted in emergencies ranging from earthquakes to the '03 wildfires.

The United Way of Humboldt County raised more than \$275,000 during its 2003-2004 annual campaign to support its role with the VOAD/Citizen Corps Council of Humboldt—a coalition of nonprofit organizations working with the county on disaster-relief efforts.

Mendocino County's Citizen Corps Council is part of the County Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Committee. The county has established Neighborhood Emergency Services Teams (NESTs). NEST members receive the basic CERT training, plus an additional 80 hours of specialized training.

Of special note—the CSC works closely with the California Tribal Nations/Emergency Management Council towards establishing regional emergency management councils and CERT programs benefiting the 109 federally-recognized tribes in California. Tribes have received funds from Citizen Corps in every grant cycle.

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COLORADO STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The Governor's Commission on Community Service, under the Office of Lieutenant Governor Jane E. Norton, is the state representative for the Citizen Corps Program in Colorado. In addition to establishing a Citizen Corps Council in at least one county in each of the state's nine All Hazards Regions, the commission is working toward the development of multiple local councils across the state. To help achieve these and other goals, the state Council has established a collaborative working relationship with national partners such as the Volunteer Center Network, American Red Cross, Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

An existing partnership with the American Red Cross will help ensure that virtually all communities in Colorado receive information about community disaster preparedness, Citizen Corps, and its component programs.

The state partnered with the Mile High Chapter of the American Red Cross, Colorado State Cooperative Extension, and the Colorado Volunteer Center Directors Network to develop and implement regional technical assistance sessions in 2004 and 2005. The sessions will provide information on Citizen Corps programs to emergency professionals and interested constituents. During each session the Lt. Governor serves as the keynote speaker, the Red Cross presents their recently developed curriculum on community preparedness entitled, "Prepare Colorado," and representatives from Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), Neighborhood Watch, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) make presentations.

The State Council, in conjunction with the Mile High Chapter of the American Red Cross, the city and county of Denver, Lieutenant Governor Jane E. Norton, and Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper, assisted in the statewide initiative educating Coloradans on the importance of preparing their own community in the event of a disaster.

In addition, the state Council is inviting the points of contact for each established Council to a statewide meeting. This will give each Council the opportunity to highlight their work and connect with the council members.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

National Night Out

The Grand Junction Police Department and Colorado Citizen Corps educated citizens on the importance of crime prevention in their neighborhood. This effort supported 52 neighborhood meetings across the state focusing on incident preparation and prevention.

San Luis Valley Citizen Corps Neighbor Helping Neighbor Training

The Citizen Corps Council of the San Luis Valley sponsored "Neighbor Helping Neighbor Training" to educate citizens on the importance of community preparedness.

COLORADO OVERVIEW

- Fourteen county/local Councils serving 2,413,627 (56% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Adams Citizen Corps Council
- Arapahoe Citizen Corp
- Citizen Corps Council of the San Luis Valley
- Citizen Corps of Boulder County
- Denver Citizen Corps Council
- El Paso County Citizen Corps Council
- Elbert County LEPC
- Governor's Commission on Community Service
- Jefferson County Local Emergency Planning Committee
- LEPC Citizen Corps Council

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FUNDING

FY05

- \$225,929
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$582,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$314,721
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$66,683 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$283,405 CERT funding through FEMA

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CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS (Continued)

Counties

- Logan County Citizen Corps Council
- Weld County Citizen Corps Council

Local

- Aurora Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Citizen-Assisted Policing Program (Salida)

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN COLORADO



CERT

- 14 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 34 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 92 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 29 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 2 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- No registered Fire Corps programs since national launch in December 2004

Arapahoe County Citizen Corps

CERT members have assisted the sheriff's office and other metro agencies with exercises. Several have commented on how much they have learned watching other first responders perform their duties in a disaster. In the summer of 2004 they conducted a full-scale exercise at an abandoned JC Penny's Store at a local mall. Role playing actors were used as victims of a disaster, and the volunteers responded and handled the incident. First responders from the sheriff's office and local fire department joined them. The exercise was a success and future exercises of this type are being planned for 2005.

El Paso County Citizen Corps

The Reserve Deputies of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office are making significant impact within the community. These volunteers serve as unpaid sworn law enforcement officers for the Sheriff's Office. This unit of 29 dedicated volunteers donated approximately 15,000 hours to the citizens of El Paso County in 2004. Activities include: augmenting patrol division manpower during shortfalls, traffic enforcement, warrant service, civil service, assisting with narcotics investigations and seizures, crime scene security and providing law enforcement, and security for major public events such as presidential visits, college football games and the El Paso County Fair.

Mesa County Citizen Corps

Approximately 150 childcare emergency preparedness kits were sent out to offer the tools needed in the event of a disaster. By utilizing cross-training methods for instructors, a curriculum was developed with a PowerPoint presentation to illustrate training.

Adams County Citizen Corps

A disaster psychology class was designed for Adams County CERT to obtain instruction in critical components in victim assistance in the event of a disaster in a community.

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COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

A full-time dedicated staff member will be assigned to the Emergency Management Office in FY2005 to establish and implement the Citizen Corps program. The Emergency Management Office has recently reached out to the FEMA Region IX Citizen Corps Program Manager and its Citizen Corps colleagues in the other pacific territories and western states to learn best practices.

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Citizen Corps Council will be formally established during the spring of 2005.

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CNMI OVERVIEW

- No councils established to date

FUNDING

FY05

- \$35,612
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$92,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$49,668
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$10,575 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$44,943 CERT funding through FEMA

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**PROGRAM PARTNERS
IN CNMI**



CERT

- No registered Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory
-



VIPS

- No registered Volunteers in Police Service programs
-



Neighborhood Watch

- No registered Neighborhood Watch groups in law enforcement jurisdictions
-



Medical Reserve Corps

- No registered Medical Reserve Corps units
-



Fire Corps

- No registered Fire Corps programs since national launch in December 2004

STATE OF CONNECTICUT CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The Connecticut Citizen Corps Council works with the American Red Cross to promote Citizen Corps through statewide media outreach. The Council hopes to gain recognition and develop an awareness of how the grass-roots approach to emergency preparedness can effectively engage communities. The Council hopes to motivate people to get involved in their local Citizen Corps Councils.

Community Highlights

The South Western Regional Planning Agency (SWRPA) in cooperation with New Canaan CERT hosted a “Train-the-Trainer” class from January 5th–7th for future CERT instructors. The course is sponsored by The Homeland Security Education Center. The center provides classes for emergency responders, training and preparedness information for the public.

The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) provided CERT training to the Civil Air Patrol during the month of February. This training provides another aspect of preparedness training to an organization already devoted to helping its community. CRCOG also graduated a new class of CERT team members to add to the ranks of the Manchester and East Haven CERT teams.

Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments has entered the CERT Community by graduating its first class in Woodstock. It will offer continuing education in CPR, automatic defibrillation and shelter management. It planned a full CERT training course that started in January 2005.

The Litchfield Hills Council of Elected Officials (LHCEO) continues to support and add to its CERT contingent. The High School CERT team began a new class on January 4th to add to its current H.S. CERT team. LHCEO graduated a new CERT team in Thomaston and classes are underway in Harwinton. These additions provide LHCEO the resources of five CERT teams in its emergency preparedness plan.

The Central Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (COGCNV) has begun training its first two new CERT teams in the towns of Southbury and Woodbury.

The Town of East Haven in Connecticut’s South Central region also joined the CERT community in Connecticut. Its team

CONNECTICUT OVERVIEW

- Eighteen county/local Councils serving 3,115,075 (91% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Countries

- Capitol Region Citizen Corps Council
- Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency Regional Council
- Central Naugatuck Valley Community Emergency Response Team
- Greater Bridgeport Regional Emergency Preparedness Council
- Housatonic Emergency Planning Committee
- Northeastern Connecticut Emergency Preparedness/Citizen Corps Council
- Northwestern CT/Litchfield Hills Public Safety Task Force
- South Central Connecticut Citizen Corps
- South Western Region Citizen Corps Council

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FUNDING

FY05

- \$196,661
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$508,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$274,398
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$58,441 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$248,374 CERT funding through FEMA

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CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS (Continued)

Counties

- Southeastern Connecticut Citizen Corps Regional Council
- WINCOG Citizen Corps Council

Local

- City of Danbury
- East Haven CERT
- Fairfield Citizen Corps Council
- Goshen Citizen Corps Council
- Harwinton Citizen Corp
- New Canaan Emergency Preparedness Council
- Town of Washington LEPC Citizen Corps Council

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN CONNECTICUT



CERT

- 13 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 6 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 30 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in coordination with 21 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 3 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- No registered Fire Corps programs since national launch in December 2004

completed more than half of its training and incorporated Ham Radio operators in its CERT team as did Manchester, East Hartford, Southbury and others within the state. These teams have found the Hams to be an invaluable addition to their teams. They provide an efficient and uninterrupted conduit of communication in times of emergency.

The state realized a growth in its Citizen Corps community over the past few months. Connecticut welcomes newcomers to Citizen Corps, and in particular its up-and-coming CERT volunteers.

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DELAWARE STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

On February 18, 2004, the Delaware State Citizen Corps Council, sponsored by the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA), was re-energized. Since the inception of the State Council, the principal objectives have been to help establish local Councils, to assist them with the development of a Community Outreach Program, and to provide resource support. Further information on Delaware's Citizen Corps Councils is available at www.state.de.us/dema/citizen_corp/default.shtml.

In April of 2004, Delaware implemented CERT training programs. The first course conducted was a Train-the-Trainer class to address the need to increase the instructor pool. Efforts to date have resulted in two Train-the-Trainer courses and six CERT classes, educating over 170 citizens. They have conducted programs with the local business community, youth groups and the community at large.

In late August 2004, the Delaware State Police established a toll-free anti-terrorism tip line to provide a single, centralized telephone number for citizens to report suspicious activity. During National Preparedness Month in September, the Delaware State Police developed and implemented an aggressive marketing campaign led by the Secretary of Public Safety, in partnership with the Delaware Emergency Management Agency and the State Citizen Corps Council. The goal of the campaign was to publicize the toll free number to as many Delaware citizens as possible before the next state, national or international event occurs.



DELAWARE OVERVIEW

- Six County/local Councils serving 548,606 (70% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- New Castle County

Local

- Bethany Beach Citizen Corps Council
- Delaware State University Citizen Corps Council
- Ocean View Citizen Corps Council
- Smyrna Citizen Corps Council
- Wilmington Citizens Corps Council

FUNDING

FY05

- \$123,559
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$319,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$172,124
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$36,611 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$155,597 CERT funding through FEMA

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PROGRAM PARTNERS IN DELAWARE



CERT

- 1 Active Community Emergency Response Team listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 2 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 12 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 4 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 2 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 1 Fire Corps program

Community Highlights

The Ocean View Citizen Corps Council has completely integrated its community under the Citizen Corps umbrella of Homeland Security, Community Preparedness and Family Safety. During this past year the Chief of Police for Ocean View, Delaware, Chief Ken McLaughlin, embraced his community in helping him serve and protect their neighborhoods. With its already established Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), Chief McLaughlin formed a Citizen Corps Council, provided Community Emergency Response Training, and held regular training and educational sessions for their VIPS, know locally as Ocean View Citizen Auxiliary Police. Ocean View developed an outreach program for its community that is in every sense a neighbor-helping-neighbor program.

The New Castle County Citizen Corps Council has developed and implemented an outreach program for its community that combines the educational opportunities of CERT and other disaster preparedness initiatives with local churches and organizations in order to better prepare them for emergency situations.

The City of Wilmington Citizen Corps Council conducted a CERT pilot program for their downtown business community and is currently conducting a CERT course for its Explorers group.

Delaware State University has partnered with the Kent County Emergency Management Agency to sponsor CERT training and CERT teams for both the county and the University.

The cities of Smyrna and Bethany Beach both have developed a VIPS program to incorporate community preparedness and the Child Identification Program to promote family safety.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

On January 15, 2003, Mayor Anthony A. Williams announced the establishment of the DC Citizen Corps Council. The Council creates opportunities for citizens to volunteer to help their communities prepare for and respond to threats of terrorism, crime and disasters. Serve DC, formerly the DC Commission on National and Community Service, administers the DC Citizen Corps programs.

The DC Citizen Corps Council is composed of representatives from local and national government agencies and nonprofit organizations active in emergency preparedness and response. Membership includes: American Red Cross of the National Capital Area, DC Fire and Emergency Medical Service Department, DC Medical Society, DC Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD), DC Department of Health, DC Department of Human Services, DC Department of Mental Health, DC Emergency Management Agency, Faith Prepared Network, Greater DC Cares, Inner City Training and Services, Metropolitan Police Department, DC Office of Aging, Points of Light Foundation, Salvation Army and The Humane Society of the United States.

To date, DC Citizens Corps programs have trained more than 1,400 volunteers and logged over 59,500 volunteer hours. Through Neighborhood Corps, which creates a structure for trained volunteers to mobilize and respond to emergencies at the community level, volunteers from all the different DC Citizen Corps programs have begun working together to organize within their communities. DC's Citizen Corps program is working to ensure that Neighborhood Corps are established in every ward of the District.

Program Highlights

DC Citizen Corps has developed a number of exciting new programs providing volunteers with additional opportunities to enhance their skills and assist their communities.

In May 2004, DC Citizen Corps developed the nation's first emergency Volunteer Traffic Corps (e-VTC). In partnership with the DC Emergency Management Agency, the Metropolitan Police Department, and the District Department of Transportation, DC Citizen Corps recruited CERT volunteers and Police Reserve Corps officers to begin the pilot program. The program grew out of the

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OVERVIEW

- No county/local Councils

FUNDING

FY05

- \$116,592
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$302,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$163,007
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$34,748 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$147,680 CERT funding through FEMA

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**PROGRAM PARTNERS
IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**



CERT

- 450 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed on the CERT directory



VIPS

- 198 Volunteers in Police Service program



Neighborhood Watch

- 8 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their community



Medical Reserve Corps

- 210 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- No registered Fire Corps programs since national launch in December 2004

response to Hurricane Isabel, when many traffic lights were not operating and police officers were unable to cover all the traffic intersections. These volunteers are trained to work together during emergencies and special events in the District.

In August 2004, DC Citizen Corps hosted its first Neighborhood Corps Forum. The Forum brought together 150 trained volunteers and numerous emergency responders from throughout the city to discuss the new Neighborhood Corps initiative, which helps volunteer members of all the Citizen Corps programs organize and prepare for emergencies within their neighborhoods. Speakers at the event included Mayor Anthony A. Williams, Department of Homeland Security representatives and individuals from DC government agencies involved in emergency response. During the Forum, volunteers participated in breakout sessions where they had the opportunity to meet other residents in their neighborhood and begin forming a Neighborhood Corps for their communities.

The DC Citizen Corps program also worked with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to organize the first Metro Citizen Corps training class in October 2004. The DC CERT program was the first regional partner to participate in the training. Through the program, Metro Transit Police trained the Metro Citizen Corps volunteers in a number of different areas, including rail safety, system evacuation routes, and tunnel walks. Metro Transit Police plan to train CERT members from all the regional partners covered by the Metro transit system.

In addition, the Neighborhood Corps program launched a Neighborhood Corps Training Calendar in December 2004. The Neighborhood Corps courses are open to volunteers from all the DC Citizen Corps programs as well as residents interested in emergency preparedness. The courses, covering such topics as Safety/Self-Protection, Incident Command System and Observation, are designed to support and enhance the training volunteers currently receive as well as provide opportunities for volunteers from the different programs to work and train together.

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EMT Corps

- 224 members of the volunteer Emergency Rapid Response Team



Disaster Action Team

- 105 members of the American Red Cross Disaster Action Team

FLORIDA STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The State of Florida Citizen Corps program is coordinated through the Florida Division of Emergency Management. The state coordinator works closely with local governments from the Keys to the Panhandle to form strong state and local partnerships to promote emergency preparedness and volunteerism throughout Florida.

While September 11, 2001 marked one of America's greatest tragedies, it also generated a resurgence in volunteerism throughout the State of Florida and across our nation. Sustaining this volunteer spirit is crucial to preserve the freedom and independence that define America. In response to the increased interest in volunteerism, the Florida Citizen Corps Task Force Inaugural meeting was held August 18, 2003.

The Florida Citizen Corps program was created to help coordinate volunteer activities that make communities safer, stronger and better prepared to respond to any emergency situation. It provides opportunities for citizens to participate in a wide range of activities to make their families, homes and communities safer from the threats of crime, terrorism and disasters of all kinds. Florida Citizen Corps programs build on the successful efforts of communities in Florida and other states to prevent, prepare and respond to any natural or man-made disaster. Programs that started through local innovation are the foundation for Citizen Corps and the national approach to citizen participation in emergency preparedness and volunteerism.

Floridians now have the opportunity to work together to strengthen their local communities through the Florida Citizen Corps. The grass-roots initiative brings together leaders from the public and private sectors to harness the volunteer spirit of those who want to help prepare for and respond to threats of terrorism, crime and disasters. With citizens better prepared to take care of themselves and their neighbors during a crisis, public safety officials will be able to focus their attention on critical, life threatening situations.

Florida has demonstrated its commitment to citizen preparedness and volunteerism as demonstrated by the 132 active CERT teams throughout the state. More than 4,000 CERT personnel made a significant difference during the 2004 hurricane season, playing a major role in supporting neighborhoods, communities and local emergency services during the disasters.

FLORIDA OVERVIEW

- Thirty-two county/local Councils serving 13,880,195 (87% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Alachua County Citizen Corps Council
 - Brevard County Citizen Corps
 - Capital Area Citizen Corps Council
 - Central Panhandle Regional Citizen Corps Council
 - Citizen Corps Council of Broward
 - Citizens Corps Council of Martin County
 - Collier County Citizen Corps Advisory Council
 - Duval County Emergency Preparedness Planning Council
 - Escambia County Citizen Corps Council
 - Hardee County Citizen Corps
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FUNDING

FY05

- \$567,828
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$1,453,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$785,269
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$166,152
Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$706,147
CERT funding through FEMA

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CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS (Continued)

Counties

- Hillsborough County LMS/CCC
- Indian River Citizen Corps Council
- JC CTST, Inc.: A Citizen Corps Coalition
- Lee County Citizen Corp Council
- Marion County Citizen Corp Council
- Miami-Dade Citizen Corps Council
- Nassau County Citizen Corps Council
- Northwest Florida Citizen Corps Council
- Orange County Florida Citizens Corps Council
- Palm Beach County Citizen Corps Council
- Pasco County Citizen Corps Council
- Pinellas County
- Polk County Citizen Corps Council
- Sarasota Citizen Corps Council
- The Nature Coast Citizen Corps Council
- Volunteer Manatee Corps
- Volusia County Citizen Corps Council

Local

- City of Boca Raton Citizen Corps Council
- Hallandale Beach Citizen Corps Council
- Orlando's Citizen Corps Council
- Tamarac Citizen Corps Council
- West Palm Beach Citizen Corps Council

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN FLORIDA



CERT

- 132 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 66 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 1,162 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 95 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 11 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 6 Fire Corps programs

Community Highlights

The 2004 hurricane season made September 2004, designated nationally as "Preparedness Month," a real test for the Florida CERT Program. CERT teams were utilized in a wide variety of roles. Initial residential and neighborhood checks were performed by more than half of the 132 CERT programs. CERT personnel were used to assist local Emergency Operations Centers through the manning of Citizen Information phone banks, registering special needs people for evacuation and serving in communications roles. Advanced trained CERT personnel performed evacuations, traffic control, initial damage assessment and sandbagging. Assisting at water/ice and food distribution areas was a major function for many CERT teams, often for days at a time. CERT teams were used to assist in manning emergency shelters of last resort and to help at regular shelters. During recovery, CERT teams helped clear debris to make non-public roads passable, performed basic search activities, assisted with special needs patients, helped receive and dispense assistance items at warehouses and delivered food and supplies to workers in the field.

Medical Reserve Corps personnel of the Florida Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMAT) assisted several local hospitals with healthcare evacuations, supplemented healthcare staffs at facilities and provided on-site emergency care capability in devastated post-storm areas.

Volunteers in Police Service programs supported local law enforcement in patrolling to identify dangerous situations and assisting with administrative functions. Neighborhood Watch's "eyes and ears" were also important as many people were displaced from their homes and visiting people from all over the state were traveling to neighborhoods less seriously impacted by the hurricanes.

Citizen Corps significantly contributed to the successful response and recovery of the 2004 hurricane season.

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GEORGIA STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The state of Georgia Citizen Corps program is coordinated by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency. The state coordinator works closely with local governments from the Atlantic coast to the North Georgia Mountains to form a tightly woven state and local partnership to promote emergency preparedness and volunteerism throughout the state.

While September 11, 2001 marks one of America's greatest tragedies, it also generated resurgence in volunteerism throughout the State of Georgia and across our nation. Sustaining this volunteer spirit is key to preserving the freedom and independence that define America. In response to the increased interest in volunteerism, the Governor announced the formation of Georgia Citizen Corps on September 6, 2002.

Georgians now have the opportunity to work together to strengthen their local communities through the Georgia Citizen Corps. The grass-roots initiative brings together leaders from the public and private sectors to harness the volunteer spirit of Georgians who want to help prepare for and respond to threats of terrorism, crime and other disasters. With citizens better prepared to aid themselves and their neighbors during a crisis, public safety officials will be able to focus their attention on the most critical, life threatening situations.

The Georgia Citizen Corps program has partnered with the Red Cross, Georgia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) and local emergency management agency directors to involve active and new volunteers in the Citizen Corps program. The State continues to implement many workshops and trainings through these partnerships.

Georgia Citizen Corps was created to help coordinate volunteer activities to make our communities safer, stronger and better prepared to respond to any emergency situation. It provides opportunities for citizens to participate in a range of activities to make their families, homes and communities safer from the threats of crime, terrorism and disasters. By working together through the Georgia Citizen Corps, we can be ready to respond when disaster strikes.

Community Highlights

The City of Morrow Citizen Corps Council oversees two active programs—Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS). Both groups remained active in 2004 by contributing a total of 2,880 hours of volunteer service to the city. VIPS work at least two days a week assisting with police department activities, including manning anti-crime booths at local businesses throughout the city. VIPS has a vehicle equipped with yellow lights to assist with traffic control at accident scenes, and they perform house

GEORGIA OVERVIEW

- Thirty-six county/local Councils serving 4,117,586 (50% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Appalachian CERT
- Athens-Clarke County Citizen Corps Council
- Atlanta-Fulton County Citizen Corps Council
- Augusta - Richmond County Citizen Corps Council
- Bibb County Citizen Corps Council
- Carroll County Citizen Corps
- Chatham County Citizen Corps Council
- Cherokee Co. Office of Emergency Management
- Clayton County Citizen Corps Council
- Clinch County C.E.R.T.

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FUNDING

FY05

- \$339,289
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$872,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$470,988
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$99,618 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$423,375 CERT funding through FEMA

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CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS (Continued)

Counties

- Cobb County Department of Public Safety
- Columbia County Emergency Services
- Coweta County Citizens Corps Council
- Dawson County Citizen Corps
- DeKalb County Citizens Corps
- Greene County Citizens Corps Council
- Habersham County Community Emergency Response Team
- Jones County EMA Citizen Corps Council
- Lamar County CERT Team
- Lee County Citizen Corps
- Monroe County Citizen Corps Council
- Quitman Co. Citizen Corps
- Rome-Floyd County Citizen Corps
- Southeast Disaster Relief Services
- Sumter Co. Citizen Corps
- Tattall County Citizen Corps Council
- Telfair Citizen Corps Council
- Towns County Citizen Corps Council
- Walker County Emergency Services
- Walton County Citizen Corps Council
- Wayne County Citizen Corps Council
- White County Emergency Management Agency

Local

- Bremen Emergency Response Team
- Crawfordville Citizen Corps Council
- City of Euharlee Citizen Corps Council
- City of Morrow CERT

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN GEORGIA



CERT

- 18 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 17 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 223 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 73 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 4 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 3 Fire Corps programs

checks and conduct parking lot anti-crime patrols. The CERT team responded to emergency incidents in 2004 to assist first responders. The first incident resulted from damage caused by Tropical Storm Ivan, which knocked down power lines and caused moderate flooding. The CERT team responded by operating the emergency shelter and assisting with traffic control. The second incident involved a train derailment including several tanks of a possible hazardous chemical. The CERT members helped secure the area and the potential evacuation of nearby residents.

In the metro Atlanta area, the Cobb County Citizen Corps Council has provided emergency preparedness exhibits at its county fair and five Cobb County Homeland Security conferences. CERT members also helped organize the county Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan and started on a public education campaign that includes guides on safety, pamphlets and educational manuals (such as Public Service Announcements) for students. They have also conducted training for volunteers to report suspicious behavior in the community.

In early 2005, the City of Alpharetta CERT members will have a chance to participate in the first annual disaster exercise integrating the volunteers with the city's professional emergency workers.

Finally, the State Citizen Corps Council and the American Red Cross also conducted eight regional workshops on how to start a local Citizen Corps Council.

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GUAM CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The Guam Civil Defense Advisory Council (GCDAC) currently represents the local Citizen Corps Council. A Guam Citizen Corps Advisory Committee is being established as a subcommittee of GCDAC. The Guam Citizen Corps Council plans and organizes public education on disaster mitigation and preparedness, citizen training and volunteer programs to provide residents the opportunity to support their community's emergency services and to safeguard themselves, their families and their communities.

Community Highlights

The Guam CERT Program in Hagatna County is managed by a partnership between emergency managers, educators and private businesses.

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GUAM OVERVIEW

- One State Council, no country/local Councils serving 152,000 (100% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

State

- Guam Civil Defense Advisory Council

FUNDING

FY05

- \$37,959
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$98,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$52,967
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$11,285 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$47,964 CERT funding through FEMA

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**PROGRAM PARTNERS
IN GUAM**



CERT

- 1 Active Community Emergency Response Team listed in the CERT directory
-



VIPS

- No Volunteers in Police Service programs
-



Neighborhood Watch

- No Registered Neighborhood Watch groups
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Medical Reserve Corps

- No Medical Reserve Corps units
-



Fire Corps

- 1 Fire Corps program

HAWAII STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The State of Hawaii formed its four county Councils in March 2004, and established its State Council in November 2004.

At the State level, an effort is underway to develop a “Blue Water” Citizen Corps Council that would bring together several water-related activities and direct attention to the security of Hawaii’s harbors.

The state is continuing development and incorporation of CERT into emergency preparedness activities. A statewide workshop held in December identified the challenges involved in integrating the program with other emergency management and volunteer programs.

The state is reviewing various training programs that can be used to support Citizen Corps and CERT through activities with other volunteer groups, especially with law enforcement agencies sponsoring COPS, VIPS and Neighborhood Watch teams.

Community Highlights

In 2003, Kauai County trained two CERT teams. The county is also developing CERT teams, comprised of tenth graders, which will be assigned to adult CERT members for additional CERT training and development. Kauai County has also initiated “ROPES” training for CERT members to build team confidence and cohesiveness. The training proved to be highly successful and helped connect the teams. Kauai Civil Defense is working with the local community college to train CERT members in amateur radio operation. They have also developed a video of training activities for use in promoting community service. The Kauai CERT program has also reached out to the hearing impaired community and is training this special needs population in CERT.

Hawaii County has integrated its CERT program into a countywide volunteer education program and began training in early 2004. They have developed a brochure that showcases the CERT program.

Oahu Civil Defense is currently training its Civil Defense Volunteers in six districts to become District CERTs.

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HAWAII OVERVIEW

- Four county Councils serving 1,211,342 (100% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- City & County of Honolulu Citizen Corps Council
- Hawaii County Citizen Corps Council
- Kauai County Citizen Corps Council
- Maui County Citizen Corps Council

FUNDING

FY05

- \$135,628
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$350,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$188,989
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$40,167 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$170,710 CERT funding through FEMA

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PROGRAM PARTNERS IN HAWAII



CERT

- 5 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory
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VIPS

- 2 Volunteers in Police Service programs
-



Neighborhood Watch

- 10 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 3 different law enforcement jurisdictions
-



Medical Reserve Corps

- 1 Medical Reserve Corps unit
-



Fire Corps

- No registered Fire Corps programs since national launch in December 2004

IDAHO STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

Idaho's State Citizen Corps Council was established in January 2003. With one of the highest state population coverage percentages in the country, Idaho continues to actively advance national Citizen Corps initiatives. Its aggressive outreach efforts have also increased Council membership. In May 2004, the state Council merged with the Idaho Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (IDAVOAD). IDAVOAD holds bimonthly meetings to track Citizen Corps activities statewide, encourage innovative ideas and discuss promotional campaigns with Council members.

To help Idaho citizens and communities prepare for emergencies and become more self-reliant, Governor Dirk Kempthorne proclaimed June 2004 to be Idaho Citizens Corps and Community Emergency Response Team Month and September 2004 as Preparedness Month. "Idaho communities have a long tradition of self-reliance," Kempthorne said. "Being able to take care of ourselves until professional first responders arrive is vital to any community's sense of well-being and security. These programs and others offer free education and hands-on training for citizens to better respond and take care of their communities in the event of an emergency or disaster."

Idaho hosted the highly successful Western CERT Conference in June 2004, providing individuals, organizations and businesses involved in community CERT with the knowledge, skills, contacts and resources to generate collaborative solutions to community issues. The outstanding audience consisted of more than 250 attendees from the West Coast to the East Coast, Puerto Rico and Guam. The conference encouraged rural and urban programs to share experiences. Speakers addressed issues of importance and relevance to all volunteer communities and fostered discussion of current statistics of State CERT programs, federal funding, TEEN SERT initiatives, the importance of recognizing CERT liabilities and developing a nationwide uniformity of use.

The 2005–2006 goals for the Idaho Citizen Corps Council include:

- Outreach to youth, disabled, seniors and individuals for whom English is a second language
- Contact agencies that work with the above groups to establish guidelines to help these groups in times of emergency
- Make all-hazard training available to all Idaho Citizen Corps Councils

IDAHO OVERVIEW

- Eleven regional/county/tribal Councils serving 1,222,292 (94% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Ada County Citizen Corps Council
- Blaine County
- Canyon County Emergency Council
- Citizen Corps COAD
- Citizen Corps Council of North Idaho
- North Central Citizen Corps Council
- Northeast Idaho Citizen Corps Council
- South Central Idaho Citizens Corps Council
- South Eastern Idaho Citizen Corps Council
- Teton County Local Emergency Planning

Tribal

- Nez Perce Tribe Citizen Corps Council

FUNDING

FY05

- \$138,609
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$357,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$192,699
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$40,969 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$174,120 CERT funding through FEMA

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PROGRAM PARTNERS IN IDAHO



CERT

- 22 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 14 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 47 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 21 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 4 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- No registered Fire Corps programs since national launch in December 2004

Community Highlights

The North Central Idaho Citizen Corps Council conducted an extensive five-county advertising program to educate citizens on Citizen Corps and CERT opportunities as well as basic emergency preparedness. The program included an in-depth, four-month television campaign designed to cover the Citizen Corps initiatives, distribute introductory news releases to newspapers within the five-county area and produce as well as post promotional flyers throughout the area. One event was broadcast as a five-minute segment on "Margo in the Morning" for the local TV station KLEW.

The Boise City Police Department Neighborhood Watch operates a "Reverse 911" system through which dispatchers can call groups of people or businesses and provide a telephone line and scripted information about what to do and where to go in an emergency. Using this system, dispatchers can contact a single home, business, or the entire city with crime alerts, disaster information or other messages. Recently, discussions have taken place with county emergency management leadership to provide this resource to citizens at the county level.

The Pocatello Police Department Neighborhood Watch (NW) and VIPS programs are run by citizens, for citizens. Since its reorganization in 1994, the NW has incorporated as a non-profit organization, purchased liability insurance to unburden the city and police department and developed an active volunteer force to assist with all aspects of crime prevention and emergency preparedness. It also developed The Alert Notification Network. The Department's Community Services Assistant can activate the network by making nine phone calls to the NW Zone Leaders who, in turn, call their Area Leaders. The Area Leaders call the Block Captains and the Block Captains then call the individual participants. With just nine phone calls the department can reach approximately 8,500 homes. The network has been used to catch child abductors, vandals, vehicle burglars and hosts of other criminals.

The Nez Perce Tribe Citizen Corps Council provides CERT Training for the Lapwai High School. The Council communicated and collaborated services with the Lapwai School District and Lewis-Clark State College in providing the training, which is eligible for one college credit. The thirty-two students enrolled in the first course reported enjoying the hands-on training. After completing the course, students have opportunities to volunteer for the Council.

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ILLINOIS STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The Illinois State Citizen Corps Council serves as a committee to the Illinois Terrorism Task Force, the state's homeland security preparedness body as designated by Governor Rod R. Blagojevich. The Illinois Citizen Corps Council has served in this capacity since June 2002 and is comprised of approximately 20 different federal, state, local and Citizen Corps affiliates agencies or organizations. As one of its roles, the Illinois Citizen Corps Council determines how Illinois expends its funds under the Citizen Corps Council program through financial support from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP), which is under the Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness. In 2002, Illinois received \$701,661 for Citizen Corps Councils and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program from FEMA. Under these grants, 18 cities and counties were given \$23,667 to start the CERT program, and 12 cities and counties received \$8,353 for their Citizen Corps Council. These jurisdictions worked on their grants throughout 2003. Also in 2003, Illinois received \$626,737 for the CERT program from FEMA. The 18 cities and counties funded under the 2002 CERT grants received \$20,000 to continue their program and an additional seven Citizen Corps Councils were recruited to receive \$20,000 grants. The 2003 CERT jurisdictions are currently utilizing their funds. For the 2004 Citizen Corps Program grants from ODP, all registered Citizen Corps Councils in Illinois, as of December 15, 2003 received a baseline amount for the Citizen Corps Council and its programs of \$21,487 and are beginning to utilize those funds. On the state level, under each grant, Illinois has kept a portion to teach the CERT Train-the-Trainer course and to administer the Citizen Corps Council programs.

The Illinois Citizen Corps Council deems its main charge as serving as a policy and educational body for the local units of government interested in the Citizen Corps program. To that end, the Illinois Citizen Corps Council has already held two annual conferences, the first in October 2003 and the second in March 2004. These conferences served as educational tools for the local Citizen Corps Councils, with more than 200 attending the second conference. Another smaller conference was held in September 2004 to discuss programmatic issues. The third annual conference takes place in May 2005.

The creation and expansion of the partnership between the Illinois Citizen Corps Council, the Corporation for National and Community Service and the American Red Cross to start a VISTA homeland security volunteer initiative was created in 2002. This initiative places a program coordinator and eight AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers around the state to assist local Citizen Corps Councils.

Community Highlights

Each Citizen Corps Council in Illinois builds on its community's strengths and needs to develop its programs. Examples of local Citizen Corps programs in Illinois are included below.

Arlington Height Citizen Corps Council

The Arlington Heights Citizen Corps Council is producing a video program to instruct citizens on how to plan for and react to a serious disaster or emergency

ILLINOIS OVERVIEW

- Sixty-seven county/local Councils serving 7,896,240 (64% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Adams County CC Council
- Boone County Government
- Champaign Area CC
- Clay County CC Council
- Crawford County
- Douglas County CC
- DuPage CC Corps
- Galesburg CC Council
- Kane County CC Council
- Kankakee County CC Council
- Lake County CC Council
- Lawrence County CC Council
- Madison County CC Council
- Marion County CC
- McDonough County CC
- Northwest Henry County CC Council
- Pike County CC

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FUNDING

FY05

- \$448,119
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$1,160,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$626,737
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$133,650 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$568,011 CERT funding through FEMA

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CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS (Continued)

Counties

- Quad Cities Area CC Council
- Southeastern Illinois CC Council
- Will County CC Council

Local

- Addison CC Council
- Arlington Heights CC Council
- City of Aurora CC
- City of Batavia CC
- City of Belvidere CC Council
- Chicago CC Council (CCCC)
- Chicago Heights CC Council
- Collinsville CC
- Des Plaines CC Council
- Downers Grove CC –Venture Crew 71
- City of Elgin CC Council
- Evanston CC Council
- Evergreen Park Citizens Council
- City Of Farmington CC Council
- Ottawa CC
- Hainesville CC
- Hanover Park CC
- Highland Park CC Council
- Fox Lake CC Council
- Itasca CC Council
- Libertyville CC Council
- Village of Lindenhurst
- City of Marion CC Council
- Maywood CC Council
- Melrose Park CC
- City of Monmouth CC Council
- Mount Prospect CC Council
- Niles CC
- Village of Northbrook CC Council
- Palatine CC Council
- Palos Hills CC Council
- Maine Township CC
- Peoria CC Council
- Plainfield CC Council
- City of Rockford CC Council
- Round Lake Park CC
- Shorewood CC Council
- City of Springfield, Illinois
- Tinley Park Citizens Advisory Council
- Trenton Emergency Management Service
- Village of Bensenville CC Council
- Wauconda Regional CC Council
- Waukegan CC Council
- Village of Westmont CC Council
- Milton Township CC Council
- Southeastern DuPage County CC Council
- Wood Dale CC

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN ILLINOIS



CERT

- 26 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 40 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 177 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 95 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 13 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 4 Fire Corps programs

in their community. The video will be used as a training tool in schools, workplaces, community organizations and for local cable television. The video will provide important information similar to the “Are You Ready?” program, yet will feature the local community environment. An accompanying booklet has also been produced.

Palatine Citizen Corps Council

The Palatine Citizen Corps Council developed a “Getting Ready Now” booklet that was distributed during a local festival and mailed to new residents. The Council also translated the Citizen Corps brochure into Spanish to reach Spanish-speaking residents in the village. Palatine has also been active in creating a CERT and a Medical Reserve Corps program, as well as conducting activities with Citizen Corps affiliate organizations such as the Save A Life Foundation and the American Red Cross.

Tinley Park Citizen Corps Council

The Tinley Park Citizen Corps Council published articles on the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program in the local village newsletter and distributed it along with a CERT volunteer application form. The Council also has developed and presented to the Suburban Mutual Assistance Response Team (SMART) minimum training standards that incorporates the CERT program.

Adams County Citizen Corps Council

Adams County Citizen Corps Council members participated in several community events to promote their programs and distribute information. Adams County is also working on further developing a strategic plan for Citizen Corps.

Collinsville Citizen Corps Council

In Collinsville, the Citizen Corps Council conducted CERT classes for volunteers with the local American Red Cross and other local entities, as well held disaster preparedness talks for several civic groups, day care centers and schools.

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INDIANA STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The Indiana Citizen Corps Council unites the following organizations to achieve Citizen Corps' mission to Hoosiers and their communities:

- Indiana Emergency Management Agency
- Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism
- Indiana Counter Terrorism and Security Council
- Indiana Health Professions Bureau
- Indiana Department of Health
- Indiana Department of Education
- Corporation for National and Community State Office
- Indiana Association of Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Directors
- Indiana AmeriCorps Directors Association
- American Red Cross
- Indiana Jaycees
- Purdue Cooperative Extension Service
- Indiana Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters

Public Education and Outreach

The Indiana Citizen Corps Council, partners, programs and local Councils committed 2004 to public education and outreach. Impressive activities include:

- Distributed more than 150,000 *Ready Cards*
- Distributed 10,000 English and Spanish emergency preparedness coloring books to school-age children
- Distributed more than 50,000 emergency preparedness guides
- Allocated at least 25% of 2004 local budgets to mass marketing, such as billboards, radio and print media outlets, direct mail advertising, general flyers, and additional outlets to attract more interest in program and increase volunteer recruitment
- Purchased for Councils more than 85,000 pencils, 17,000 pens and 42,000 magnets that feature local Citizen Corps logos and contact information for distribution at numerous safety fairs, booth exhibits and speaking engagements
- Developed local plans to address outreach to people with disabilities, minorities, youth and the elderly
- Distribute monthly e-bulletin, *The Citizen Corps Score*, to 2,000 plus Hoosiers that provides updates on state and local Council activity, charter program activity and highlights one partner each month

INDIANA OVERVIEW

- Twenty county/local Councils serving 3,085,107 (51% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Citizen Corps Council of Laporte County
- Citizen Corps of Allen County
- Citizen Corps of Elkhart County
- Citizen Corps of Scott County
- Citizen Corps of St. Joseph County
- Citizens Corps of Northeast Indiana
- Evansville-Vanderburgh Co. Emergency Management Agency Advisory Council
- Greater Seymour Area Citizen Corps
- Hendricks County Citizen Corps Council
- Henry County Citizen Corps Council
- Jennings County Citizen Corps
- Johnson County Citizen Corps Council

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FUNDING

FY05

- \$271,035
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$700,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$378,424
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$80,775 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$343,295 CERT funding through FEMA

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CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS (Continued)

Counties

- Monroe County Citizen Corps
- Porter County Citizens Response Team
- Posey County–SW IN DRCC
- Spencer County
- Steuben Co. Citizen Corps
- Tippecanoe County Citizen Corps Council
- Warrick County Citizen Corps Council

Local

- Greater Indianapolis Citizen Corp Council

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN INDIANA



CERT

- 36 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 13 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 114 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 56 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 3 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 1 Fire Corps program

Council Development

The Indiana Citizen Corps Council surveyed existing Councils via a needs assessment and determined five training categories to be targeted during the 2004 and 2005 calendar year. To date the following activities have taken place to address those needs:

Sustainability

- Included local Citizen Corps Councils in the *Funding Opportunities* monthly e-bulletin distributed by the ICCSV—this e-bulletin also includes a monthly sustainability newsletter
- Developed training opportunities with sustainability components (e.g., collaboration, media exposure and volunteer recruitment/retention)

Partnership Development

- Created training opportunities regarding collaboration, partnerships and information sharing/best practice sharing
- Highlighted a state affiliate or partner in the Citizen Corps Score with contact information
- Shared information via a listserv to local councils related to partnership development

Volunteer Recruitment and Education/Outreach

- Developed training opportunities around volunteer recruitment, recognition, retention, media exposure, public outreach and reaching diverse audiences
- Networked with agencies that have volunteers in need of placement
- Allotted 25% of each local Council budget to mass media marketing, public education and outreach initiatives

Program Management/Council Development

- Hosted conference calls every eight weeks that feature a technical assistance component
- Developed tools and shared best practices
- Provided leadership training and networking opportunities at the Annual Governors' Conference on Service and Volunteerism

To view the Indiana Citizen Corps website, visit: www.IN.gov/iccsv/programs/citizencorp.html

To view the Citizen Corps Score and Sustainability Newsletter, visit: <http://www.IN.gov/iccsv/publications/>

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IOWA STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The Iowa Disaster Human Resource Council serves as the State Citizen Corps Council. The Council unites voluntary and faith-based organization representatives with state agency representatives. The Council's goal is to address the immediate needs of impacted citizens during both declared and non-declared events. Since its formation, the Council has grown to approximately thirty-five members.

Thirty-four counties applied for 2004 Citizen Corps funding. Previously, twenty-four had participated. This increase in the number of counties participating demonstrates continued and growing interest in Citizen Corps programs. While the main focus continues to be on Citizen Corps Councils and CERT programs, several counties are establishing Medical Reserve Corps and Volunteers in Police Service programs. Many counties are also taking advantage of grant funds to help revitalize Neighborhood Watch programs.

Community Highlights

Due to the large number of employees who work in Capitol Complex buildings daily, the Iowa Citizen Corps Council sponsored CERT training for floor managers and other interested employees. Already 92 state employees that represent nine different buildings have been trained. These trained CERT members may be called upon to respond to an incident at any building on the Capitol Complex. Since there is continued interest in this training, additional CERT classes will be offered for state government employees.

Six counties in northwest Iowa received approval to combine their grant resources to create Ag Watch, a program similar to Neighborhood Watch, but with a focus on the agriculture community. The program will promote awareness of bio-security and animal disease issues, and concerns among agricultural producers and businesses within the six county area. Training and seminars will be provided in coordination with Iowa State University extension offices. The Ag Watch program will target diverse disciplines, including law enforcement and fire service. An additional project goal is to provide area producers with a NOAA All-Hazard Radio, which will be used as a primary means of disseminating critical information in rural areas.

IOWA OVERVIEW

- Twelve county/local Councils 700,573 (24% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Black Hawk County Disaster Human Resource Committee
- Boone County Disaster Assistance Committee
- Dickinson County Emergency Management Agency
- Jasper County Citizen Corps Council
- Linn County Citizen Corps Council
- Plymouth County Citizen Corps Council
- Scott County Citizens Corps Council
- Story County Coalition for Disaster Recovery
- Union County Citizens Corps

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FUNDING

FY05

- \$181,873
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$470,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$254,208
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$54,273 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$230,662 CERT funding through FEMA

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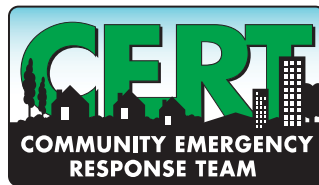
Counties

- Woodbury County Citizen Corps Council

Local

- Olds Citizen Corps
- City of Wayland Citizen Corps

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN IOWA



CERT

- 14 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 6 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 34 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 21 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 2 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 1 Fire Corps program

The group is in its formative stages, holding organizational meetings comprised of representation from all counties involved, to evaluate information sharing and education requirements.

The Humboldt County CERT was selected to participate in the American Radio Relay League (AARL) Community Education Project. The project is designed to educate Citizen Corps Councils on Amateur Radio capabilities and demonstrate how Amateur Radio operators can assist the community during emergencies. AARL is a Citizen Corps Affiliate, and received a grant from the Corporation from National and Community Service to conduct the project.

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KANSAS STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The Kansas State Citizen Corps office distributes Citizen Corps grant guidance, application information, and assistance to emergency management coordinators in all 105 counties in Kansas. Eighteen counties applied for a portion of the \$364,000 available funding in 2004. Using an all-hazards/population based formula, grants ranging from \$2,736–\$33,002 were awarded to those eighteen counties for establishment or enhancement of Citizen Corps programs. The office offers technical assistance and support in the planning and implementation of these Citizen Corps programs. The same process and support will be offered with 2005 funding.

Community Highlights

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Eleven Community Emergency Response Team programs are operational and ten are in the process of being formed throughout the state. Some benefit from Citizen Corps grant funding, while others have found local funding to proceed with their program goals. One unfunded program is training high school students in their health classes, while another program includes working with local community colleges.

A one-day state CERT meeting was held in August 2004. Fifty individuals participated in this informational exchange. Programs with a longer history of CERT shared their resources and expertise with newly established programs.

On December 14–16, 2004, fifty CERT volunteers completed a CERT Train-the-Trainer course at the National Guard Armory in Topeka and returned to their communities to begin training local citizens. The CERT training trailer, provided by FEMA Region VII, is constantly used in county CERT training programs.

Volunteers in Police Service

Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) is in operation, or being organized in three communities, while similar programs are cooperating with Citizen Corps Councils in other communities.

KANSAS OVERVIEW

- Eighteen county/local Councils serving 1,586,933 (59% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Butler County Citizen Corps Council
- Chautauqua County CERT
- Clark County Citizen Corp Council
- Coffey County Citizen Corps Council
- Cowley County Citizen Corps Council
- Douglas County Citizen Corps
- Emporia/Lyon County Citizen Corp
- Geary County Citizen Corp
- Johnson County Citizen Corps Council
- McPherson County Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Pottawatomie County Citizen Corps Council
- Reno County Citizen Corps
- Riley County Citizen Corps Council
- Saline County Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Sedgwick County Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Shawnee County Citizen Corps Council
- Sumner County Citizen Corps Council

Local

- Humboldt Citizens Corps Council

FUNDING

FY05

- \$175,825
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$455,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$245,694
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$52,376 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$222,596 CERT funding through FEMA

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**PROGRAM PARTNERS
IN KANSAS**



CERT

- 11 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 10 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 39 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 25 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 5 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- No registered Fire Corps programs since national launch in December 2004

Neighborhood Watch

A local Neighborhood Watch group established the Sherman County Citizen Corps program, which offers CERT training to the community. Neighborhood Watch is experiencing revitalization due to existing programs under other names that are coming under Citizen Corps.

Medical Reserve Corps

There are currently five Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) units in Kansas in Shawnee, Douglas, Sedgwick, Harvey and Reno counties. Each MRC serves its own local county area, while networking to share ideas, resources and training.

Each unit has a unique focus based on local needs with two main functions for volunteers: 1) to provide surge capacity support during emergencies, and 2) to serve as ambassadors for public health in the community.

Each unit may approach the emergency function differently. For example, Sedgwick and Reno counties may use their volunteers as all-hazards support for emergencies, while Shawnee and Douglas counties utilize their volunteers for public health emergencies only (such as an outbreak of disease or bioterrorism). Both medical and non-medical volunteers are encouraged to participate.

Fire Corps

At least three communities are organizing Fire Corps units, while others are exploring the idea with their local fire departments.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY GOVERNOR'S CITIZEN CORPS

While September 11, 2001 marks one of America's greatest tragedies, it also generated resurgence in volunteerism throughout the State of Kentucky and across our nation. Sustaining this volunteer spirit is a key to preserving the freedom and independence that define America. Kentucky's Citizen Corps is a major preparedness component of Governor Ernie Fletcher's volunteer initiative – an effort to capture and promote a renewed spirit of volunteer service and community preparedness.

In 2005, Governor Ernie Fletcher and the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security embarked on a renewed effort to elevate the status of Kentucky's Citizen Corps. The goal is to highlight Citizen Corps as the flagship program of the Commonwealth's effort to ensure the people of Kentucky are "Ready and Prepared" for emergencies and disasters. Operating under Governor Fletcher's charge, "When you help your neighbor, you help Kentucky," the Governor's Citizen Corps is moving forward with renewed vigor and is poised for tremendous growth.

Major changes have occurred in the program's structure during the past year. Governor Fletcher, recognizing the importance of trained volunteers to overall preparedness, has moved the program to function directly under the authority of his office, renaming the program as the "Governor's Citizen Corps." There are plans to establish clear guidance on establishing effective Citizen Corps programs at the county level: guidance will include the program structure and steps to take in establishing an effective Citizen Corps Council. One-stop-shopping and immediate feedback policies are also being implemented in 2005. A citizen interested in volunteering will have a toll-free telephone number to dial and the call will be routed to an appropriate local contact, who can schedule training for the new volunteer and answer their questions.

Citizen Corps was created to help coordinate volunteer activities that make our communities safer, stronger and better prepared to respond to any emergency situation. It provides opportunities for people to participate in a range of measures to make their families, homes and communities safer from the threats of crime, terrorism and disasters of all kinds.

Community Highlights

The Warren County Citizen Corps Council CERT teams assisted the community with multiple emergency incidents in 2004, including eight chemical spills, nine missing persons, four victim drownings, two suicides, four methamphetamine labs, two tornado/thunderstorm warnings, one traffic accident on Interstate-65, one large fire and 121 various incidents reported at Western Kentucky University. Obviously, the CERT members

KENTUCKY OVERVIEW

- Twenty-one county/local Councils serving 1,709,099 (42% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Ashland Boyd County Catlettsburg
- Boone County
- Frankfort/Franklin County
- Kenton County
- Kentucky River
- Knox County
- Lexington-Fayette County
- Liberty/Casey County
- Lincoln County
- Louisville-Jefferson County
- Madison County
- Marshall County
- Mason County
- McCreary County
- Mercer County
- Owensboro-Daviess County
- Paducah-McCracken County
- Pike County
- Scott County
- Warren County

Local

- Kentucky CC Working Group

FUNDING

FY05

- \$214,059
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$553,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$298,775
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$63,759 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$270,977 CERT funding through FEMA

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PROGRAM PARTNERS IN KENTUCKY



CERT

- 32 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 7 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 71 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 45 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 7 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 2 Fire Corps programs

in Warren County were an invaluable asset to their community in 2004.

In July 2004, the Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Citizen Corps Council used several CERT and Medical Reserve Corps volunteers to conduct an emergency exercise. The Louisville Metro Emergency Management Agency and the Louisville Metro Health Department held a pharmaceutical dispersal exercise at a local high school. The CERT members served as mock citizens who had come to the school to receive antibiotics and the MRC volunteers helped with paperwork and the distribution of the medication. The exercise was deemed a great success and helped to determine the strengths and weaknesses in the local emergency plan.

Daviess County has a robust and active CERT program with many success stories: they can boast of CERT members helping during multiple emergency situations including fires, severe storms, traffic accidents, medical situations and gas leaks. According to one Daviess County CERT member "I have used my training and knowledge on more than one occasion. The most recent was yesterday when I found my father-in-law in a medical emergency." Another CERT member recalls the assistance he rendered immediately following a severe thunderstorm in May 2004, "I found many of the residential streets blocked by fallen trees and limbs. I stopped to help an elderly couple who were trying to remove tree limbs from their driveway and from off of their car so that they would be able to leave."

The Pike County Citizen Corps Council is using its Citizen Corps and CERT funding to help connect volunteers with its recently upgraded emergency management communications system. Last March, the Kentucky Community Technical College System (KCTCS) offered CERT training for volunteers from four Neighborhood Watch Groups.

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LOUISIANA STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The State Coordinator and Program Manager supports Citizen Corps initiatives by encouraging parishes to participate in the partner programs and encouraging the use of service and volunteerism as a way to prepare the public to respond to all types of emergencies and disasters.

Louisiana is revamping its State Citizen Corps Council. The State Coordinator and Program Manager will focus on revitalizing the Louisiana State Citizen Corps Council during 2005.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

The East Baton Rouge (EBR) Citizen Corps Council has designed a process for conducting community needs assessments and is focused on aggressive CERT training. East Baton Rouge trained 33 members from the parish library system because the libraries had experienced several disturbances in their facility. Now, the library is better prepared to handle those and other emergencies. Other agencies interested in training their staffs are: Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, Southern University, and the City Department of Public Works.

The EBR Citizen Corps has also partnered with the American Red Cross to develop activities to keep CERT members engaged. For example, CERT members have been trained to install smoke detectors in the homes of residents that qualify for free installation under the ARC program. This also relieves the burden on the Baton Rouge Fire Department, the agency previously responsible for the installation.

The Baton Rouge Medical Reserve Corps responded to a need in the community during Hurricane Ivan. When the Emergency Operations Center learned that there were 400 nursing home residents en route to Baton Rouge from New Orleans, it called up a Medical Reserve Corps Unit to assist in off loading the residents from the busses. The MRC members then assisted the nursing home staff in getting the residents settled in the shelter and returned to load the busses when it was time for the residents to return home.

The Orleans Citizen Corps Council demonstrated the value of CERT training after Hurricane Ivan. Its communication division monitored the city's radio traffic. It also provided Ham radio operations and its operation division helped man the phones in the Emergency Operations Center. Orleans Parish was prepared for the hurricane due to the neighborhood meetings held for Hurricane Preparedness.

Caddo and Bossier Parishes witnessed a surge of volunteerism through the Citizen Corps Program in 2004. The Caddo-Bossier Citizen Corps Council met regularly and accomplished a number of goals set the year

LOUISIANA OVERVIEW

- Thirty-four county/local Councils 3,387,293 (76% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Allen Parish Citizen Corps Council
- Ascension Parish Citizen Corps Council
- Assumption Parish Citizen Corps Council
- Avoyelles Parish Citizen Corps Council
- Beauregard Parish Citizen Corps Council
- Caddo-Bossier Parish Citizen Corps Council
- Calcasieu Parish Citizen Corps Council
- Catahoula Parish Citizen Corps Council
- Concordia Parish Citizen Corps Council
- DeSoto Parish Citizen Corps Council
- East Baton Rouge Parish Citizen Corps Council

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FUNDING

FY05

- \$224,438
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$581,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$313,800
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$67,080 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$285,089 CERT funding through FEMA

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CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS (Continued)

Counties

- Evangeline Parish Citizen Corps Council
- Grant Parish Citizens Corps Council
- Iberville Parish Citizens Corps Council
- Livingston Parish Citizen Corps Council
- Natchitoches Parish Citizen Corps Council
- Orleans Parish Citizen Corps Council
- Ouachita Parish Citizen Corps Council
- Plaquemines Parish Citizen Corps Council
- Pointe Coupee Parish Citizen Corps Council
- Rapides Parish Citizen Corps Council
- Red River Parish Citizen Corps Council
- Southwest Louisiana Area Citizen Corps Council
- St. Charles Parish Citizen Corps Council
- St. Landry Parish Citizen Corps Council
- St. Tammany Parish Citizen Corps Council
- Tangipahoa Parish Citizen Corps Council
- Terrebonne Citizen Corps Council
- Union Parish Citizen Corps Council
- Vernon Parish Citizens Corps Council
- Washington Parish Citizen Corps Council
- West Baton Rouge Citizen Corps Council

Local

- City of Lutchter Citizen Corps Council
- Prairieville Citizen Corps

PROGRAMS PARTNERS IN LOUISIANA



CERT

- 14 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 6 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 246 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 34 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 3 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 5 Fire Corps programs

before. Both new and previously trained CERT members were issued ID Badges, CERT kits, t-shirts and jackets. Volunteers participated in the FEMA CHER-CAP Full-Scale Exercise. CERT members acted as family members of victims of a plane crash to test the Crisis Counseling component of the exercise program. A CERT Advisory Board was also formed to address the coordination of efforts among first response agencies and CERT volunteers, so that all agencies are aware of their roles and responsibilities relating to each other during an incident in which CERT teams would be activated.

More than eighty medical professionals are trained as Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers. The MRC Advisory Board meets regularly to ensure that all registered volunteers have proper credentialing and meet the requirements to become MRC members. The MRC Advisory Board also coordinates closely with the hospitals so that the roles of the MRC volunteers coincide with the needs of each hospital. MRC volunteers supported the hospital component of the FEMA CHER-CAP Full-Scale Exercise, proving that applying their skills as medical professionals and assuming their responsibilities as MRC volunteers would be essential in any real-life disaster.

In 2004, the Citizen Corps Council, CERT Advisory Board and MRC Advisory Board set goals for 2005 to increase the number of trained volunteers at least fourfold.

In Ascension Parish, the Citizen Corps Council established a Medical Reserve Corps Unit, developed CERT training and teams, and worked to strengthen Neighborhood Watch.

Rapides Parish led a tabletop discussion with their regional parishes to determine ways to improve the Citizens Corps program and discuss any questions among directors. The State Coordinator participated in the meeting.

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MAINE STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The Maine State Citizen Corps Council brings together a roster of diverse people and organizations including the Maine Commission for Community Service, the Maine Emergency Management Agency, American Red Cross, the Bureau of Health Regional Resource Centers, the State Hospital Association, Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Amateur Radio Group and the Corporation for National & Community/VISTA Program. The Council has representatives from the local schools, statewide nonprofits, labor unions, private industry, State and county emergency services, healthcare providers and emergency responders. This Council is diverse by design, and as such provides a well-rounded approach to guide the planning and implementation of Citizen Corps programs throughout Maine. The Council meets every other month and the state office circulates an informational newsletter.

County Outreach Program

Maine State Citizen Corps Office administered a request for proposal process to each County EMA for development and support of county-wide Citizen Corps Councils. The State's Citizen Corps representatives provided technical training and support to each applicant regarding the RFP process, planning, implementation and evaluation of Citizen Corps programs. Currently there are five active counties with Councils and programs and three new Councils will join this summer. This program also sends staff to each county to assist in Homeland Security planning and needs assessment for application of Citizen Corps programs. Maine Citizen Corps is also involved in exercise planning and evaluation with an all-hazards approach. Through the efforts and response of the County Emergency Management Offices to Citizen Corps programs, the newly formed partnerships and collaborative efforts between public safety, Emergency Management and the volunteer community have been fantastic.

Emergency Preparedness Survey

A telephone survey was administered in collaboration with the University of Southern Maine. This comprehensive telephone survey was a benchmarking survey that addressed the understanding, beliefs and general knowledge of emergency preparedness and response as it applies to rural citizens. There were more than 600 phone surveys conducted including more than 300 urban and rural recipients, respectively. The State will publish the results in order to demonstrate the potential for rural benchmarking of perceptions and values in rural America. The survey will also be used as a tool for future programming of outreach and educational programs.

MAINE OVERVIEW

- Six county Councils serving 612,375 citizens (48% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Aroostook County Citizen Corps Council
- Cumberland County Citizen Corps Council
- Somerset County Citizen Corps Council
- Somerset County Citizen Corps Council
- Waldo County Citizen Corps Council
- York County Citizen Corps

Note: York County was the first council in the State of Maine

FUNDING

FY05

- \$136,948
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$353,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$190,900
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

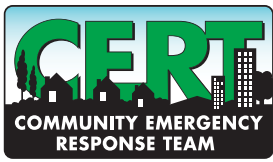
FY02

- \$40,684 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$172,908 CERT funding through FEMA

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PROGRAM PARTNERS IN MAINE



CERT

- 16 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 34 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 22 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 16 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 2 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- No registered Fire Corps programs since national launch in December 2004

AmeriCorps*VISTA Program

The state has a very successful VISTA program. The American Red Cross Emergency Preparedness Office in South Portland is running the "PrepareME Corps" program for the Corporation for National and Community Service. This program provides VISTA personnel as a resource for County Emergency Management Offices throughout Maine as well as the State Citizen Corps Council and office. The central goal of these VISTAs is to build the capacity and infrastructure of Emergency Preparedness Operations throughout the State. With Maine being virtually rural in nature, the VISTA's mission is anything but easy, but they have been producing incredible results.

Northern New England Emergency Medical Response Team (MMRS) Project

The Maine State Citizen Corps Office is the administrator and lead Agency for the Maine Strike Team. The State has engaged in a partnership with Dartmouth College in New Hampshire to build a tri-state MMRS (Metropolitan Medical Response System). The Department of Homeland Security has issued a grant to Dartmouth to engage in a pilot project involving three rural states to develop a medical response consortium that mirrors a DMAT style team. Each state has a "Medical Strike Team" that involves professional volunteers with specific training including physicians/toxicologists, critical care nurses and paramedics with specialized WMD and hazmat training. These *professional volunteers* will be deployable under each State's emergency management agency guidelines as well as in the regions. Maine has been leading the way in infrastructure development. Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont need this type of team because of the international borders and unsecured coastline as well as the proximity to Boston and New York City. Of special note, Maine was the first rural state to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the MMRS Regional Office.

NOAA Weather Radio Project

The Maine State Citizen Corps has partnered with NOAA to place NOAA radios in each public and private school in the State, and eventually, in healthcare facilities. These radios are equipped with the new S.A.M.E. technology that broadcasts alerts for all hazards. As part of the process to ensure each and every school receives one of these radios, the Corps is developing an informational presentation for each school. The Corps is partnering with the Maine Parent Teacher Organization, Retired Senior Volunteer groups, Emergency Management and other groups to promote the placement of these radios and educational outreach regarding all hazards emergency planning and plan updating.

CERT

The state is beginning the first business/university based CERT team in Augusta, at the University of Southern Maine Muskie School for Public Service. This will be a pilot program for Maine to not only provide another CERT for local protection, but will send a logistically diverse employee group back to their home communities to either join an existing CERT or start a new program. The Maine Citizen Corps Council is starting to design a *Student Emergency Response Team* training program. School Administrative District #58, Northern Franklin County, will be the pilot site. That District already has a successful AmeriCorps program, the Maine Emergency Response Corps, which trains high school students as EMTs and Firefighters and also places them in rural Maine departments. In two years this has already shown to assist in the recruiting and retention of public safety responders in rural Maine.

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MARYLAND STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The Maryland Citizen Corps Program creates volunteer opportunities for individuals to prepare for and respond to emergencies by bringing together local leaders, volunteers and a network of first responder organizations, such as fire departments, police departments and emergency medical personnel. The goal is for all citizens to take personal responsibility and participate in making their communities safer, stronger and better prepared for threats of terrorism, crime and disasters.

Since Maryland Citizen Corps was inaugurated in 2003, Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. has taken significant steps toward improving homeland security and protecting the citizens of Maryland. He designated the Governor’s Office on Service and Volunteerism (GOSV) as lead agency to create standard operating procedures for emergency donations and volunteer management and Citizen Corps. The GOSV coordinates its activities with the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security (GOHS) and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA).

Maryland Citizen Corps is, at its core, a local initiative coordinated at the county level by Citizen Corps Councils, bringing together leaders from relevant sectors of the community. Councils manage existing volunteer resources, leverage mutually supportive endeavors among the represented groups and direct the overall local plans to implement Maryland Citizen Corps initiatives. County Emergency Management Directors (EMD) partner with local Volunteer Centers to compose the pillars of the local Citizen Corps Councils and coordinate Citizen Corps initiatives for their jurisdiction. Other key stakeholders include Maryland’s Community Colleges; members of the local fire, police, and health departments; local school systems; the business community; American Red Cross Chapters; Maryland VOAD; faith-based organizations; disability serving organizations; and other non-profit organizations.

MARYLAND OVERVIEW

- Thirteen county/local Councils serving 2,542,388 (48% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- CCC of Allegany County
- Anne Arundel County CCC
- Calvert County CCC
- CCC of Carroll County
- CCC of Frederick County
- Harford County Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Howard County - Community Emergency Response Network (CERN)
- Montgomery County CCC
- Wicomico County CCC

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FUNDING

FY05

- \$252,204
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$650,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$351,404
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$74,634 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$317,194 CERT funding through FEMA

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CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS (Continued)

Local

- Town of Berwyn Heights Maryland
- District Heights Citizen Action Patrol
- City of Laurel Emergency Services Commission
- Ocean City Citizen Corps Council

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN MARYLAND



CERT

- 14 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 17 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 98 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 32 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 8 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 10 Fire Corps programs

Community Highlights

Howard County's local Citizen Corps, the Community Emergency Response Network (CERN), provides education, training and volunteer opportunities for individuals who are interested in being proactive to community-wide emergencies. As a model Citizen Corps Council, CERN works closely with the Volunteer Center Serving Howard County to recruit citizens to become educated and trained in supporting their Volunteer Mobilization Center.

After the attacks of September 11, 2001, the World Trade Center and Pentagon were inundated with thousands of well-intentioned, spontaneous and unaffiliated volunteers. In some cases their presence hampered first responders and hindered recovery efforts. Many volunteers became frustrated due to little or no direction, which added to the confusion, causing further delay in rescue efforts. By providing coordination and referral of spontaneous and unaffiliated volunteers in response to a disaster or national emergency, the Volunteer Mobilization Center helps alleviate those potential problems. The Volunteer Mobilization Center concept also allows Howard County citizens to assist their County's first responders, facilitate their community's recovery and demonstrate its resiliency.

The Volunteer Center holds monthly sessions to recruit and train citizens on how to help manage and support the Volunteer Mobilization Center Activities. Local citizens who choose to volunteer are assigned responsibilities depending on their strengths and prior skills. Responsibilities include logistics, media coordination, agency coordination and data entry.

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MASSACHUSETTS CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The Massachusetts State Citizen Corps Council goal is to engage the state's citizens in Citizen Corps programs to encourage community and family safety. To achieve this goal, the Massachusetts Citizen Corps State Council provides guidance to volunteers across the Commonwealth, enabling citizens to connect with agencies and organizations with emergency response and preparedness responsibilities. Through Citizen Corp State Council efforts in leadership, planning, training and coordination, communities will be better prepared to respond to threats of terrorism, crime, emergencies and disasters of all kinds.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Citizen Corps programs in Massachusetts continue to provide a vital service and have been actively involved in many projects including but not limited to:

- As Hurricane Frances moved toward the coast of Florida, the Department of Homeland Security solicited the support of State and local Citizen Corps Councils, affiliates and program partners to find volunteers who could serve as Hurricane Frances Community Relations Officers. Sixty-four (64) volunteers, sponsored by local Citizen Corps Councils, were activated as Community Relations Officers and were sent to Florida and surrounding states in support of this effort.
- Trained the first business CERT in Massachusetts in 2004 and culminated their activities with a formal graduation ceremony in 2005.
- Hosted the first annual CERT Family Day in 2004 and coincided with National Disaster Preparedness Month. The day featured kids' amusements, emergency vehicles, and public safety demonstrations, including search dogs, bomb and anti-terrorist demonstrations, fire safety and Jaws of Life. People learned how they can protect themselves and their families and how to get involved in their community.
- Provided assistance with the operation of homeless shelters.
- Assisted with pumping basements and helping with sandbagging during local floods.
- Participated in a multitude of drills and exercises.
- Continued to expand training to include CPR, sheltering, decontamination procedures at local hospitals, wilderness search techniques, mass casualty and rehabilitation, and amateur radio communications.
- Supported local public health initiatives with information distribution.
- CERTs have responded to local emergency operation centers during activations and have provided liaison support during fires to the emergency management personnel who are on scene.
- Assisted with school fire prevention programs.
- Assisted with search and rescue activities.

MASSACHUSETTS OVERVIEW

- One-hundred and nineteen county/local Councils serving 2,866,633 (45% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Berkshire County Area CC
- Cape Cod CC
- Franklin County LEPC
- Nantucket Citizen Security Commission

Local

- Agawam CCC
- Amesbury CC
- Amherst CCC
- Arlington CCC
- Ashburnham Emer Mgmt
- Auburn CCC
- Belmont CCC
- Berkley CCC
- Beverly Emer Mgmt CCC
- Billerica Emer Mgmt
- Blackstone CCC
- Boston CCC
- Braintree CCC
- Brewster CCC
- Brockton CCC
- Brookfield CCC
- Brookline CCC
- Cambridge Emer Mgmt Advisory Council
- Town of Charlton-LEPC
- Chelsea CCC
- Chicopee LEPC
- Town of Cummington CCC
- Town of Danvers
- Dartmouth CERT
- Devens CCC
- Douglas CCC
- Dracut CC
- East Brookfield CCC
- East Longmeadow CERT
- Easthampton CCC

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FUNDING

FY05

- \$277,556
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$719,500
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$388,783
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$82,972 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$352,631 CERT funding through FEMA

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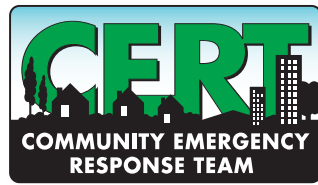
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CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS (Continued)

Local

- Easton CCC
- Fall River LEPC/CCC
- Fitchburg CCC
- Town of Franklin
- City of Gardner Civil Defense Agency
- Greenfield CCC
- Groveland CC
- Halifax CCC
- Hanover CCC
- Town of Hatfield CCC
- Haverhill CCC
- Hingham CCC
- Holden CCC
- Holliston Emer Mgmt
- Hopedale CCC
- Hubbardston Emer Planning Comm
- Ipswich and Rowley CC
- City of Leominster CC
- Lowell CCC
- Mansfield CC Coordinating Council
- Marlborough Emer Mgmt CCC
- Marshfield Emer Mgmt Council
- Mattapoisett CCC
- Medford CCC
- Medway CCC
- City of Melrose CCC
- Town of Mendon
- Middleborough CCC
- Millbury EMA CCC
- Millville CC Coordinating Council
- Grafton CCC
- Town of Needham
- New Bedford CCC
- New Braintree CCC
- North Brookfield CCC
- Northborough CCC
- Norton CCC
- Oakham CCC
- Orleans CC
- Oxford CC
- Palmer CCC
- Petersham Emer Mgmt
- Town of Plainfield CCC
- Provincetown
- Quincy Emer Mgmt CCC
- Reading Auxiliary Fire and Emer Service
- Rehoboth EMA
- Rockland CC Coordinating Council
- Town of Russell LEPC
- Rutland CCC
- Salisbury Emer Mgmt
- Town of Sandisfield
- Scituate CCC
- Seekonk CCC
- Sheffield CCC
- Somerville LEPC
- Town of Egremont CCC
- South Hadley CCC
- Southborough CC
- Southbridge CCC
- Southwick CC
- Spencer CCC
- Stockbridge CCC
- Sturbridge CCC
- City of Taunton CCC
- Topsfield CCC
- Montague CCs Council
- Town of Upton CC
- Uxbridge CCC
- Yarmouth LEPC
- Walpole CCC
- Warren CCC
- Wayland CCC
- Wellesley CC Coordinating Council
- Wellfleet CERT/Triad Council
- West Boylston CCC
- West Newbury EMA
- West Springfield LEPC/CCC
- Westfield Emer Mgmt CCC
- Westport LEPC/CCC
- Whitman CCC
- Winthrop CCC
- City of Worcester CC

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN MASSACHUSETTS



CERT

- 87 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 11 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 49 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 30 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 11 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- No registered Fire Corps Programs since national launch in December 2004.

- Provided transportation support to essential employees to and from nursing homes and hospitals during storms.
- Provided coordination support to local heavy rescue teams.
- Served as race volunteers at annual road races.
- Assisted with parking and security for large scale local events.
- Staffed mobile command post which served as a first aid station at an air show which drew over 200,000 spectators.
- Established and coordinated local business partnerships.
- Key component in coordinated effort with Massachusetts Department of Public Health staffing the Strategic National Stockpile.
- Participated as Reception Center volunteers in support of nuclear preparedness response.
- Served as liaison with the Central Massachusetts Chapter of the American Red Cross and with the Central Massachusetts Disaster Animal Response Team.
- Citizen volunteers were requested to serve on town boards, committees and commissions.
- Responded to dam breaks and subsequent flooding and provided support with debris removal, rehabilitation, transportation and lighting detail.

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MICHIGAN STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

Michigan Citizen Corps helps communities coordinate volunteers to prepare for, and respond to, local emergencies. The group trains and engages volunteers to make communities safer, stronger and better prepared to respond to emergencies and disasters of all kinds, including threats of terrorism, natural disasters, crime and public health issues. When Michigan Citizen Corps began in April 2002, the group's priority was to coordinate its activities with Michigan's Emergency Management. This coordination had a direct impact on the success of Michigan Citizen Corps and consequently, was written into Michigan's Homeland Security Plan.

Michigan Citizen Corps works closely with State and Federal Departments of Homeland Security, the Michigan State Police Division of Emergency Management, Michigan Department of Community Health, Corporation for National and Community Service and numerous key affiliates to promote Citizen Corps programs statewide. Michigan Citizen Corps experienced tremendous growth in 2004. Council growth increased from 16 to 45 councils (17 local and 28 county), an increase of 181.25%. Recent successes include the Arab translation of the CERT program and CERT training for staff at all of Michigan's major league sports arenas.

A TEEN School Emergency Response Training (SERT) program is currently under development at Milan High School as a dual enrollment course in which students receive college credit from Eastern Michigan University. The Governor's advisor on Homeland Security will be working with Michigan Citizen Corps and Eastern Michigan University to promote the TEEN SERT program.

Also under development, in cooperation with the Michigan State Police Emergency Management Division, is a database of all Michigan citizens who are trained in responding to disasters. Locating and identifying trained volunteers is critical to strengthen first responders and emergency management should a statewide disaster occur.

Michigan Citizen Corps' 2005 goals are to synchronize Michigan Citizen Corps programs with key National preparedness initiatives, National Incident Management System Guidelines and 2005 Homeland Security Grant Guidelines.

Community Highlights

The Genesee County Citizen Corps assisted the public health department in a mass vaccination flu clinic. It also aided search and rescue operations during a full-scale exercise at a local airport.

MICHIGAN OVERVIEW

- Forty-five county/local Councils serving 7,577,252 (76% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Alpena County Citizen Corps
- Bay County Citizen Corps Council
- Calhoun Co Citizen Corps
- Cass County Citizen Corps Council
- Eastern U.P. Citizen Corps Council
- Eaton County Citizen Corps Council
- Genesee County Citizen Corps
- Gladwin County Citizen Corps Council
- Ingham County Citizen Corps Council
- Isabella County Citizen Corps Council
- Kalamazoo County Citizen Corps
- Macomb County Citizen Corps Council
- Manistee County Citizen Corps Council
- Marquette Co Citizen Corps

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FUNDING

FY05

- \$377,549
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$978,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$528,431
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$112,961 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$480,085 CERT funding through FEMA

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CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS (CONTINUED)

Counties

- Menominee County Citizen Corps.
- Montcalm Co Citizen Corps
- Montmorency County CERT
- Muskegon County Citizen Corps Council
- Oakland County Citizen Corps
- Ogemaw County
- Osceola Co. Citizen Corps.
- Otsego County Citizen Corps
- Saginaw County Citizen Corps
- Schoolcraft Co Citizen Corps Council
- St. Clair County Citizen Corps Council
- Washtenaw County Citizen Corps
- Wayne County Citizen Corps Council
- West Central Michigan Citizen Corps

Local

- Brighton Area Citizen Corps Council
- Dearborn Heights Citizen Corp Council
- Detroit Citizen Corps Council
- Dowagiac Citizen Corps Council
- Ecorse Citizen Corps Council
- Citizen Corps Council of Farmington Hills
- Burt Township Citizen Corps Council
- Northville Township Citizen Corps Council
- Pontiac Citizen Corps Council
- Denton Twp Citizen Corps
- Citizen Corps Council of Rochester Hills
- Gerrish Twp Citizen Corps
- City of Southfield Citizen Corps
- Sterling Heights Citizen Corps
- Walled Lake Citizen Corps Council
- Watersmeet: Lac Vieux Desert-Watersmeet Citizen Corps Council
- West Bloomfield Township Citizen Corps

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN MICHIGAN



CERT

- 20 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 33 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 504 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 77 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 6 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 3 Fire Corps programs

The Schoolcraft County Citizen Corps participated in the Schoolcraft County Emergency Preparedness countywide drill. It also manned the tent for Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital during the Manistique High School Health Fair, and was engaged in the Manistique Area Schools emergency tabletop exercise, funded through a Homeland Security grant.

The St. Clair County Citizen Corps Council held a week-long Hometown Security event during National Preparedness month. CERT programs began with training county employees, and the group is confident that CERT trainings will extend into other communities as well. The Council also collaborated with public and private partners using the CERT program to create a strong Citizen Corps Council. The Council has also assisted Emergency Management operations by recording flood victim reports, provided crowd control and police assistance during the Blue Water International Hydro Festival, and supported disaster victims during the Great Lakes Response Exercise at the Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

The Bay County Citizen Corps reached beyond our nation's borders when it conducted a CERT Train-the-Trainer course for 28 Haitians in November 2004. The training was held at a small fishing village outside of Leogane, Haiti. The team created sustainability by encouraging Haitians to become trainers of the program.

The Detroit Citizen Corps targeted Neighborhood City Halls to host CERT training, and has since placed five CERT teams. It also held a one-day instruction in disaster preparedness for the homeless and assisted during Angels Night. Finally, the Council's CERT volunteers helped paint and clean up neighborhoods during the annual Paint the Town event.

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MINNESOTA STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The Minnesota Citizen Corps Council (one of the first state-level Citizen Corps Councils formed in the nation), has been working since June 2002 to help local communities promote, maintain and grow Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS), Neighborhood Watch and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) programs in their jurisdictions.

The Minnesota Citizen Corps program is supported by the Minnesota Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM), a part of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. Members of the Minnesota Citizen Corps Council (MCCC) include several community leaders, leadership of many Citizen Corps affiliate programs, local Citizen Corps program managers, and representatives of state-level police, fire, health, and emergency medical response organizations. The MCCC meets on a quarterly basis and is in the process of organizing several subcommittees to address issues of concern for the Minnesota Citizen Corps community.

Recognizing the importance and power of volunteerism to the state's homeland security planning efforts, members of the Minnesota Citizen Corps Council are playing an increasing role in the state's terrorism task force and in many other groups and committees working to promote homeland security and emergency preparedness.

As one of its primary roles, the Minnesota Citizen Corps Council works with HSEM staff to determine how the state allocates and accounts for funds awarded under Citizen Corps grant programs from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP).

Other core missions for the MCCC include hosting training classes and informational seminars of interest to Citizen Corps members, developing pamphlets and other promotional materials to promote the state Citizen Corps program and creating a standard process to share strategies and best practices among Citizen Corps communities. To date, more than 130 new CERT trainers have graduated MCCC-sponsored CERT Train-the-Trainer classes, and 175 people attended the first MN Citizen Corps Seminar in December 2004. Additional seminars and CERT training classes are being planned for 2005 and beyond.

The MCCC also feels it is important to educate individuals and families on preparedness for all hazards. To that end, the state Citizen Corps program partnered with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety to promote critical themes during National Preparedness Month by providing a display at the Minnesota State Fair and at a major news conference hosted by DPS Commissioner Michael Campion. Pamphlets about the Minnesota Citizen Corps, CERT and Medical Reserve Corps programs have been completed and others for the remaining programs are currently in development.

The efforts of the MCCC and its member Citizen Corps communities had an impact beyond the state's borders. In September of 2003, Mayor Sue Gehrz (Falcon Heights), Firefighter Russ Lalim (Burnsville) and Dennis Walter (HSEM) conducted a briefing about MN Citizen Corps activities for the Danish Folketinget (Parliament), Social Services Committee, the First Secretary of the Royal Danish Embassy and the Danish Consul General. Additionally, seventy-two members of the MN Citizen Corps community served on assignments as temporary FEMA

MINNESOTA OVERVIEW

- Sixteen county/local Councils serving 1,548,017 (31% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Carver County Citizen Corps Council
- Ramsey County Sheriff's Department
- Stearns Co. Emergency Planning Advisory Committee
- Steele County CAER
- Todd County Citizen Corps

Local

- Burnsville Citizen Corps Council
- Crookston Citizen Corps Council
- Eden Prairie Citizen Corps Council
- Elk River Citizen Corps Council
- Falcon Heights Neighborhood Commission

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FUNDING

FY05

- \$239,877
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$619,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$334,503
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$71,289 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$302,976 CERT funding through FEMA

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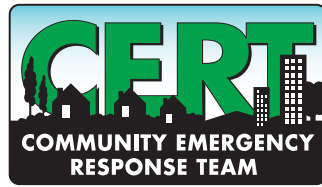
CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

(Continued)

Local

- North Metro CAER
- Hutchinson Safety and Citizen Corps Council
- Minneapolis Citizen Corps Council
- New Brighton Public Safety Commission
- Rochester Citizen Corps Council
- Waconia Citizen Corps Council

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN MINNESOTA



CERT

- 16 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 32 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 207 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 42 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 10 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- No registered Fire Corps programs since national launch in December 2004

employees during hurricanes that struck the Southeastern United States in 2004. One volunteer from the Stearns County Citizen Corps program returned in early January 2005, after completing more than four months (1100 hours) of service.

Community Highlights

Citizen Corps is truly a local program in Minnesota. Many member communities are enhancing pre-existing volunteer programs such as local police or sheriff reserve units, Neighborhood Liaison programs and Mobile Volunteer Networks, among others. Citizen Corps units are also working in partnership with other volunteer programs like the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) and Community Awareness and Emergency Response (CAER) groups. Many new Citizen Corps communities are building their volunteer programs from the ground up with help from neighboring programs.

Some examples of local Citizen Corps programs in Minnesota include:

Responses to Actual Emergencies – Citizen Corps units from Steele County CERT responded to southeastern Minnesota flooding twice in 2003 and 2004. The Winona County CERT assisted at a missing-person operation in 2004. Stearns and Benton County CERTs combined to help staff a flu hotline in January of 2004

Citizen Corps Exercises – The City of Falcon Heights held a tabletop and a functional exercise during 2004 to introduce Citizen Corps to local police, fire and EMS responders. Other exercises involving Citizen Corps were held in New Brighton, Stearns/Benton Counties, Burnsville, and in several other locations.

Publicizing the Citizen Corps Program – Citizen Corps programs in Rochester, Burnsville, Deephaven, and several other communities have developed several local Citizen Corps pamphlets and websites, which have been featured in many local newspapers/other media outlets. Citizen Corps units in almost every community have participated in local and county fairs, celebrations, etc. with information/recruiting booths as well as providing support (e.g., traffic control, first aid stations) to event operations staff.

New and Innovative Partnerships – The Ramsey County CERT program, St. Paul Public Schools and the Boy Scouts of America Explorer program are collaborating to form the state's first "Teen SERT" (Student Emergency Response Team) program.

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MISSISSIPPI STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The State of Mississippi Citizen Corps Program is coordinated by the state’s Emergency Management Agency. The state coordinator works closely with local governments across the state, to form tightly woven state and local partnerships, to promote emergency preparedness and volunteerism.

In April 2003, Mississippi formed a State Citizen Corps Council comprised of 23 representatives from various agencies, associations, and volunteer groups – the body serves in an advisory capacity regarding the development of statewide Citizen Corps efforts. The State Citizen Corps Council meets several times a year to inform all members about local Citizen Corps program development. Council members are encouraged to share how their organizations and agencies can assist in the development of local Citizen Corps Councils. Mississippi Citizen Corps presently has seventeen communities that have established or are developing Local Citizen Corps Councils. They have planned for an additional 40 jurisdictions, to receive \$5,000 each, through the FY05 Homeland Security Citizen Corps grant programs, with funds dedicated to establishing new local Citizen Corps Councils.

In January 2005, Mississippi First Lady Marsha Barbour announced her support for the Mississippi Citizen Corps Council and its goal to increase the number of active local Citizen Corps Councils throughout Mississippi. “Citizen Corps represents volunteers who are trained to help the public in times of disaster and are the best example of neighbors helping neighbors,” First Lady Barbour said. “Mississippi will only be prepared for emergencies when each community is prepared. That’s why we want a Citizen Corps Council in every county, so that we’re prepared before the next disaster.” As part of her promotion of Citizen Corps, the First Lady recorded public service announcements encouraging participation in local Councils. The announcements were sent to radio stations statewide.

Mississippi Citizen Corps was created to help coordinate volunteer activities that make communities safer, stronger and better prepared to respond to any emergency situation and provide opportunities for people to participate in a range of measures to make their families, homes and communities safer from the threats of crime, terrorism and disasters of all kinds.

MISSISSIPPI OVERVIEW

- Eight county/local councils serve 267,815 (9% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

County

- Columbus-Lowndes County Citizen Corps Council
- DeSoto County Emergency Management Agency
- Leflore County Emergency Management

Local

- Gautier Citizen Corps Council
- Glendora Citizen Corps Council
- Gulfport Citizen Corps Council
- Hattiesburg/CALE Citizen Corps Council
- Isola Citizen Corps Council

FUNDING

FY05

- \$180,151
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$466,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$251,703
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriation for Citizen Corps

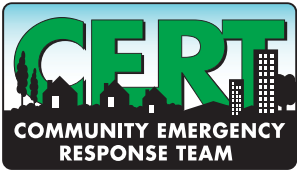
FY02

- \$53,732 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$228,363 CERT funding through FEMA

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PROGRAM PARTNERS IN MISSISSIPPI



CERT

- 55 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 4 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 205 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 30 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 3 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 1 Fire Corps program

Community Highlights

Mississippi Citizen Corps

Mississippi Citizen Corps has a highly successful CERT program. The state has a total of 55 active CERTs in local communities across the state—with many of the teams run by local businesses, churches and schools. In fact, Mississippi ranks among the top in the nation for its numerous college and university CERT teams with a total of 22 teams from the following schools*:

- Alcorn State University
- Jackson State University
- Jones County Junior College
- Meridian Community College
- MS University for Women
- MS Gulf Coast Community College
- NW MS Community College
- University of Mississippi

* Ole Miss holds the state record with 10 University CERT Teams.

Gautier City Corps Council

The Gautier City Corps Council formed a city-wide Neighborhood Watch Program in response to burglaries and vandalism in its community. The program received credit for helping to lead to the arrest and conviction in a drive-by shooting incident, as well as other crimes. The Council also conducts Methamphetamine Lab Seminars to increase drug reporting.

Hattiesburg/CALE Citizen Corps Council

The Hattiesburg/CALE Citizen Corps Council has created a program to address emergency preparedness for adults with learning disabilities. The work is expected to provide a model for Councils across Mississippi and possibly the nation.

Isola Citizen Corps Council

The Isola Citizen Corps Council has a plan to improve emergency preparedness in its community. In 2003, a tornado devastated the small town with a population of less than 1,000 residents. With the help of a Citizen Corps grant, the town, its local residents and faith-based organizations in surrounding communities are starting a local Citizen Corps Council focused on being prepared for emergencies and disasters in the future.

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MISSOURI STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

Missouri Disaster Recovery Partnership/State Council

The Disaster Recovery Partnership was created by Executive Order after the Great Flood of 1993 to improve the coordination and response to the overwhelming human needs caused by the event. The Partnership was reaffirmed by Executive Order 03-23 in December 2003. As charged in the Executive Order, the Partnership's responsibilities are:

- Reviewing and implementing, as appropriate, the recommendations of the original Disaster Recovery Partnership
- Reviewing the human services disaster response and recovery delivery methods with a goal of improving service to the citizens of Missouri
- Designing methods for more rapid collection and analysis of data on disaster victims and their needs
- Developing a simplified intake system linked to centralized databanks to improve human services response and recovery services
- Establishing more rapid and complete communications to disaster victims and caregivers during emergency response and recovery stages
- Promoting, training, and supporting local committees, similar to the local unmet needs committees formed during the flood of 1993, with additional attention to the establishment and representation of community Citizen Councils
- Functioning as a Statewide Citizen Corps Council for the State of Missouri, with support to the Homeland Security Council on post-disaster human service issues

Community Highlights

Partnership/Council Mission

The mission of the Disaster Recovery Partnership is to aid Missourians' recovery plans by developing and implementing a holistic approach to disaster recovery. The Partnership also maximizes public and private resources to facilitate an efficient, effective and integrated system addressing human services, housing, infrastructure, community and economic development issues.

Vision Statement of the Disaster Recovery Partnership

The Disaster Recovery Partnership acts to enhance Missouri's ability to plan and prepare for, mitigate against, respond to and recover from any disaster so that all Missourians, directly or indirectly affected, may be associated and empowered during their recovery.

Upcoming Meetings

The State Citizen Corps Council/State Disaster Recovery Partnership has regular quarterly meetings, and additional emergency meetings if needed. Quarterly meetings are held the second Thursday of March, June, September and December. In 2005 the dates will be March 10, June 9, September 8 and December 8.

MISSOURI OVERVIEW

- Forty-six county and local Councils serving 2,779,397 (50% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Audrain Co. Citizen Corp Council
- Ava/Douglas County LEPC/Citizen Corps
- Barry / Lawrence Citizen Corps
- Bates County Citizen Corps Council
- Butler County Citizen Corps Council
- Christian County Citizen Corps
- Clay County Citizens Corp
- Cooper County Citizen Corps Council
- Dunklin County Citizen Corps Council
- EMAC-Citizen Corp Council
- Grundy County Citizens Corps
- Iron County Long Term Recovery Committee

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FUNDING

FY05

- \$257,567
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$666,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$359,670
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$76,748 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$326,177 CERT funding through FEMA

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CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS (Continued)

Counties

- Johnson County Citizen Corps Council
- Joplin-Jasper County LEPC/Citizen Corp Council
- Laclede County Citizen Corps
- Madison County Caring Council Disaster Task Force
- Marion County Citizen Corps
- McDonald County LEPC
- Metro West Fire Protection District Citizen Corps Council
- Miller County Citizen Corps
- Newton County Citizen Corps Council
- Putnam County Citizen Corps Council
- Perry County EMAC
- Phelps County Disaster Committee
- Platte County Citizen Corps
- Polk County Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Pulaski County Emergency Management
- Reynolds County Citizen Corps
- Stoddard County Citizens Corps
- Council/EMAC
- Scott County Citizen Corps
- Sedalia-Pettis County Missouri Emergency Management
- St. Louis County Citizens Corps Council

Local

- Rock Community Citizens Corps
- Carrollton Citizen Corps
- Chesterfield Citizen Corps
- City of Columbia Citizen Corps Council
- City of Eureka Office of Emergency Management
- Glenaire, Missouri (Incorporated City)
- City of Hazelwood Emergency Management Agency
- Independence Citizen Corps
- Kansas City Metropolitan Community Organizations Active in Disaster
- KC Safe City Initiative
- Boles Area Citizen Corps Council
- Moscow Mills Missouri Citizen Corps Council
- City of Pacific Emergency Management
- Republic Emergency Management Agency

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN MISSOURI



CERT

- 90 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 14 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 93 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 57 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 3 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 2 Fire Corps programs

Partnership/Council Membership, Committee and Contact People

The Partnership is comprised of governmental and private agency representatives.

Current members represent the state departments of:

- Agriculture
- Economic Development
- Elementary and Secondary Education
- Health and Senior Services
- Insurance
- Labor and Industrial Relations
- Mental Health
- Social Services
- Natural Resources
- Conservation
- State Emergency Management Agency
- Office of Administration
- Missouri Housing Development Commission
- Missouri Community Service Commission
- USDA Rural Development
- Missouri National Guard
- FEMA Region VII

Private agency members represent:

- AmeriCorps
- Missouri Baptist Disaster Relief
- Church World Service,
- Missouri Association for Social Welfare
- Missouri Legal Services Support Center
- University Outreach and Extension
- Salvation Army
- Missouri Association for Community Action
- Missouri Catholic Conference
- Missouri Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
- American Red Cross
- Missouri AFL-CIO
- Missouri Interfaith Disaster Response Organization

The Partnership is directed by two co-chairs. One co-chair represents the public sector members of the Partnership and is appointed by the Governor, currently filled by David Cosgrove of the Governor's Office. The second co-chair represents the private sector members of the Partnership and is elected by a majority vote of such members, currently filled by Karen Benson of the United Methodist Disaster Response Team.

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MONTANA STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The State of Montana has 13 Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC) or Tribal Emergency Response Commissions (TERC). All federal funding received in FY 2002 and FY 2003 has been used to provide Citizen Corps Council development and CERT training to Montana citizens. Eight CERTs have registered and another eight are working towards training and registration. The State Citizen Corps Council has reviewed and adopted a strategic plan as a part of the Montana State Homeland Security strategic plan.

Montana's Citizen Corps Council works closely with the Corporation National and Community Service (CNCS, through the Montana Commission on Community Service) to sponsor AmeriCorps VISTA, to recruit and maintain volunteers, and to coordinate volunteer liability coverage with counties and tribal nations.

CERT training is now officially recognized as valid for Continuing Education Units (CEU) credit by the Montana EMS Association. They are also working to obtain CEU credit for POST and FIRE associations.

Community Highlights

The Lewis & Clark County Citizen Corps Council is building the county's strong federal/state/local agency network, creating leadership components, empowering the Council, working with Montana state government on community safety issues, and serving as an integral part of the Lewis & Clark County Disaster and Emergency Services to better respond to natural and man-made disasters. They are also working with local educators at elementary, secondary and college levels to sustain volunteer training. The Citizen Corps Council has participated in FY2002-04 grants programs. They trained 112 volunteers in CERT who are now registered to serve as a part of the County Emergency Response Plan. The County also has an active Medical Reserve Corps program.

The Yellowstone County Citizen Corps Council and its CERT sub-Council have trained over 120 volunteers. In addition, the sub-Council has trained CERT personnel in six surrounding counties and is now developing a regional database of emergency responders. The combined groups conducted a two-day emergency exercise plus a county-wide awareness day. The Council coordinates with a Medical Reserve Corps unit, and

MONTANA OVERVIEW

- Thirteen county Councils serving 483,994 (54% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- CCC of Carbon County
- CCC of Custer County
- CCC of Dawson County
- CCC of Powder River County
- CCC of Prairie County
- CCC of Yellowstone County
- Flathead County Citizens Corps
- Gallatin County All Hazards All Discipline Group / CCC
- Jefferson CCC
- Lewis and Clark County CCC
- Missoula County Disaster Planning
- Pondera County CCC
- Richland County CCC

FUNDING

FY05

- \$126,305
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$326,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$176,000
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$38,000 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$159,000 CERT funding through FEMA

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PROGRAM PARTNERS IN MONTANA



CERT

- 8 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed on the CERT directory



VIPS

- 3 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 20 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in coordination with 13 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 2 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 2 Fire Corps programs

Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), through the Billings Police Department. The Council also works closely with VOAD agencies to coordinate disaster related donations.

The Richland County Citizen Corps Council has trained nearly 100 CERT volunteers and is working to offer training to surrounding counties to build a regional CERT program.

The Gallatin County All Hazards, All Disciplines Citizen Corps Council is working with Montana State University to set up a county-wide CERT program with specific components on the Montana State University campus. The campus has a population equal in size to Bozeman, Montana (its host community).

The Custer County Citizen Corps Council is developing and conducting CERT training.

The Carbon County Citizen Corps Council is currently under development. It has conducted two CERT training classes.

The Flathead County Citizen Corps Council is still under development.

The Powder River Citizen Corps Council, Dawson County Citizen Corps Council, and Prairie County Citizen Corps Council all formed in November 2004.

The Blackfeet Nation Citizen Corps Council formed in 2004. There are over 275 CERT trained volunteers. In fact, 54 members of the CERT program supported FEMA in the 2004 Florida hurricanes.

The Missoula County Citizen Corps Council formed in November 2004 and maintains a VIPS site.

The Madison County Citizen Corps Council formed in 2004.

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NEBRASKA STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The Nebraska State Citizen Corps Council serves as a link between the National Citizen Corps initiative and county Councils throughout Nebraska. The state Council encourages county Councils to link with existing community groups to incorporate the strengths of each and foster partnerships. Leadership from the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency and the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission maintain directional partnerships with statewide affiliate programs including the Red Cross, The Salvation Army, The American Legion, Amateur Radio Relay League, and others. The Council guides the planning and implementation of Citizen Corps programs throughout the State of Nebraska by participant involvement in the State Emergency Response Commission and Nebraska VOAD. The Council meets annually to determine grant funding and direction for Nebraska Citizen Corps Councils, and to direct the Citizen Corps State point of contact and NEMA public information officer to manage and lead statewide initiatives.

State Citizen Corps Preparedness Strategies

Councils statewide are working on education campaigns to identify citizen/volunteer response protocols for emergency scenarios supporting the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP). Councils are encouraged to involve citizen participation in planning, community surveys, information dissemination, and in emergency drills. The networking among community partners and emergency personnel fosters trust and develops grassroots commitment to the statewide goal of Nebraska Citizen Corps: to have citizens who are aware of community hazards, prepared for appropriate action, committed to local protocols and connected to organizations that utilize or supplement their abilities.

Activities for 2005 include, but are not limited to: ongoing Council meetings and community networking; development and distribution of Citizen Awareness Surveys and citizen response surveys that guide the design of local emergency response protocols for citizens and volunteers; establishment of statewide CERT standards; statewide public relations campaign for citizen action and involvement; and citizen response practice involving Nebraska's Amateur Radio.

NEBRASKA OVERVIEW

- Ten county/local Councils serving 806,530 (47% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Adams County Citizen Corps Council
- Cherry County Citizen Corps Council
- Gage County Citizen Corps Council
- Keya Paha County Citizen Corps Council
- Lancaster County Citizen Corps Council
- Perkins County Citizen Corps Council
- Platte County Citizen Corps Council

Local

- Gordon Citizen Corps Council
- Omaha Police Dept Citizen Corps Council

FUNDING

FY05

- \$148,836
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$384,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$207,657
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$44,226 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$187,962 CERT funding through FEMA

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**PROGRAM PARTNERS
IN NEBRASKA**



CERT

- 6 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 4 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 770 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 326 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 1 Medical Reserve Corps unit



Fire Corps

- No registered Fire Corps programs since national launch in December 2004

Community Highlights

Cherry County and Keya Pava County Citizen Corps

Cherry County and Keya Pava County are comprised of rural communities with limited resources for emergency response. Consequently the Citizen Corps Councils and CERT teams play an important part in community safety. Awareness information and volunteer applications are distributed at county fairs and other community venues. CERT teams will participate in emergency exercises in 2005.

Douglas County Citizen Corps

Over the past few years, Nebraska CERT has provided a tangible way to involve citizens in emergency response. Omaha's Citizen Corps Council increased the number of Neighborhood Watch groups, expanded its COPS program, and strongly promoted citizen participation in CERT training and Medical Reserve Corps. The Council distributed informational materials in Spanish and English through a variety of venues: county fairs, "Salute to Safety Expos" through Community Resource Centers, and local newsletters.

Lancaster County Citizen Corps

The Lancaster County Citizen Corps Council creates opportunities for citizens to volunteer to help their communities prepare for and respond to emergencies. Student disaster education, Neighborhood and Business Watch programs, Volunteers in Police Service, CERT, and Emergency Volunteer Centers (EVC) provide ample opportunity for recruitment and training. In May 2004, local volunteers operated an EVC in response to the tornados that destroyed the town of Hallam.

Medical Reserve Corps

Omaha recruits practicing and retired physicians, nurses and other health professionals, as well as citizen volunteers to deliver public health services during a crisis, assist emergency response teams with patients or provide care directly to individuals with less serious injuries during the first 24 to 72 hours after an emergency.

Lincoln County COAD

The Lincoln County COAD is in the process of becoming a county Citizen Corps Council and represents the future design of many of Nebraska's Councils. A primary task of the Lincoln County Council lies in its relationship with the regional health department and support of Nebraska's bio-terrorism response plan. Nebraska's health departments will rely on volunteers in responding to any pandemic bio-threats.

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STATE OF NEVADA CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The State of Nevada Citizen Corps Council is supported by the Division of Emergency Management, which awards Citizen Corps grants through a competitive process. The State Council has partnered with FEMA Region IX staff to host the regional conference and a CERT Train-the-Trainer program in May 2004.

Community Highlights

The Civil Air Patrol (CAP), a Citizen Corps Affiliate, actively supports the state and local Councils. When government agencies chose Las Vegas as the site of the bioterrorism exercise, "Determined Promise," CAP pilots from the surrounding communities provided support to the Nevada Highway Patrol and the Army National Guard. CAP members flew reconnaissance above Interstate 15, checking the highway ahead of a shipment of simulated medication en route to a treatment distribution center at the fairgrounds in Logandale, Nevada. Another CAP pilot from the area helped the Department of Emergency Management take advance security photos of a convoy transporting simulated medication and medical equipment.

Washoe County's Citizen Homeland Security Council (CHSC) has established high standards for its volunteers. Each volunteer must complete a 14-hour course on terrorism awareness and disaster mitigation through the sheriff's department. Once trained, members of the CHSC carry out the goal to educate local citizenry in what would be considered a terrorist threat, as well as what to do should an attack occur. CHSC members are also expected to use their training and pass it on to their co-workers, employees, neighbors, and professional and social organizations.

The Washoe County Homeland Security Council began its CERT program in February 2004 with the goal to train current CHSC members, service groups, businesses, and neighborhoods.

The Las Vegas Fire and Rescue Department established a new community-based fire safety program with the Las Vegas Citizen Corps Council. The heart of the program is a comprehensive booklet, which addresses fire issues in Las Vegas and provides suggested fire safety techniques. The booklet is available in English and Spanish and covers such topics as family fire safety planning, posting of house numbers, security bars, types of fire extinguishers, how to report a fire, smoke detectors, and what to do if trapped by a fire.

NEVADA OVERVIEW

- Nine county/local councils serving 1,772,488 (89% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Countries

- Carson City CCC
- Citizen Homeland Security Council
- Clark County Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Mineral County CCC

Local

- Las Vegas CCC
- University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) CCC (CERT)
- Citizen Corp of Mesquite
- Neighborhood Council

FUNDING

FY05

- \$162,598
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$416,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$224,785
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$47,488
- Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$201,825 CERT funding through FEMA

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**PROGRAM PARTNERS
IN NEVADA**



CERT

- 7 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed on the CERT directory



VIPS

- 10 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 416 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 9 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 1 Medical Reserve Corps unit



Fire Corps

- 1 Fire Corps program

President George W. Bush met Maria Konold-Soto upon arrival in Las Vegas, Nevada, on November 25, 2003. Konold-Soto is an active volunteer with the Medical Reserve Corps unit in Las Vegas. As a volunteer, Konold-Soto recruits pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in the Las Vegas area to join Medical Reserve Corps and use their medical skills to benefit their community.

Clark County Citizen Corps volunteer, Charlie Kunz of Las Vegas, Nevada, greeted DHS Secretary Tom Ridge in Las Vegas on April 18, 2004. Mr. Kunz has been active in amateur radio since age 15. He is currently the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) Emergency Coordinator and the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) Officer for Clark County, Nevada, working with the Clark County Office of Emergency Management. Mr. Kunz leads 175 licensed Amateur Radio operators in the county who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment to provide reliable primary and secondary communications links for governmental agencies and/or non-profit organizations when needed. He and other members of ARES/RACES assisted with communications during the Lost Cabin wildfire outside of Las Vegas in July 2002.

Volunteers In Partnership with the Sheriff (VIPS) in Carson City covers almost every major facet of the sheriff's office, including a citizen's patrol, a substation, a "citizen's police academy", and other related tasks, to allow uniformed deputies to focus on protecting and serving the community.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The New Hampshire State Citizen Corps Council is a collaborative effort of strategic partnerships. These partnerships bring together the collective experience of talented individuals and resourceful organizations to achieve a better prepared citizenry. Among the New Hampshire Citizen Corps partners is the Corporation for National and Community Service, the American Red Cross, Transportation Security Agency (TSA), the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Bureau of Emergency Management (BEM), Metropolitan Medical Response System, Department of Education, and Volunteer New Hampshire.

FEMA Hurricane Relief Effort September 2004

The collective effort of the Council's partners and a pro-active media relations plan resulted in the successful deployment of 270 New Hampshire citizens to the hurricane ravaged gulf-states in September 2004. Granite Staters represented over 40% of the national requirement for volunteers, many of them serving three months or more with FEMA. In addition to bringing much needed relief to the region, New Hampshire now has a core cadre of well-trained and professional citizen volunteers.

Bureau of Emergency Management Augmenters

Along with the New Hampshire Bureau of Emergency Management (BEM), the New Hampshire State Citizen Corps Council will establish a cadre of trained citizen volunteers who, during times of emergency, will assist the staff in all BEM and EOC functions. This augmented staff will participate in staff training and drills and be fully integrated into the BEM operation. To create this cadre the Council will reach out to those citizens who deployed with FEMA in September 2004 and will capitalize on their willingness to volunteer and effectively utilize the valuable skills they have acquired through their work with FEMA.

Senior CERT

In partnership with the Department of Health and Human Services, RSVP and the College for Life-long Learning, Citizen Corps will reach out to its senior population to provide them with the emergency skills needed to help themselves and their neighbors in times of need or disaster. This training will be provided especially to those who reside in senior communities. The first senior CERT training is set to begin in the spring of 2005.

NEW HAMPSHIRE OVERVIEW

- Twenty-two local Councils serving 218,656 citizens (18% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Bristol LEPC
- Town of Chester
- Claremont Citizen Corps Council
- Colebrook Citizen Corp Council
- Deering Citizen Corps Council
- Derry Citizen Corps
- Town of Enfield
- Goffstown CERT
- Hampstead Citizen Corps Council
- Kensington
- Town of Kingston Citizen Corps
- Lincoln EM Citizen Corps Council
- Town of Litchfield Office of EM
- North Country Health Consortium
- Greater Nashua
- Newton NH Citizens Corps
- Pelham CERT Council
- Raymond EM CCC
- Salem
- Stewartstown / Clarksville CCC
- Surry Citizen Corps Council
- Thornton-Waterville Valley CCC

FUNDING

FY05

- \$136,453
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$352,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$190,152
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$40,456 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$171,937 CERT funding through FEMA

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**PROGRAM PARTNERS
IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**



CERT

- 6 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 3 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 15 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 12 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 3 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 1 Fire Corps program

College Campus CERT

Rivier College of Nashua is set to be the first campus in New Hampshire to establish and sustain a student based CERT, which has been organized in cooperation with the Nashua Citizen Corps Council, Daniel Webster College, the Amateur Radio Relay League, SMART and REACT. This CERT will consist of nearly 120 volunteers. Training begins in the spring of 2005.



The Town of Raymond New Hampshire CERT
New Hampshire State Citizen Corps Council

Tim Dupre, Executive Director, Volunteer New Hampshire
James Milliken, Chairman



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NEW JERSEY STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The New Jersey State Citizen Corps Council represents emergency managers, volunteer organizations, educators, state, county and local government officials and the private sector.

Working in partnership with the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management, the State Council and the State Police created a strategic plan for the development of a network of county and local Councils to coordinate activities. Three troopers coordinate activities in each of the State's three regions. In addition, a Sergeant First Class serves as the State Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training Coordinator.

New Jersey currently has a network of 140 Councils (leading the nation) serving 100% of the State's population.

In May 2004, a series of Citizen Corps Information Workshops in each of the 21 counties were presented to provide information on the grant funding and other support available for the development of Citizen Corps programs. Over 400 Mayors, Chiefs of Police, health officials, and community leaders, representing 298 of New Jersey's municipalities, were in attendance.

New Jersey has trained, equipped and organized more than 4,000 citizens into 130 Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). A fleet of 24 utility trailers, outfitted with emergency response and medical supplies is being deployed statewide to assist any CERT team deployed to an emergency or disaster scene in a community or region of the state.

In partnership with the New Jersey Department of Health & Senior Services and our 21 County Health officials, a Medical Reserve Corps is being formed, trained and equipped in every county.

Working in partnership with the New Jersey Chiefs of Police and the County Sheriffs, a standardized Neighborhood Watch training program has been established to facilitate the growth of Neighborhood Watch groups. The training expands on crime prevention themes that have been the mainstay of Neighborhood Watch, and introduces Disaster Preparedness and Terrorism Awareness for the citizenry.

Any Police Department coordinating a Neighborhood Watch group can coordinate with a Volunteer in Police Services (VIPS) representative to assist with the efforts. In addition, several Police agencies are developing a Police Chaplain program under VIPS.

A strategic plan for the statewide implementation of Fire Corps is under way.

Community Highlights

New Jersey trained and equipped 59 people as part of the Ellis Island/Liberty Island CERT team, in cooperation with the U.S. Park Police.

More than 700 state employees have been trained and organized into workplace based CERT teams and are available as necessary to supplement local responders.

NEW JERSEY OVERVIEW

- One hundred and thirty-nine county/local Councils serving 8,413,990 (100% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Atlantic County Emergency Management Advisory Board (LEPC)
- Bergen County Emergency Management
- Burlington County LEPC
- Camden County Citizen Corps Council
- Cape May County EMCC Citizen Corps Council
- Cumberland County Citizens Corps Council
- Essex County Sheriff Office/ Office of Emergency Management
- Gloucester County LEPC
- Hudson County Citizen Corps Council
- Hunterdon County Emergency Management LEPC
- Mercer County LEPC
- Middlesex County Citizen Corps Coordinating Council
- Monmouth County Citizen Corps Council
- Morris County Citizen Corps Council
- Ocean County Citizen Corps Council
- Passaic County Citizen Corps Council
- Salem County LEPC
- Somerset County Citizen Corps Council
- Somerset County LEPC
- Sussex County Citizens Corps Council
- Union County Citizen Corps Council
- Warren County NJ Citizens Corps Council

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FUNDING

FY05

- \$338,019
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$874,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$472,144
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$100,452 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$426,923 CERT funding through FEMA

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CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS (Continued)

Cities

- Alpha Borough LEPC
- Avalon CCC
- Bedminster Twp. CERT
- Belleville CCC
- Berkeley Twp
- Blairstown Twp
- Borough of Allendale Emer Mgmt
- City of Garfield OEM
- Borough of Lincoln Park OEM
- Borough of Maywood
- Borough of Oradell Citizen Corps
- Borough of Paramus CCC
- Borough of Ramsey Emer Mgmt
- Cape May Point CCC
- Carteret LEPC
- Chatham LEPC
- Chatham Twp LEPC
- Cherry Hill Twp CCC
- Citizens Corps of Jersey City
- Citizens for Emer Preparedness
- City of Cape May
- City of Vineland LEPC
- City of Woodbury OEM
- Cliffside Park OEM
- Commercial Twp OEM
- Cresskill New Jersey Emer Mgmt Council
- Deerfield OEM
- Dover Twp LEPC
- Downe Twp OEM
- Drew University
- East Amwell CCC
- East Orange City
- East Rutherford
- Englewood Cliffs Citizen's Alert Program
- Ewing NJ OEM
- Fair Lawn LEPC
- Fairfield OEM
- Fairfield Twp CCC
- Fort Lee OEM
- Glen Rock Volunteers
- Gloucester City OEM LEPC
- Greenwich OEM
- Hackettstown OEM
- Haddon Heights OEM Citizen Corps
- Harvey Cedars CCC
- Hoboken Citizens for Emer Preparedness
- Holmdel Twp CCC
- Hopewell OEM
- Howell Twp OEM LEPC
- Howell Twp, Farmingdale Boro CCC
- Irvington Twp. CCC
- Lakehurst CCC
- Leonia Emer Mgmt
- Local Emer Planning Council
- Lodi CCC
- Lyndhurst OEM
- Lyndhurst Police Department
- Manalapan Twp Volunteer Public Health Response Team
- Manchester Twp
- Mannington Twp LEPC
- Mansfield Twp CCC
- Medford Twp LEPC
- Middlesex Borough OEM
- Middletown CCC
- Millburn OEM - CERT
- Millstone Twp CCC
- Monroe Twp CCC
- Montclair State University Emer Services
- Moorestown Twp LEPC
- Morris Twp LEPC
- Mount Olive Twp LEPC
- Newark CCC
- Newport Waterfront Association
- Nutley CCC, Division of OEM
- OCNJ CCC
- Oaklyn Borough CCC
- Ocean Twp
- Oceanport LEPC
- Old Bridge LEPC
- Old Tappan CCC
- Parsippany-Troy Hills CCC
- Plumsted Twp OEM
- Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
- Randolph Twp LEPC

- Raritan Borough CCC
- Ridgfield Emer Mgmt
- Ridgewood CCC
- Riverdale Borough LEPC
- River Vale CCC
- Secaucus OEM
- Shamong Twp OEM
- Shiloh OEM
- South Orange CCC
- South Plainfield OEM
- Springfield LEPC
- Spring Lake Heights CCC
- Stone Harbor
- Stow Creek OEM
- Tabernacle LEPC
- Town of Phillipsburg CCC
- Town of Secaucus Citizen Corps
- Twp of Bloomfield OEM
- Twp of Maplewood
- Trenton LEPC
- Tri-Boro CCC
- Union Beach LEPC
- Union Twp CCC
- Upper Deerfield CCC
- Victory Gardens LEPC
- Voorhees LEPC
- Waldwick Local CCC
- Warren Twp CERT
- Washington Twp CERT Team
- Wayne Township CCC
- West Cape May Boro
- West Milford OEM
- West Orange Twp CCC
- Woodbridge Twp LEPC/OEM

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN NEW JERSEY



CERT

- 79 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 23 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 133 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 89 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 10 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 3 Fire Corps programs

509 CERT Program Managers/Instructors have been certified and are in place throughout the State to assist with training and program management responsibilities.

The Ewing Township Office of Emergency Management CERT team, the first in the state, assisted law enforcement during the anthrax investigation in Mercer County. Trained volunteers placed barricades to protect crime scenes and the public and canvassed the neighbors in the area of the mailbox where the anthrax letter was believed to have originated.

This CERT team also regularly assists with the transportation of kidney dialysis patients requiring regular life sustaining attention during snowstorms and provides crowd control capabilities during events and local emergencies.

When Fair Lawn Police Officer Maryann Collura was killed in the line of duty, the Interlocal CERT Team of Fair Lawn/Paramus/Ridgewood was activated to assist police in staffing the town emergency operations center in order to allow more police officers to work on the case.

The Cherry Hill CERT, formed in early 2003, has nearly 100 members. The CERT team has been utilized at various community events, including Halloween and mischief nights, and emergency management exercises.

The Brielle CERT was formed in January 2004 and was recently activated to assist local emergency response and environmental protection authorities with the clean up of an oil spill that contaminated the beaches of the New Jersey shoreline in Monmouth and Ocean Counties. Oil was cleaned from the beaches and affected wildlife were cared for as necessary.

At the scene of a large apartment complex fire in East Orange, the local CERT Team helped the American Red Cross establish and staff emergency shelter facilities for the displaced residents of the burning building. Team members performed basic first aid, distributed necessities, and provided comfort to their fellow citizens.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The State of New Mexico Citizen Corps Council is supported by and organized through New Mexico Office of Homeland Security, Office of the Governor. The Governor's Office has partnered with the Department of Public Safety and Office of Emergency Management in a coordinated effort to provide guidance and support for the implementation of Citizen Corps programs throughout the state.

Community Highlights

Governor Bill Richardson has gathered a number of people to be appointed to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security Citizen Corps Council. This Council brings together a roster of diverse agencies and people familiar with the needs unique to a state as large and diverse as New Mexico.

National Preparedness Month

To recognize National Preparedness Month 2004, the New Mexico Office of Homeland Security has released one homeland security publication each week. The focus of the publication is to improve the safety and security of the people of New Mexico and the nation. The documents will be distributed in local communities through the Citizen Corps Councils.

The publications and their release dates are:

September 3: Integrated Systems Analysis

This publication defines critical infrastructure for homeland security and explains how New Mexico will engage in its protection. The authors are General Annette Sobel, Director of the Office of Homeland Security for Governor Richardson; Ken White, New Mexico State University; Jackie Hood, University of New Mexico; and, David Albright, Chief of Staff for Homeland Security.

September 10: Combating Terrorism: A Strategic Framework

This is the first homeland security lecture sponsored by Governor Richardson's Office of Homeland Security. The lecture provides insight into how we can better defend our state and nation. The lecture on combating terrorism was presented by Major Bill Casebeer, Professor at the Air Force Academy.

NEW MEXICO OVERVIEW

- Six county/local Councils serving 397,284 (22% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Sierra County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
- Rio Rancho County CC
- Chaves County Citizen Corps Council
- Grant County CERT
- San Juan County Citizen Corps Council
- Santa Fe County Citizen Corps Council
- Sierra County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Local

- Rio Rancho Citizen Corps Council

FUNDING

FY05

- \$152,547
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$393,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$212,510
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$45,189
- Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$192,052
- CERT funding through FEMA

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**PROGRAM PARTNERS
IN NEW MEXICO**



CERT

- 6 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 8 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 27 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 15 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 1 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 1 Fire Corps program

September 17: Statewide Highway Incident Management Plan
This plan was led by Mark Martinez, Department of Public Safety, through the New Mexico Surety Task Force, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration. This plan will result in more rapid clearance of vehicles from New Mexico's interstate roadways and the National Highway System, decreasing traffic delays and increasing safety and security of the public. This document incorporates the needs of federal, state, and local communities.

September 24: School Bus Driver Security Training Program
This program was prepared by Ream Lazaro, through the New Mexico Surety Task Force and in cooperation with the New Mexico Public Education Department and the New Mexico Department of Transportation. Every school bus driver in New Mexico will have this training to improve the safety and security of school bus operations. New Mexico is the lead state in this effort to better protect our children. This publication impacts every community in our state. The Governor's Office will distribute copies to offices of homeland security across America.

Citizen Corps is the only way these documents will reach local communities in New Mexico. If your Citizen Corps programs are interested in these publications, please contact Brenda Mares (505-476-1055, Brenda.Mares@state.nm.us).

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NEW YORK STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

On April 23, 2003, Governor Pataki designated the New York State Disaster Preparedness Commission (DPC) to serve as the New York State Citizen Corps Council. The New York State Emergency Management Office is responsible for implementing the different Citizen Corps programs to provide better coordination of the overall initiative.

The Disaster Preparedness Commission is comprised of the commissioners, directors or chairmen of 23 state agencies or offices and one volunteer organization, the American Red Cross. Among its responsibilities are the preparation of state disaster plans; directing state disaster operations and coordinating those with local government operations; and coordinating federal, state and private recovery efforts.

The New York State Citizen Corps Council works closely with the Coordinated Community Volunteer Response (CCVR) program of New York State. CCVR, working out of SEMO's Headquarters and Regional Offices, conducts outreach efforts to help recruit local volunteers for partner agencies and organizations, coordinate community partnership building, and track volunteer recruitment and training statistics. The CCVR program, funded by the Corporation for National Service, has been instrumental in helping to spread the word about Citizen Corps, its mission, and its component programs.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

The Community of Monroe Citizen Corps Council has been identified as one of the State's model Citizen Corps programs. Working closely with the City of Rochester, home to New York State's first CERT program, and other jurisdictions within the county, CMCC has effectively built strong relationships with volunteer leaders and the community. CMCC has secured a grant with the AD Council of Rochester to develop and implement a marketing strategy to deliver the CMCC program to the public. Frontier Communications, a local telephone carrier, maintains a 1-800 number for Citizen Corps information for CMCC at no cost. CMCC has partnered with the Rochester Business Alliance to engage businesses to support Citizen Corps through program feedback, in-kind donations, and volunteer recruitment. The Council itself is organized into a number of committees to better address and support key activities, including the designated Citizen Corps programs, and to handle the necessities of communications and marketing, recruitment and retention, and coordination of special needs activities. CMCC is coordinating with neighboring counties to explore joint program support and sharing of information and best practices. This program will continue into 2005 with all of these initiatives, in addition to a CERT rollout for the deaf and hearing impaired.

Coordinated by the City's Office of Emergency Management (OEM), the

NEW YORK OVERVIEW

- Fifty county/local/tribal Councils serving 14,296,991 (75% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Albany County Citizen Corps Council
- Broome County Citizen Corps
- Cayuga County Citizen Corps Council
- Chemung County CCC
- CCC of Cattaraugus County
- Clinton County Citizen Corps Council
- Community of Monroe CCC
- Cortland County Citizen Corps Council
- Erie County Citizen Corps Council
- Essex County Citizen Corps Council
- Franklin County Citizens Corps
- Genesee Region CCC
- Genesee Valley Health Partnership MRC
- Jefferson County Local Human Needs Committee
- Madison County Citizen Corps Council
- MRC of Dutchess County, NY

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FUNDING

FY05

- \$627,360
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$1,628,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$879,497
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$187,865 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$798,428 CERT funding through FEMA

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CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS (Continued)

Counties

- Nassau County Citizen Corps
- Oneida County Citizen Corps Council
- Onondaga County Citizen Corps
- Ontario County Citizen Corps Council
- Otsego County Citizen Corps Council
- Peekskill Citizen Emergency Support Services
- Putnam County Dept. Of Health Medical Reserve Corps
- Rensselaer County L.E.P.C./Citizen Core Council
- Schoharie County Citizen Corps Council
- Schuyler County Citizen Corps Council
- Seneca County Citizen Corps Council/Human Needs Task Force
- Steuben County Citizen Corps Council
- Suffolk County Citizen Corps Council
- Tioga County Citizen Corps Council
- Warren County Citizen Corps Council
- Wayne County Citizens Corps Council:
- Westchester Volunteer Advisory Committee

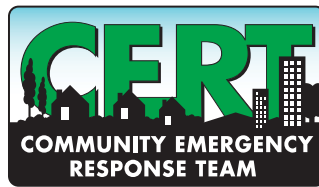
Cities

- City of Yonkers Citizen Corps Council
- Clifton Park Citizen Corps Council
- Cortlandt Regional Emergency Planning Task Force
- Frankfort Fire Department Citizens Fire Safety Committee
- Freehold-Caro-East Durham-Greenville Citizen Corps Council
- Grand Island Citizen Corps Council
- Hastings Citizen Corps
- Milan Citizen Corps Council
- New Castle Citizen Corps Council
- New Rochelle Citizen Corps
- Niagara Falls Citizen Corps Council
- North Castle Citizen Corps Council
- NYC Citizen Corps Council
- Town of Eastchester
- Town of Malta Emergency Preparedness Committee
- Town of Tonawanda Emergency Management Task Force

Tribal

- Akwesasne Citizen Corps Council

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN NEW YORK



CERT

- 22 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 31 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 211 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 63 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 15 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 6 Fire Corps programs

Citizen Corps Council of New York City brings together leaders from law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical, emergency management, volunteer organizations, the private sector and local elected officials to engage citizens in homeland security and promote community preparedness through public education and outreach and volunteer programs. The Council exercises inclusive membership and ensures programs are available to meet all levels of interest and capability. "Ready New York" - a citywide household preparedness campaign - offers a comprehensive suite of tips and information designed to help New Yorkers better prepare for all types of emergencies. Centered on a household preparedness guide, the campaign also includes public service announcements, a speaker's bureau and more detailed information on the internet. New York City's Citizen Corps has taken part in every aspect of the Citizen Corps initiative – including the establishment and training of CERT programs in all five boroughs. OEM partnered with FDNY, NYPD, the Red Cross, NYSEMO, FEMA and other entities to customize the CERT curriculum to better meet the needs of the residents of the Big Apple.

The Clifton Park Citizen Corps Council encourages local citizen participation in the areas of emergency preparedness, response and recovery. The Council is a multi-agency collaboration, bringing together Clifton Park residents, organizations, and businesses. In 2004 the Clifton Park Citizen Corps Council organized a 9-11 Recognition Family Safety Expo to offer families fun and informative activities about emergency preparedness, response, and recovery. Demonstrations and presentations were given by local first response agencies, State Police, NYSEMO, and others. More than 1,000 town residents attended. The Council also sponsored two free First Aid/CPR/AED classes along with graduating their first CERT class. They are currently building a Special Needs Registry Database and are working closely with Town Emergency Management to support emergency operations.

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NORTH CAROLINA STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The state of North Carolina Citizen Corps Program is coordinated by the North Carolina Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service. The state coordinator works closely with local and tribal governments from the Atlantic coast to the Smoky Mountains, forming a tightly woven state and local partnership to promote emergency preparedness and volunteerism.

North Carolina's Citizen Corps Program is a major preparedness component of Governor Mike Easley's volunteer initiative – an effort to capture and promote a renewed spirit of volunteer service and community preparedness that emerged in North Carolina following the tragic events of September 11, 2001. On June 4, 2002 Governor Easley announced North Carolina's participation in Citizen Corps stating, "It is imperative that we be motivated by compassion for our fellow citizens more than by contempt for our enemies. We must focus our energy on helping those who are hurt and protecting future acts of violence." The goal of North Carolina Citizen Corps is to engage volunteers in specific homeland security efforts in their local communities. Its mission is to have people of all ages participate in making their communities safer, stronger and better prepared for preventing and responding to acts of terrorism, crime and disasters of all kinds.

Citizen Corps in North Carolina is supported by numerous local Citizen Corps Councils. The Councils are comprised of groups of local leaders who encourage year-round citizen involvement in Citizen Corps programs. They also expand upon existing opportunities in other volunteer programs that are focused on personal and community safety, public health, disaster preparedness and response. Because every community is different, cities and counties in North Carolina are creating Citizen Corps Councils of their own design – bringing together first responders, volunteer organizations, law enforcement agencies, local elected officials, hospitals and schools.

The grassroots initiative unites leaders from the public and private sectors to harness the volunteer spirit of those who want to help prepare for and respond to threats of terrorism, crime and other disasters. With citizens better prepared to help themselves and their neighbors during a crisis, public safety officials can focus their attention on the most critical, life threatening situations.

NORTH CAROLINA OVERVIEW

- Sixty-seven county/local Councils serving 5,007,762 (63% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Alamance County LEPC
- Bertie County LEPC
- Bladen County LEPC
- Brunswick County LEPC – Citizen Corps Committee
- Buncombe County Citizen Corps Council
- Burke County Citizen Corps Council
- Cabarrus County Citizen Corps Council
- Carteret County Citizen Corps Council
- Catawba County Citizen Corps Council
- Chatham County Citizen Corps Council
- Citizen Corps Coalition of Charlotte Mecklenburg

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FUNDING

FY05

- \$331,680
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$855,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$461,730
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$97,977 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$416,400 CERT funding through FEMA

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CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS (Continued)

Counties

- Clay County Citizen Corps
- Columbus County LEPC
- Durham County LEPC
- Edgecombe County Citizen Corps
- Emergency Response Committee of Martin County
- Forsyth County LEPC
- Franklin County LEPC
- Guilford County LEPC
- Haywood County Citizen Corps Council
- Henderson County LEPC
- Henderson-Vance County Citizen Corps Council
- Iredell County Citizen Corps Council
- Johnston County Community Incident Readiness Support Team
- Military-Civilian Task Force for Emergency Preparedness
- Moore County Citizen Corps Council
- New Hanover County LEPC
- Orange County Citizen Corps Council
- Pamlico County Citizen Corps
- Person County LEPC
- Pitt County Citizen Corps Council
- Randolph County Citizen Corps
- Rowan County LEPC / Salisbury Citizen Corps Subcommittee
- Stokes County LEPC
- Surry County Citizen Corps Council
- Union County Citizen Corps Council
- Warren County Citizen Corps
- Washington County Fire Commission
- Wayne County Citizen Corps

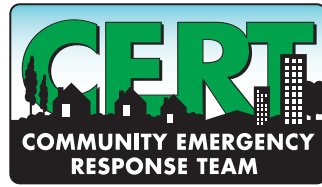
Cities

- Broad River Community Citizen Corps
- Bolton Citizen Corps
- Lake Royale POA Citizen Corps
- Concord Citizen Corps
- Conover-Newton Citizen Corps
- Conway-Severn Volunteer Rescue
- Glen Alpine Citizen Corps
- Havelock Citizen Corps
- North Carolina State Guard Reserve
- Holden Beach Citizen Corps
- Landis Citizen Corps
- Northwest Citizen Corps
- Marion Citizen Corps
- Matthews Citizen Corps
- New Bern Citizen Corps
- Newport Citizen Corps
- Pine Knoll Shores Citizen Corps
- Raleigh Fire Department
- Sandyfield Citizen Corps
- Shelby Citizen Corps
- Trent Woods Citizen Corps
- Waxham Citizen Corps
- White Lake Citizen Corps
- Wingate Citizen Corps

Tribal

- Meherrin Indian Tribe Citizen Corps
- Nottaway Tribal Community Citizen Corps

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN NORTH CAROLINA



CERT

- 48 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed on the CERT directory



VIPS

- 23 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 315 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 60 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 6 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 7 Fire Corps programs

Community Highlights

In January 2005, a Union County volunteer assisted a coworker who was having a seizure – he directly credited his ability to render aid to his CERT training. He initially helped his coworker by only keeping him from hurting himself while 9-1-1 was called for assistance. But when the seizure progressed to the point where breathing stopped, the airway was quickly cleared by tilting the head backward – a technique learned in his CERT training. The Union County CERT Program had been provided grant funding through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

In central North Carolina, Chatham County has a robust and active Citizen Corps program. Several Chatham County CERT teams from local churches were used during preparations for the hurricanes of 2004 – conducting a pre-disaster drill. The Chatham County Medical Reserve Corps participated in emergency drills with the local Health Department. The drills were designed to give participants knowledge of the Incident Command System used by emergency responders to coordinate disasters.

In collaboration with the North Carolina Community College System, the State Highway Patrol recently launched a Volunteer in Police Service (VIPS) Program.

North Carolina Citizen Corps has countless volunteer success stories – they have been crucial during multiple emergency situations, including:

- Staffed American Red Cross emergency shelters
- Conducted damage assessments following severe storms
- Assisted on search and rescue operations in several counties
- Assisted manning local Emergency Operations Centers

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NORTH DAKOTA STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

Governor John Hoeven announced his support for a statewide effort to implement Citizen Corps and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program in mid-January 2003. He asked First Lady Mikey Hoeven to chair the State Council, which is a partnership among the Office of the First Lady, the North Dakota Division of Emergency Management and the North Dakota League of Cities (co-sponsors), in addition to representatives of local and tribal governments, law enforcement, firefighters, the volunteer organizations active in disaster, emergency responders, the medical community, educators and the military.

The organizations represented on the Council include the ND Indian Affairs Commission, ND Rural Development Council, ND Police Chiefs Association, ND Fire Chiefs Association, ND Firefighters Association, ND Fire Marshal, ND Medical Association, ND Emergency Management Association, ND Association of Counties, ND Peace Officers Association, ND National Guard Family Program, Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, ND EMS Association and the ND 911 Association.

The State Council meets on an as-needed basis to develop policies, strategize ways to strengthen partnerships and identify marketing and educational opportunities for CERT and other Citizen Corps programs. For example, Council members and the co-sponsors worked during the state's legislative process to draft amendments to statutes addressing workers' compensation insurance for CERT volunteers.

Members of the Council completed work on a twelve-minute video explaining Citizen Corps and its programs, particularly CERT. First Lady Mikey Hoeven is the program's host and various State Council partners provide their perspectives on Citizen Corps programs. The video was a great success and is being used as a marketing tool across the state.

In addition to the State Council, North Dakota established a Committee of Advisers that includes: the United Tribes Educational Technical College, ND Safety Council, LEAD Center, Bio-terrorism Coordinator for the ND Department of Health, ND Newspaper Association, ND Broadcasters Association, ND Insurance Reserve Fund, ND Division of Emergency Management and the coordinator for the Basic Emergency Lifesaving Skills (BELSS) program.

NORTH DAKOTA OVERVIEW

- Twelve county/city Councils serving 328,714 (51% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Burleigh County Citizen Corps Council
- Cass County Citizen Corps Council
- Dickey County LEPC
- Hettinger County CCC
- McLean County CCC
- Morton County CCC
- Stark County CCC
- Stutsman County CCC
- Williston-Area CCC

Cities

- Bismarck Citizen Corps Council
- Minot Citizen Corps Council
- Wahpeton CCC

FUNDING

FY05

- \$118,523
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$306,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$165,444
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$35,268 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$149,891 CERT funding through FEMA

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PROGRAM PARTNERS IN NORTH DAKOTA



CERT

- 15 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 2 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 4 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 3 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- No registered Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- No registered Fire Corps programs since national launch in December 2004

The State Council has prepared and broadly distributed an action kit for all local councils and organizations with an interest in CERT training. The kit includes policy recommendations from the North Dakota Citizen Corps Council, an overview of the Citizen Corps Council and its programs, Community Emergency Response Team overview, liability considerations and sample news releases.

North Dakota Community Highlights

Citizen Corps program success stories include:

- Two CERT trained friends from Parshall, North Dakota, came upon a car on fire and directed traffic, in full CERT gear, until the fire department arrived.
- A man trained in Belcourt, North Dakota, was traveling in South Dakota and came across a truck that had rolled over. He triaged three people and offered medical attention until the EMT arrived.
- On New Years Eve thirty-two kids from Minot were injured in a sledding incident. Fortunately, their bus driver was CERT trained and was able to triage them, provide medical attention and, after the ambulance arrived, transported some of the injured to the hospital using the bus.

Additional highlights:

- The Minot and Jamestown CERT teams participated in their first full-scale disaster exercises.
- This February North Dakota will graduate the state's 500th CERT team member since January 2004.
- Businesses from all over North Dakota are donating employee time during the workday to take the CERT training.

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OHIO STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The Ohio Citizen Corps Council was formed in 2002 as a collaborative partnership between the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA) and the Ohio Community Service Council (OCSC). The Ohio Volunteer Centers Association (OVCA) and the Ohio Retired and Senior Volunteer Directors' Association (RSVP) have also been key partners in the development of Ohio Citizen Corps since its inception. The Ohio Citizen Corps Council, a state-level committee of the State of Ohio Security Task Force, is charged with facilitating the creation of county and local Citizen Corps Councils, coordinating citizen involvement in disaster preparedness, terrorism awareness, and crime prevention; and integrating citizen involvement into Ohio's Homeland Security efforts. The Council membership includes representatives from various state agencies, as well as volunteer-based disaster services organizations such as the American Red Cross and Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster.

In conjunction with its role in the state Council, Ohio EMA administers the Citizen Corps Program component of the Homeland Security grants in Ohio through the Emergency Management Agency offices of each participating county. In 2002, Ohio received \$653,331 for Citizen Corps Councils and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program from FEMA. Thirty-three counties received between \$2,000 and \$5,000 for formation of Councils and local outreach, as well as \$2,500 for each CERT course conducted in the community. Model Councils received additional incentives to share best practices and mentor new Councils. In 2003, FEMA awarded Ohio \$581,274 for the CERT program which was sub-granted to 38 counties based on a specific target number of trainees for each program. Jurisdictions continue to utilize these funds, and over 4,500 Ohioans have completed CERT training. Sixty-nine county and local Councils have been formed since Citizen Corps was introduced in Ohio. For the 2004 Citizen Corps Program grants from ODP, all Councils that applied for funding received a base amount of \$5,000 to enhance their Council's involvement in citizen-based homeland security projects. Additional money was sub-granted for CERT training, establishing MRC units, and unique local program proposals. Ohio has chosen to consistently pass through more than the required amount to counties from these grants, but retains some funds to conduct CERT instructor training courses (over 350 instructors trained) and to promote and administer the Citizen Corps Council programs throughout the state.

The cooperation between the founding members of the Ohio Citizen Corps continues to strengthen through new structures for delivering assistance to county and local Councils. Lead Volunteer Centers under OVCA representing nine Ohio homeland security regions have been awarded grant dollars to provide Ohio's Terrorism Awareness and Prevention (TAP) Train-the-Trainer sessions and *Building Private Sector Partnerships in the Community* seminars to the Councils in each region. RSVP, in addition to its volunteer recruitment efforts, is developing a proposal for a Senior Safety Program modeled on the DHS "Ready" campaign. Both organizations, with training and planning support from OCSC and Ohio EMA, are promoting the Volunteer Reception Center concept, a vehicle for processing unaffiliated, affiliated and medical volunteers in the event of a large-scale incident.

OHIO OVERVIEW

- Sixty-nine county/local Councils serving 9,891,960 citizens (87% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Allen County Citizen Corps Council
- Ashtabula County Citizen Corp Council
- Athens County Citizen Corp Council
- Auglaize County Citizens Council
- Belmont County Citizen Corps Council
- Brown County Citizen Corps Council
- Butler County Citizens Corps
- Clark County Citizen Corps Council
- Columbiana County (EMA)
- Coshocton County Citizen Corps
- Coordination Council
- Crawford County Citizen Corps Council
- Cuyahoga County Citizen Corps Council
- Darke County Citizen Corps Council

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FUNDING

FY05

- \$ 414,727
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$1,076,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$581,274
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$124,443 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$528,882 CERT funding through FEMA

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CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS (Continued)

Counties

- Defiance County Citizen Corps Council
- Delaware County CCC
- Erie/Huron County Citizen Corps
- Fairfield County EMA
- Fayette County Citizen Corps
- Franklin County Citizen Corps Council
- Gallia County Citizens Corps Council
- Greene County Citizen Corps Council
- Guernsey County CCC
- Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency
- Hancock County Citizen Corps Council
- Hardin County Citizens Corps
- Harrison County Citizens Corps
- Highland County Citizen Council
- Hocking County/CC of Hocking County
- Jackson County CCC
- Jefferson County CCC
- Knox County
- Lake County Citizen Corps Council
- Lawrence County CCC
- Licking County Citizens Corps Council
- Logan County Citizens Corps Council
- Citizen Corps of Lorain County
- Citizen Corps Council of Lucas County
- Madison County Citizen Corps
- Mahoning County CCC
- Medina County Citizen Corps Council
- Meigs County Homeland Security Council
- Mercer County Citizen Corps Council
- Miami County Citizen Corps Council
- Montgomery County CCC
- Morgan County
- Morrow County Citizen Corps
- Muskingum County
- Noble County CC Coordinated Council
- Perry County Citizen Corps Council
- Pike County Citizen Corps Council
- Portage County Citizen Corps Council
- Preble County Citizens Corps Council
- Putnam County United Way Volunteer Network
- Richland County Citizen Corps Council
- Scioto County Citizen Corps Council
- Shelby County Citizen Corps
- Stark County Citizen Corps
- Summit County
- Trumbull County Citizen Corps Council
- Tuscarawas County CCC
- Union County Citizen Corps - Div. of Union Co. EMA
- Van Wert County Emergency Management Agency
- Vinton County Citizen Corps Council
- Warren County Citizen Corps
- Washington County CCC

Local

- City of Kettering Volunteers
- City of Painesville Safety Committee
- Jefferson County Public Health CC
- Whitehall Ohio Citizens Corps Council

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN OHIO



CERT

- 47 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 29 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 340 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 71 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 8 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 2 Fire Corps programs

Community Highlights

First Lady of Ohio, Hope Taft, has developed the "On the Ohio Homefront" initiative. The purpose of the effort is to connect military families of deployed personnel to volunteer services in the community, as well as service and faith-based organizations and discounted services from local businesses to address potential financial burdens.

The Franklin County Citizen Corps has developed a mobilization plan for spontaneous volunteers that utilizes a Volunteer Reception Center model. The committee that developed this plan included participants from American Red Cross, the local volunteer center, the city health department and the Volunteer Administrator's Network.

Clark County CERT members donated their time to assist the health department with a countywide "flu-shot drill." This drill was designed to exercise the county's bioterrorism plan.

Madison County Citizen Corps has provided CERT training to over 100 high school seniors.

The Council has also coordinated CERT training with the Madison Correctional Facility as in-service training for its staff.

Tuscarawas County Citizen Corps volunteers have been trained to take damage assessment reports and answer telephones in the county Emergency Operations Center during disasters. In addition, the Council conducted a Volunteer Reception Center drill that included members from local law enforcement, fire, hospice, and other interested volunteers.

The City of Whitehall Citizen Corps Council activated its volunteers to assist the community in cleaning alley ways and creek beds, raising money for defibrillators at the police department, adopting needy families at holiday time through the SWAT Teams' Special Wishes and Toys project, and purchasing batteries and tracking bracelets for the fire department's Project Lifesaver. All the volunteer hours combined saved the city of Whitehall more than \$100,000 in manpower in 2004.

During the January 2005 floods in Ohio, there were numerous examples of Citizen Corps volunteer response to community needs, including debris removal, sandbagging, damage assessments, door-to-door notification to residents and staffing telephones in Emergency Operations Centers. The Defiance County CERTs assisted residents with removing property from basements, placed sandbags at the local library, and assisted the fire department by distributing shelter information to residents in affected areas.

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OKLAHOMA STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management has been designated by the Governor to administer Citizen Corps initiatives throughout the state. Currently, 65 Citizen Corps Councils serve more than 65% of the state. Each Council is unique and reflects the local leadership in its membership.

In July 2003, the Governor created the Oklahoma Citizen Corps Council. In 2004, Tulsa, Oklahoma was chosen as one of the top ten Citizen Corps programs in America.

In 2003, Tulsa Citizen Corps forged an innovative partnership with McDonald's to create the "McReady" family preparedness and severe weather awareness program. The program was so successful, that in 2004 Oklahoma Citizen Corps launched it statewide. The program features displays in more than 140 McDonald's restaurants throughout the state during the month of April, which the Governor proclaimed McReady Oklahoma Family Preparedness Month.

Informational materials focusing on floods, tornadoes, lightning, emergency preparedness and NOAA weather radios will be available as part of the program. Customers will also see severe-weather themed tray liners and drive-thru bag stuffers throughout the month. Oklahoma McDonald's restaurants received a national Social Responsibility award from McDonald's U.S. Communications for the McReady Oklahoma program.

The 2005 McReady program is in development and partners include: Governor Brad Henry, Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management, The American Red Cross, MOROCH, National Weather Service, Oklahoma Emergency Management Association, Oklahoma Floodplain Management Association, OG&E Electric Services, R.D. Flanagan & Associates, The Salvation Army, Tulsa Mayor's Citizen Corps/Tulsa Partners, Inc. and the Oklahoma McDonald's Owner/Operator Cooperatives.

The state's four Citizen Corps Medical Reserve Corps units have partnered to create a statewide network of medical professionals willing to serve as volunteers in disasters and promote public health concerns in their communities. Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Lawton and the Statewide Nurses association are working together to build a sustaining medical volunteer bank that will be available throughout the state as needed.

Oklahoma CERT is growing in number and popularity. Currently, more than 6,000 citizens have received training and the state Citizen Corps program continues providing the background checks, CERT ID badges, and backpacks.

In 2004, the State Citizen Corps and Tulsa's Citizen Corps programs partnered with Tulsa Public Schools to provide CERT training for 80 Tulsa schools, teachers, staff, administrators, high school students and parents, under a Federal Department of Education Grant.

Oklahoma Citizen Corps helped underwrite the start up stages of establishing a 2-1-1 Advisory Collaborative. The collaborative was formed legislatively and is committed to the implementation of single points of entry to health and human services in all regions of the state. The Oklahoma 2-1-1 System will:

- Have the capacity and willingness to coordinate with local and state emergency disaster service systems.

OKLAHOMA OVERVIEW

- Sixty-four county/local/tribal Councils serving 2,338,227 (68% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Adair County Emergency Management
- Beaver County Citizen Corps Council
- Blaine County LEPC
- Canadian County Southwest
- Chickasha Chamber of Commerce
- City of Bartlesville/Washington County Citizen Corps
- Claremore/Rogers County LEPC
- Creek County Citizen Corps
- Custer County Emergency Management Council
- Dewey County Emergency Management Council
- Grady County CERT
- Leflore County CERT
- Lincoln County Citizen Corps Council
- Local Emergency Planning Committee

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FUNDING

FY05

- \$197,434
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$510,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$275,678
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$58,732 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$249,610 CERT funding through FEMA

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CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS (Continued)

Counties

- Mayes County Citizen Corp Council
- McIntosh County Emergency Services
- McAlester/Pittsburg County Emergency Management
- Muskogee County CERT Teams
- Okmulgee County Citizens Corps
- Pontotoc County Local Environmental Planning Committee
- Pushmataha Emergency Response Team
- Sequoyah County Emergency Management Volunteers
- Shawnee/Pottawatomie County Citizens Corps Council
- Stephens County Citizen Corps Council
- Texas County Citizen Corps
- Washita County Commissioners

Local

- Altus Emergency Management Services
- Atoka City Citizen Corps Council
- Bristow Emergency Management
- Citizens Corps Council of Broken Arrow
- Buffalo Area Citizen Corps Council
- Canton Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Cashion Citizens Corps Committee
- City of Cordell Citizen Corps
- Cushing Citizens Corps
- Del City Citizen Emergency Respose Team
- Edmond Citizen Corps
- City of Enid Citizens Corps Council
- Geary Citizen Corps Council
- Glenpool Citizens Corps
- City of Grove Emergency Management
- Henryetta Area Citizen Corp
- Kaw City Oklahoma Citizens Corps Council
- Town of Mooreland
- City of Muskogee Emergency Management
- Newcastle Citizens Corps Council
- Noble Citizen Corps Council
- Norman Citizens Corp Council
- City of Okmulge c/o "CERT"
- Okemah Emergency Management
- Oklahoma City
- Owasso Citizen Corps Council
- Ponca City Citizen Corps
- City of Sand Springs Area Citizen Corps Council
- Grant Citizen Corps
- Concerned Citizens Council of Bethel Acres
- Stillwater Emergency Response Team

- Talihina Emergency Management/CERT
- Thomas Emergency Management Council
- Tulsa Project Impact Citizen Corps Council
- Westville Citizen Corps Council
- Silo Citizen Corps Council

Tribal

- Choctaw Nation Citizen Corp
- Native Spirits Citizen Corps

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN OKLAHOMA



CERT

- 23 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 57 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 58 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 26 different law enforcement jurisdictions

- Provide service in accordance with the professional standards of information and referral.
- Have a local presence and a local commitment.
- Demonstrate significant support of local stakeholders.
- Offer comprehensive 24-hour, multilingual services.
- Provide effective access to people with disabilities.

As devastating hurricanes swept through the Southeastern United States during the summer of 2004, over 120 Oklahoma members of CERT, VIPS, and MRC programs joined others from around the country who responded to the FEMA call to service as hurricane recovery volunteers.

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Medical Reserve Corps

- 4 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 6 Fire Corps programs

OREGON STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- A statewide Oregon Health Care Volunteer Registry is currently being established.
- The Council is working with the Western Community Policing Institute to co-sponsor a training for local officials, entitled: "Homeland Security: Involving the Community."
- Plans for 2005 include development of web-based training and orientation materials.
- The state of Oregon awarded its FY04 Citizen Corps dollars to twenty-one communities and the Oregon Military Department to enhance the Citizen Corps program and ensure that assistance is provided to communities as they develop and implement a plan for engaging all citizens in homeland security, community preparedness and family safety.
- A Mass Prophylaxis Clinic Exercise was held in October 2004.

Community Highlights

The Multnomah County Health Reserve Corps has 123 licensed health care volunteers matched to response activities based on their expertise: licensure, certification, other credentials, training and interests.

The City of Portland Citizen Corps Council (PC4) held its kick-off meeting on January 21, 2005. The twenty charter member organizations on the Council represent a diverse range of community organizations and interests. Building on the City's existing Neighborhood and Business Emergency Team (NET & BET) Programs, robust Neighborhood Watch, Police Volunteers and Health Reserve Corps, the PC4's initial priorities include:

- Promoting coordination and collaboration on local volunteer organizations focused on disasters, crime and terrorism.
- Implementing a Community Preparedness program to increase public awareness of threats, provide training opportunities and increase volunteer opportunities.
- Assuring effective outreach on safety and preparedness to more vulnerable communities.

The Clackamas County Citizen Corps Council is participating in the Amateur Radio Relay League's pilot. The Council has also continued the development of basic information and courses in volunteer, donations, and emergency management. The group created a website that addresses volunteerism and printed a color brochure that deals with volunteerism and homeland security. Other activities included sponsoring

OREGON OVERVIEW

- Twenty-seven county/local Councils serving 2,086,515 (61% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Anti-Terrorism Task Force/Klamath Citizen Corps Council
- Citizen Corps Council of Wallowa County
- City of Pendleton / Umatilla County Citizen Corps Council
- Clackamas County Citizen Corps
- Columbia County Citizen Corps
- Coos County Citizen Corps Council
- Curry County Citizens for Emergency Preparedness
- Jackson County Citizen Corps Council
- Jefferson County Citizen Corps
- Josephine County CCC
- Linn County Citizen Corps
- Multnomah County CCC
- Oregon's First Responder Training Center
- Polk County Citizen Corps
- Tillamook County CCC

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FUNDING

FY05

- \$ 198,752
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$512,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$276,750
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$58,838 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$250,060 CERT funding through FEMA

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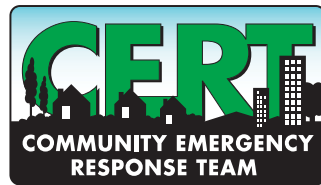
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CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS (Continued)

Cities

- Brownsville Area Emergency Management Advisory Commission
- Crescent-Odell Lakes Volunteer Response Team
- Creswell Citizen Corps Council
- City of Dallas Citizen Corps Council
- Eugene/Springfield Metro Council
- Gates CERT Citizen Corps Council
- Gresham Citizen Corps Council
- McKenzie Valley Citizen Corps
- City of Oakridge Citizen Corp Council
- Portland Citizen Corps Council
- Silverton N.E.T.
- Lane County Fire District #1 Citizen Corps

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN OREGON



CERT

- 31 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 21 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 87 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 33 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 3 Medical Reserve Corps units



FireCorps

- 3 Fire Corps programs

a volunteer leadership and project development training session, promoting "Done in a Day" projects, partnering with voluntary and nongovernmental agencies in public outreach and education activities, as well as establishing a Community Organizations Active in Disaster.

The Coos County Citizen Corps Council distributed flyers and other printed materials, developed news articles, and held public events to promote Citizen Corps and its programs. Additionally, Council representatives presented at City Council meetings and addressed police and fire chiefs throughout the county.

The Josephine County Citizen Corps Council developed and implemented a GIS database with information collected from various Citizen Corps Councils and other outreach efforts.

Anne Stein of Brownsville, Oregon, greeted Secretary Ridge in Portland on April 5, 2004. Mrs. Stein serves as the volunteer Director of the Linn County Citizen Corps Council in Brownsville. In the past year, the Council purchased hardware and software to facilitate the storage of Citizen Corps materials and database information. The group uses a volunteer to maintain the database, which also includes county files on tax accounts to facilitate collection of damage assessment information during a disaster. Council members have also conducted door-to-door canvassing of neighborhoods to distribute the eight-page Linn County Preparedness Guides that acquaints residents with Citizen Corps and neighborhood disaster preparedness.

The Brookings' VIPS program formed a partnership with its school district to take on the responsibility of training crossing guards. VIPS also conduct a "Safety City" program for children entering kindergarten, including instruction on gun safety.

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PENNSYLVANIA STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

Pennsylvania is largely a rural state and relies heavily on its volunteer fire, EMS and emergency management cadres. In addition, many of the law enforcement personnel at the municipal levels are part-time. Thus, if a disaster strikes during the day and these volunteers cannot get home, citizens must take care of their families and neighbors. Citizen Corps programs are ideal for these rural neighborhoods who work together “neighbor helping neighbor.” Moreover, Citizen Corps programs work equally well in the state’s large cities, such as Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. In the event of a large-scale disaster, even the career forces could quickly become overwhelmed and require assistance.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Citizen Corps program is still in its infancy at the senior level. During 2005, we aim to launch a State Citizen Corps Council, inviting state, county and municipal members, as well as members from our VOAD agencies. We also hope to partner with the other program affiliates including The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars to provide a wider base throughout the Commonwealth for the various programs.

Pennsylvania Citizen Corps also intends to launch a website to allow the county and local Councils to share information and success stories. This will also allow local Councils to share training opportunities and promote the programs to a wider audience.

Although the state level has experienced some growing pains and delays during the start-up of the program, many of our counties have embraced the programs under Citizen Corps and have moved ahead with a number of initiatives.

Community Highlights

The Huntingdon County Citizen Corps Council has been active since its inception. It developed two community crime watches in Allenport and Mount Union, funding the purchase of equipment for the teams. The leader of the Allenport Watch was recognized as a Governor’s Award winner for her volunteer efforts. Moreover, six members from the county CERT teams were recruited to go to Florida in 2004 and two are still serving through FEMA in disaster field offices.

PENNSYLVANIA OVERVIEW

- Twenty-two county/local Councils serving 2,679,271 citizens (22% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Bedford County
- Blair County Citizen Corps
- Bradford County Citizen Corps Council
- Cameron County CERT
- Carbon County Citizens Corps Council
- Chester County Citizen Corps
- Clarion County Citizen Corps Council
- Erie County Public Safety CC
- Franklin County Citizen Corp Council
- Fulton County Citizen Corps
- Huntingdon County CCC
- Lackawanna County CCC
- Lancaster Pennsylvania CCC
- Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Lycoming County CCC
- Schuylkill County CCC
- Snyder County Citizens Corps
- Somerset County Citizen Corps
- York County PA Citizen Corps Council

Local

- Chaneyville Citizen Corps Council
- Pittsburgh Emergency Management Advisory Council
- North Wikes-Barre Citizen Corps

FUNDING

FY05

- \$440,219
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$1,141,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$616,501
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$132,029 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$561,124 CERT funding through FEMA

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**PROGRAM PARTNERS
IN PENNSYLVANIA**



CERT

- 15 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 14 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 137 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 76 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 7 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 19 Fire Corps programs

In the north central part of the Commonwealth, the Lycoming County Citizen Corps Council has developed its own e-mail address: (citizencorps@lyco.org) to serve as a link throughout the county for the public to get involved with emergency services.

The York County Citizen Corps Council is one of the most active in the Commonwealth. It is working throughout the county, training citizens and businesses alike. In addition, trainings are followed up with exercises, to allow students to test their new abilities without the stress of a real-time situation. Its most recent training included the County Animal Response Team.

During the recent ice storms in the Commonwealth, members of CERT teams from Nesquehoning and Indian Lake in Carbon County were used to check on their municipalities' citizens, and to staff the numerous shelters that were open for a long time. Many of these personnel had just completed the CERT training, as well as the American Red Cross Shelter Operations Course.

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PUERTO RICO STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Citizen Corps Council represents emergency managers, volunteer organizations, educators, state and local government officials, and the private sector.

Puerto Rico currently has a network of 54 Councils, leading the nation in serving 100% of the Commonwealth's population. To date, 54 of 78 municipal Councils have been established on the Island.

Puerto Rico has also trained, equipped, and organized more than 4,067 citizens serving on 54 Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT).

Community Highlights

In order to supplement local responders, more than 135 people from local communities were trained in FY 2004. Emergency responders benefit from Citizen Corps partner program participation by having year-round volunteer support, informed and trained citizens to provide disaster response surge capacity, and a reduced impact of disasters resulting from increased preparedness and mitigation.

Puerto Rico also trained and equipped more than 368 CERT volunteers in FY 2004, including approximately 95 people from the private sector. In one municipality alone, Citizen Corps certified 56 individuals for CERT, which included volunteers from AmeriCorps VISTA. Finally, 28 people became CERT certified trainers for the Commonwealth's Department of Transportation.

In September 2004, the Island was hit by Tropical Storm Jeanne and all the Citizen Corps Councils were activated in response. The Emergency Management Offices across the Island had an overwhelmingly positive response from CERT volunteers.

Currently, the Commonwealth's councils are in the preparedness phase and making changes to follow up other important activities that will support training. For example, they conducted a functional exercise in November 2004 with the 911 Operational Centers to respond to a Weapons of Mass Destruction scenario.

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PUERTO RICO OVERVIEW

- 38 local Councils serving 1,032,327 (27% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Local

- Citizen Corps Council of Aguada
- Citizen Corps Council of Aguadilla
- Citizen Corps Council of Aguas Buenas
- Citizen Corps Council of Arecibo
- Citizen Corps Council of Arroyo
- Citizen Corps Council of Barceloneta
- Citizen Corps Council of Barranquitas
- Citizens Corps Council of Bayamon
- Citizen Corps Council of Cabo Rojo
- Citizen Corps Council of Caguas
- Citizen Corps of Canovanas
- Citizen Corps Council of Carolina
- Citizen Corps Council of Ceiba
- Citizen Corps Council of Coamo
- Citizen Corps Council of Corozal
- Citizen Corps Council of Culebra
- Citizen Corps Council of Fajardo
- Citizen Corps Council of Florida

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FUNDING

FY05

- \$207,497
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$536,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$289,752
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$61,885 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$263,010 CERT funding through FEMA

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- Citizen Corps Council of Hatillo
- Citizen Corps Council of Isabela
- Citizen Corps Council of Jayuya
- Citizen Corps Council of Juncos
- Citizen Corps Council of Lares
- Citizen Corps Council of Las Piedras
- Citizen Corps Council of Loiza
- Citizen Corps Council of Mayaguez
- Citizen Corps Council of Moca
- Citizen Corps Council of Morovis
- Citizen Corps Council of Orocovis
- Citizen Corps of Ponce
- Citizen Corps Council of Salinas
- Citizen Corps Council of San German
- Citizen Corps Council of San Juan
- Citizen Corps of San Lorenzo
- Citizen Corps Council of Toa Alta
- Citizen Corps Council of Yabucoa
- Citizen Corps Council of Yauco

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN PUERTO RICO



CERT

- 5 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 4 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- No Registered Neighborhood Watch groups



Medical Reserve Corps

- No registered Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- No registered Fire Corps programs since national launch in December 2004

RHODE ISLAND STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The Rhode Island Citizen Corps State Council provides avenues of opportunity for volunteers across the state to connect with agencies and organizations with emergency response and preparedness responsibilities.

By their efforts in planning, training and coordination, the Citizen Corps State Council makes families, homes and communities safer from the threats of terrorism, crime, emergencies and disasters of all kinds.

Partner Programs

The mission of the Rhode Island Medical Reserve Corps is to draw medical professionals into volunteer service and train them to respond to the needs of the Rhode Island community, thereby enhancing local emergency response efforts. The Rhode Island Medical Reserve Corps offers reserve medical professionals at the local level to respond to local and state health needs.

Community Highlights

To date, Rhode Island has over 400 trained CERT volunteers in 26 communities statewide. Volunteers have supported their local communities in various activities, including preparedness outreach programs and shelter operations.

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RHODE ISLAND OVERVIEW

- Thirteen local Councils serving 678,096 (65% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Local

- Central Falls Citizens Corps Council
- Charlestown Citizen Corps Council
- Cranston Citizen Corps
- Cumberland Citizen Corps
- City of East Providence
- Johnston RI Citizen Corps
- Town of North Smithfield Citizens Council
- Pawtucket Citizen Corps
- City of Providence
- City of Warwick Citizen Corps Council
- West Warwick Citizens Corps
- City of Woonsocket

FUNDING

FY05

- \$130,653
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$337,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$182,236
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$38,793 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$164,870 CERT funding through FEMA

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PROGRAM PARTNERS IN RHODE ISLAND



CERT

- 27 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory
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VIPS

- 6 Volunteers in Police Service programs
-



Neighborhood Watch

- 12 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 7 different law enforcement jurisdictions
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Medical Reserve Corps

- 1 Medical Reserve Corps unit
-



Fire Corps

- No registered Fire Corps programs established since national launch in December 2004

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The State of South Carolina Citizen Corps program is coordinated by the state's Emergency Management Division. The state coordinator works closely with local governments from the coast of the Atlantic Ocean to the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains to form a tightly woven state and local partnership to promote emergency preparedness and volunteerism throughout the state.

In 2004, South Carolina formed a state Citizen Corps Council comprised of representatives from 15 State agencies, associations and volunteer groups with a body that serves in an advisory capacity regarding the development of statewide Citizen Corps efforts. The State Citizen Corps Council meets several times a year to inform all members of local Citizen Corps program developments. Council members are encouraged to share how their organizations and agencies can assist in the development of the local Citizen Corps Councils. The State Citizen Corps Council gave direct input into how the 2004 Citizen Corps funds would be distributed statewide.

South Carolina Citizen Corps was created to help coordinate volunteer activities that make our communities safer, stronger and better prepared to respond to any emergency situation. The Council provides opportunities for citizens to participate in a range of measures to make their families, homes and communities safer from the threats of crime, terrorism and disasters of all kinds. South Carolina Citizen Corps programs build on the successful efforts that are in place in many communities around the state to prevent crime and respond to emergencies. Programs that started through local innovation are the foundation for Citizen Corps and the national approach to citizen participation in emergency preparedness and volunteerism.

Citizen Corps Councils bring together leaders from the public and private sectors to harness the volunteer spirit of those who want to help prepare for and respond to threats of terrorism, crime and other disasters. With citizens better prepared to take care of themselves and their neighbors during a crisis, public safety officials will be able to focus their attention on the most critical, life threatening situations.

By working together through the South Carolina Citizen Corps, we can be ready to respond when disaster strikes.

Community Highlights

Public education and outreach in South Carolina is strong. The Citizen Corps and CERT missions have been promoted through newspaper articles, local radio talk shows and information booths set up at retail

SOUTH CAROLINA OVERVIEW

- Twenty-four county/local Councils serving 2,616,921 (65% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Allendale County Citizen Corps Council
- Anderson County Citizen Corps Council
- Barnwell County Citizen Corps Council
- Beaufort County Citizen Corps Council
- Berkeley County Citizen Corps Council
- Calhoun County Citizen Corps Council
- Charleston County Citizen Corps Council
- Cherokee County Citizen Corps Council

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FUNDING

FY05

- \$214,863
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$557,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$299,326
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$63,738
Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$270,887
CERT funding through FEMA

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**CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS
(Continued)**

Counties

- Clarendon County Citizen Corps Council
- Colleton County Citizen Corps Council
- Edgefield County Citizen Corps Council
- Georgetown County Citizen Corps Council
- Greenville County Citizen Corps Council
- Horry County Citizen Corps Council
- Jasper County Citizen Corps Council
- Lancaster County LEPC
- Lexington County Citizen Corps Council
- Marlboro County Citizen Corps Council
- Oconee County Citizen Corps Council
- Orangeburg County Citizen Corps Council
- Pickens County LEPC / CERT
- Richland County Citizen Corps Council
- Sumter County Citizen Corps Council
- Williamsburg County Citizen Corps Council

**PROGRAM PARTNERS
IN SOUTH CAROLINA**



CERT

- 21 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 5 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 200 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 35 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 1 Medical Reserve Corps unit



FireCorps

- No registered Fire Corps programs since national launch in December 2004

stores and community fairs. Mass mailings have also been distributed to places of worship and various civic groups.

In Williamsburg County, the CERT program has reenergized the activity and participation of volunteers in the American Red Cross programs, which had previously become non-existent. Due to the CERT program, Williamsburg County now has enough volunteers to staff two emergency shelters. CERT teams have taken on community emergency preparedness projects, such as installing at least two fire alarms in every senior citizen's residence, educating special needs seniors on how to cope with disasters, deploying thirteen CERT members from Williamsburg to assist with hurricane relief in Florida, assisting CERT members with identifying citizens with special needs in the community, participating in an emergency preparedness exercise involving the local hospital and Kingstree High School, and engaging in the Pee Dee Regional Homeland Security Exercise.

In Charleston County, 94 CERT members were trained in 2004. Charleston CERT members served as volunteers to assist with logistics at a large air show. Several CERT members participated in Amateur Radio Field Day, a WMD Exercise and Law Enforcement Day.

In Oconee County, 12 CERT volunteers assisted the local Emergency Management Agency and Red Cross Chapter with "We Prepare Day" in September 2004. CERT members assisted the county during Hurricane Ivan and Hurricane Jeanne by manning the Emergency Operations Center and Mobile Emergency Operations Center.

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SOUTH DAKOTA STATE CITIZEN CORPS PROGRAM

The State Citizen Corps Council has developed a five-year strategic plan to focus on program growth and a statewide media campaign is also planned for the spring of 2005. The South Dakota Citizen Corps Council's 2005 goals also includes emphasis on program training, especially CERT.

In 2004, fifty trained CERT members in the state deployed to assist in the Florida hurricane disaster. This deployment represented more than 10% of South Dakota's trained CERT volunteers.

A South Dakota State Citizen Corps Workshop is planned for February 23, 2005. Citizen Corps program managers and volunteers from across the state will learn about showcased programs and exchange best practices. In addition, attendees will develop solutions for common problems.

Following the workshop, a statewide CERT Train-the-Trainer class is planned to develop trainers for the many new CERT programs in the South Dakota Citizen Corps program this year. Fifty-three students are already registered for this event, which will almost double the number of available CERT trainers in the state.

Community Highlights

The Brookings County Local Emergency Planning Committee acquired the role of the Citizen Corps Council for Brookings County. Accomplishments from this past year include:

- Hosting an informational booth at the Home Show
- Participating at an informational booth at Daktronics Safety Days
- Participating at an informational booth at Aurora Safety days
- Assisting with State Fire School
- Training opportunities with Brookings Fire Department
- Participating in a booth at the State Fair in Huron, SD
- Presenting the CERT program to the Volga City Council, the Senior Companion Program, various civic groups and the hospital auxiliary
- Having CERT members participate in a full-scale mass casualty exercise in Brookings County (August 2004)

SOUTH DAKOTA OVERVIEW

- Eighteen county/local Councils serving 450,274 (60% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Beadle County Citizen Corps Council
- Brookings County Citizen Corps Council/LEPC
- Brown County Citizen Corps Council
- Butte County Citizen Corps Council
- Codington County Citizen Corps Council
- Davison County Citizen Corps Council
- Edmunds County Citizen Corps Council
- Grant County Citizen Corp
- Hamlin County LEPC
- Hand County Citizen Corps Council
- Lake County LEPC / Citizen Corps
- Lawrence County LEPC CERT Council
- Minnehaha County City Citizens Corps Council

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FUNDING

FY05

- \$122,101
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$315,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$170,338
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$36,283 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$154,201 CERT funding through FEMA

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CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS (Continued)

Counties

- Pennington County Citizens Corps Council
- Perkins County Citizens Corps Council
- Spink County Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Yankton County Citizen Corps

Local

- Sturgis Citizen Corp Council

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN SOUTH DAKOTA



CERT

- 13 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 4 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 6 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 5 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 1 Medical Reserve Corps unit



FireCorps

- 1 Fire Corps program

The Citizen Corps program was introduced to the Lake County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) at its January 2003 meeting and during the April 2003 meeting, LEPC adopted the role of Citizens Corps. Recognizing that the programs have similar goals, the Lake County LEPC is now called the Lake County LEPC/Citizens Corps.

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TENNESSEE CITIZEN CORPS

The State of Tennessee Citizen Corps program is coordinated through the Governor's Office of Homeland Security. Citizen Corps is a grassroots initiative encouraging citizens to volunteer in homeland security efforts within their local jurisdictions.

Tennessee Citizen Corps was created to coordinate volunteer activities to make communities safer, stronger and better prepared to respond to any emergency situation. It provides opportunities for people to participate in a range of measures to make their families, homes and communities safer from the threats of crime, terrorism and disasters of all kinds.

The Chief of Volunteer Programs and Citizen Outreach Division partners with local leadership, civic organizations, non-profit agencies and industry across the state. Their priorities include creating, sustaining and enhancing Citizen Corps programs; promoting emergency prevention, protection and preparedness for both natural and man-made disasters; and encouraging volunteerism throughout the State of Tennessee.

The Governor's Citizen Corps Advisory Committee (the state Citizen Corps Council) also was created. Established by Executive Order #8, the Governor's Citizen Corps Advisory Committee is composed of 20 members (ten are appointed by the Governor and eight serve by virtue of their position) representing each of the state's three regions. Members include honorary chairmen Governor Ned Ray McWherter and Governor Bryant Winfield Culberson Dunn. Major General Jerry D. Humble USMC (Retired), Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security serves as Chairman, and Leanne Durm, Division Chief in The Governor's Office of Homeland Security, serves as Executive Director.

Tennessee Citizen Corps programs build on the successful efforts that are in place in many communities around the state. Programs started through local innovation are the foundation for Citizen Corps and are essential for a safer, stronger Tennessee.

State Accomplishments

Partnering with the Tennessee Sheriffs Association, the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police and Nashville Public Television, Tennessee is the only state to coordinate, develop and produce Neighborhood Watch (NW) public service announcements (PSAs).

In concert with federal, state and local partners, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security recently launched "Operation Bold Tiger"—a series of announced and unannounced counter-terrorism measures to include "Airport Watch," an enhanced Neighborhood Watch program and public awareness campaign aimed at enhancing security throughout Tennessee.

Tennessee is one of three states to partner with the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) along with the Tennessee Wing, Civil Air Patrol to promote "Airport Watch," an effort aimed to increase security awareness among pilots and staff at general aviation airports.

Tennessee is currently working with the Tennessee Trucking Association to launch "Highway Watch," a program aimed at training truckers.

TENNESSEE OVERVIEW

- Twenty-six county/local Councils serving 1,833,136 (32% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Blount County Citizen Corps
- Claiborne County Citizen Corps Council
- Cookeville-Putnam County LEPC
- Dickson County LEPC Citizen Corps Council
- Greene County Citizen Corps Council
- Henderson County Citizen Corps Council
- Hickman County Citizens Corps
- Houston County Citizen Corps Council
- Johnson City/ Washington County Citizen Corps Council
- Johnson County Citizen Corps
- Lincoln County Citizens Corp

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FUNDING

FY05

- \$261,331
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$675,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$364,477
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$77,664 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$330,070 CERT funding through FEMA

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CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS (Continued)

Counties

- Metro Nashville Citizen Corps Council
- Roane County Emergency Management
- Sevier County Citizen Corps
- VanBuren Citizen Corps Council

Local

- Bartlett Citizens Corps
- City of Bluff City Citizen Corps Council
- Clarksville Tennessee Citizen Corps
- Kingsport Emergency Preparedness Committee
- Citizen Corps of Knoxville
- Manchester Police Dept. Council
- City of Mt. Juliet Citizen Corps Council
- City of Lakewood/Old Hickory Citizen Corps
- City of Sneedville Citizen Corps Council
- Emergency Management Council
- Union City Citizen Corps Council

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN TENNESSEE



CERT

- 41 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 14 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 358 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 53 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 3 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 4 Fire Corps programs

Tennessee is also partnering with the Tennessee State Guard to support and assist local officials with the instruction of Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

Community Highlights

Just north of Metropolitan Nashville, in Clarksville, Davidson County — home to Fort Campbell and the 101st Airborne Division — more than one hundred Citizen Corps volunteers serve in various capacities throughout the community.

Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) participants staff the Clarksville Police Department's reception area 100 percent of the time. While some volunteers assist with non-classified clerical duties and data-entry, others assist Crime Prevention Officers updating crime prevention information in area neighborhoods. Recently, volunteers painted house numbers in reflective paint on curbs as a complimentary service to residences. Should an emergency occur at or near their home, their address will now be easier to locate.

During the holiday season, the mounted horse patrol actively patrols malls. Officers who work a ten- to twelve-hour shift can give their horses to volunteers who manage the upkeep of the horses, while the officers complete the necessary paper work.

Police Service Volunteers help with Neighborhood Watch and other literature distribution, special projects and maintenance work at the firing range. Volunteers assist with the canine division, or have been trained to help with traffic control during events such as the Clarksville Christmas parade.

Because of the program's success and contributions to the city, Mayor Donald W. Trotter even proclaimed Tuesday, June 1, 2004 as Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) Day.

In Madison County, a pilot group was organized to go door-to-door with a survey to identify resources and people's willingness to serve and identified the concerns of local residents. Survey information was then evaluated by Madison County Citizen Corps Council.

Metro employees in Nashville/Davidson County may now take the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training offered by the Office of Emergency Management during work hours.

The City of Sneedville and Hancock County Sheriffs Department joined forces to launch a Neighborhood Watch program. In one year, the City of Sneedville (population of 1,454) recruited approximately 350 active members.

In Johnson County, the Amateur Radio Operators are also members of the county's Neighborhood Watch program. The group is in the process of building a communication tower that is near completion.

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TEXAS STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

In Texas, the Governor's office plays a leading role in promoting and implementing Citizen Corps across the state. Texas leverages the expertise of the 24 regional Councils of Governments (COGs) in prioritizing and recommending grant awards and, in certain instances, taking the lead in the implementation of Citizen Corps. During the past two years, the number of Citizen Corps programs across the state has tripled due largely in part to the assistance of the COGs.

The Texas Citizen Corps Advisory Council supports Citizen Corps initiatives by encouraging local communities to work with Citizen Corps Program Partners and recommending the use of service and volunteerism as a way to prepare the public for all types of emergencies and disasters.

Community Highlights

The Brazos Valley CERT partners with the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and the Emergency Management Coordinators to serve the seven-county area overseen by the Brazos Valley Council of Governments. More than 1,200 volunteers, all over the age of 55, have proven to be an invaluable foundation for the program.

The Harris County Citizen Corps was created as officials dealt with the aftermath of Tropical Storm Allison and the 9/11 terrorist attacks. After reviewing the response to the devastation caused by the rains and floods of tropical storm Allison, officials recognized that Citizen Corps would be the best tool to enhance preparations for a large-scale emergency and to help with medical readiness maintenance.

Once Citizen Corps began to grow in Harris County, the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) program was established. A local coalition of health care providers for the Hospital District partnered to develop a successful MRC program using grant funds that became available through Citizen Corps. The Harris County Citizen Corps has received national recognition for its MRC implementation and related Citizen Corps programs. The Harris County Citizen Corps also received the 2003 Best Practices for Innovation Award from the Texas Association of Counties.

TEXAS OVERVIEW

- Forty-four County/local Councils serving 10,193,729 (49% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Alamo Area Regional Citizen Corp Council
- Ark-Tex Council of Governments Citizen Corps Council
- Austin County Citizen Corps Council
- Burleson County Citizen Corps Council
- Central Texas Citizen Corps Council
- Coleman County Citizens Corps Council
- Fannin County Citizen Emergency Response Team
- Harris County Citizen Corps
- Hays County Citizen Corps
- Heart of Texas Citizen Corps Council
- Hutchinson County Citizen Corps Council

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FUNDING

FY05

- \$707,661
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$1,815,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$980,585
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$207,077 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$880,079 CERT funding through FEMA

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CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS (Continued)

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- Jefferson County Citizen Corps
- Leon County Citizens Corps Council
- Martin County and the City of Stanton
- Moore County Citizens Corps Council
- Nortex Regional Citizen Corps Council
- Robertson County Citizens Corps Council
- South Plains Citizen Corps Council
- Tarrant County Citizen Corps Council
- West Central Texas Council of Government Citizen Corps
- Wichita County LEPC

Local

- Bedford Citizen Corps Council
- Bluebonnet Citizen Corps Council
- Beverly Hills Citizen Corps Council
- Brazos Valley Citizen Corps Council
- Copperas Cove Area Citizen Corps Council
- Citizen Corps Council of Denton
- Duncanville Citizens on Patrol
- Rio Grande Council of Governments
- Flower Mound CCC
- City of Fredericksburg
- Hughes Springs Citizen Corps Council
- Longview Citizens Corps
- CCC of Marshall
- City of McKinney Citizen Corps Council
- North Richland Hills Citizen Corps Council
- City of Pecos Citizen Corps Council
- Rockwall Citizens on Patrol
- Rowlett Citizen Corps Council
- Concho Valley Citizen Corps Council
- City of Slaton and Local Area Citizens Corps
- Operation Stars and Stripes
- Sulphur Springs Citizen Corps Council

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN TEXAS



CERT

- 133 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 65 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 427 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 131 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 8 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 17 Fire Corps programs

The Austin CERT program merged with Disaster Ready Austin, a coalition of volunteers prepared to address any disaster, to make better use of training and volunteer resources. The City of Austin has integrated CERT districts to match current Fire Battalions to increase collaboration with first responders. The Austin Police Department also utilizes CERT training for its Civil Defense Battalion volunteers.

Rowlett divides its city into geographic zones, each with a CERT neighborhood team consisting of 10 to 15 members as well as a RACES liaison. Although the Rowlett Citizen Corps Council is a 501(c) [3], all Rowlett Citizen Corps programs enjoy strong support from the City of Rowlett Fire Department.

Recently, the City of Slaton Citizen Corps signed a contract with the Texas Department of Health to train and prepare a mass immunization team that will cover the entire South Plains Association of Government (SPAG) region, a total of 15 counties. This team will be based in Slaton, an ideal location to respond to biological crises due to its central location within the SPAG.

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UTAH STATE CITIZEN CORPS

After a year of co-leadership between the directors of Utah's Division of Emergency Services and Homeland Security and the Utah Commission on Volunteers, the Utah State Citizen Corps program was officially adopted on February 19, 2004 as a subcommittee of the Utah Commission on Volunteers.

The Utah Citizen Corps Council encourages local and regional councils to link efforts with existing volunteer service networks, such as the 20 Volunteer Centers across the state and the Corporation for National and Community Service programs (e.g., AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps*VISTA and Senior Corps). The State Council also provides training to local and regional Councils and facilitates community partnerships to maximize resources.

The FEMA Region VIII Citizen Corps Conference was hosted by the Utah Citizen Corps Council on April 7–8, 2004 in Salt Lake City in conjunction with the 2004 Utah Conference on Service. More than 150 Utahans and representatives from neighboring states heard presentations from local and national subject matter experts, including the National Director of Citizen Corps and the Director of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness.

The 2004 Citizen Corps grants were awarded to 33 local jurisdictions in June, providing funding for new and existing Citizen Corps Councils in 25 of Utah's 29 counties. Statewide Neighborhood Watch and Citizen Corps surveys were also funded to assess the status of local Neighborhood Watch groups and identify the needs of law enforcement.

Utah's Citizen Corps Council hosted two regional trainings in 2004 through a continuing partnership with the Western Community Policing Institute (WCPI). The WCPI training course, "Homeland Security: Engaging the Community," was designed to teach community leaders to develop vigilant, prepared and resilient community groups. In March, 52 participants from the northern Utah area participated in the two-day course and in October an additional 50 participants were trained in the Salt Lake area. Participants included representatives from law enforcement, first responders, city officials, Citizen Corps Councils, schools, and business and community leaders.

September 2004 was proclaimed Emergency Preparedness Month in Utah by Governor Olene S. Walker, who encouraged every Utahan to prepare for natural and man made disasters. Activities included CERT drills and the launch of the American Red Cross "Together We Prepare" campaign. In addition, twenty-six public safety professionals and Citizen Corps volunteers from Utah deployed in two rounds to assist in the September hurricane disasters in Florida.

The Utah State Citizen Corps website was launched in 2004 at www.citizencorps.utah.gov. This site now makes it possible for Utah residents to access all the pertinent information about Citizen Corps efforts from one location. Individuals, families and groups can find information on how to better prepare in the event of a disaster and how to receive training in first aid and emergency skills. Utahans can also learn how to volunteer to support local emergency response, disaster relief and community safety.

UTAH OVERVIEW

- Twenty-four regional/local Councils serving 1,401,510 (63% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Cache County Citizen Corps Council
- Carbon Citizen Corps Council
- Central Utah Regional Citizen Corps Council
- Emery County Citizen Corps Council
- Kane County Citizen Corps Council
- Millard County Citizens Corps Council
- Northern Utah Citizen Corps Council
- Southern Utah Citizen Corps Council

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FUNDING

FY05

- \$165,623
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$426,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$230,288
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$48,848 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$207,603 CERT funding through FEMA

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CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS (Continued)

Counties

- Southwest Utah Regional Citizen Corps Council
- Wayne County Citizen Corps Council

Local

- Bountiful City Community Council
- Brigham City Citizen Corps Council
- Clearfield Community Council
- Eagle Mountain Citizen Corps Council
- Farmington Utah Emergency Awareness Council
- Fruit Heights Citizen Corps Council
- Green River Citizen Corps Council
- Midvale City's Community-Building Initiative: Safe Midvale Committee
- Ogden City Citizen Corps Council
- Orem City Citizen Corps Council
- Park City Citizen Corps Council
- Salt Lake City Citizen Corps Council
- Sandy City
- City of Taylorsville

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN UTAH



CERT

- 28 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 12 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 70 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 26 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 2 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 1 Fire Corps program

Community Highlights

The Cache County Medical Reserve Corps, launched in December of 2003 by the Bear River Health Department through a federal grant, is comprised of 70 medical professionals and lay people. This MRC unit also includes construction workers who can set up tents, generators and other facilities necessary for MRC to operate triage and treatment centers during disasters and help with non-emergency health promotion campaigns. MRC will utilize four triage centers where mass casualty response trailers are located, thus providing support to the two hospitals which serve this northern Utah community of 100,000 residents.

Early in 2004, two regional Citizen Corps Councils were established in southern Utah through partnerships established between the local Emergency Services and Volunteer communities. Working together, these Regional Citizen Corps Councils represent thirteen of the fifteen rural counties comprising the entire southern half of the state. In partnership with the Corporation for National and Community Service and the AmeriCorps Volunteers In Service To America (VISTA) programs, this combined Southern Utah Regional Citizen Corps Council subsequently developed the Southern Utah AmeriCorps*VISTA Homeland Security Volunteer Program. This program places a full-time VISTA volunteer in each county to assist the Local Emergency Program Manager, especially in the areas of citizen and community preparedness. Within each county, Homeland Security VISTA volunteers focus first upon building local Citizen Corps Councils, strengthening Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC) and establishing Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). The volunteers assist with crime prevention programs, such as Neighborhood Watch and Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), and are engaged in disaster preparedness planning, training and exercises in local schools and throughout their communities.

Brigham City's Citizen Corps Council completed CERT training for 42 youth of the Mayor's Youth City Council. These youth provide support for the City's EOC, serve as victims in mock disasters, participate in the Neighborhood Pride clean-up campaign and promote CERT on college campuses.

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VERMONT STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The Vermont State Citizen Corps Council was established within the State Emergency Response Commission. This Council is comprised of representatives from the fire service, law enforcement, industry, emergency medical services, American Red Cross and citizens. Each month the State Citizens Corps Council receives presentations on the current CERT programs, future funding, recent deployments and program updates. Since the SERC serves in an advisory capacity to Vermont Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC), the commission addresses many of the statewide policy concerns such as a universal identification system or liability insurance concerns for Citizen Corps programs.

Building on existing structures within the state, Vermont initially leveraged LEPCs to create Citizen Corps Councils and to develop Citizen Corps programs. The CERT program, in particular, has been and continues to be an excellent investment of the LEPC time and resources. To capitalize on this investment, the LEPCs view CERT members as a volunteer resource that can assist with public safety activities. This approach will actively involve members in serving their communities beyond disaster response and add value to the CERT program. Future Citizen Corps programs are being considered.

CERT

Vermont Emergency Management is currently sub-granting third round DHS Citizens Corps funding. With 12 Citizen Corps Councils developing CERT programs, many Vermonters are now finding a way to better serve their communities. Over the past year, several CERTs were activated to assist emergency services with public events and disasters. Since the beginning of the program the state now has more than 200 CERT members and 30 instructors statewide. At the state level, CERT programs are supported through a statewide email network that provides updates and alert information. Additionally, a CERT assistant coordinator has been selected and will begin working with local councils this spring. Further guidance is provided by way of a small advisory council of CERT members who meet regularly to develop future direction for the statewide CERT program. A statewide CERT database has also been established for training, mailings, and notifications, and

VERMONT OVERVIEW

- Eight county Councils serving 469,834 citizens (77% of Total State Population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Addison County Citizen Corps Council
- Chittenden County Citizen Corps Council
- Citizen Corps Council of Grand Isle
- Franklin County Citizen Corps
- LEPC #12 Citizens Corp. Council
- LEPC 9 Citizen Corps
- Lamoille County Citizen Corps Council
- Orleans and Northern Essex Counties Citizens Corps Council

FUNDING

FY05

- \$136,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$353,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$190,900
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$40,684 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$172,908 CERT funding through FEMA

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PROGRAM PARTNERS IN VERMONT



CERT

- 11 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 1 Volunteers in Police Service program



Neighborhood Watch

- 22 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 12 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 1 Medical Reserve Corps unit



Fire Corps

- No registered Fire Corps programs established since national launch in December 2004

CERT teams are now supported through a dedicated web site at www.vtcert.org.

Northern New England Emergency Medical Response Team (MMRS) Project

The State has engaged in a partnership with Dartmouth College in New Hampshire to build a tri-state MMRS (Metropolitan Medical Response System). The Department of Homeland Security has issued a grant to Dartmouth to engage in a pilot project involving three rural states to develop a medical response consortium that mirrors a DMAT style team. Each state has a "Medical Strike Team" that involves professional volunteers with specific training including physicians, toxicologists, critical care nurses, paramedics, and EMTs with specialized WMD and hazmat training. These professional volunteers will be deployable under each State's emergency management agency guidelines as well as in the regions. Vermont is currently developing the infrastructure and identifying the key VT MMRS team members. The need for this type of team for Vermont, Maine, and New Hampshire is due to the international borders and unsecured coastline, as well as the proximity to Boston and New York City. The MMRS initiatives will be closely coordinated with MRC development.

Future Citizen Corp Initiatives

With the future funding, Vermont will work with LEPCs to develop further program and initiatives of the Citizen Corps Program.

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VIRGIN ISLANDS CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The U.S. Virgin Island Citizen Corps Council and CERT programs were initiated in July 2002 with a Territorial Council and two district Councils. St. Thomas, St. John and Water Island constitute one district Council and St. Croix constitutes the other. A proposal to further implement the program and strengthen the Territorial Council will be submitted to the Governor in February 2005.

The Virgin Islands Citizen Corps Council is seeking to increase the number of CERT trained residents to 700 by September 2005, and collaborate with existing police volunteer programs, Neighborhood Watch groups, and the USVI Medical Reserve Corps Unit.

Community Highlights

Representatives from Neighborhood Watch, the Council CERT Coordinator, a CERT trainer and a Citizen Corps Council member from the St. Thomas, St. John and Water Island District attended a meeting in the Savan area on St. Thomas. At this meeting, each representative addressed the various Citizen Corps programs, including Neighborhood Watch, Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) and CERT. The meeting promoted recruiting for the various programs. Neighborhood Watch is well established and is providing the needed services to USVI communities.

CERT classes were conducted on three islands (St. Croix, St. Thomas and Water Island) and 250 CERT members have graduated from these classes since 2003. These CERT members were tested in August 2003 when they participated in a full-scale exercise. Exercise participants practiced fire suppression, emergency medical operations, search and rescue techniques, disaster response operations and the use of the Incident Command System.

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VIRGIN ISLANDS OVERVIEW

- Three county Councils serving 124,778 (100% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- U.S. Virgin Islands Territorial Citizen Corps Council
- St. Thomas, St. John and Water Island District Council
- St. Croix District Citizen Corps Council

FUNDING

FY05

- \$36,693
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$95,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$51,187
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$10,902 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$46,333 CERT funding through FEMA

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PROGRAM PARTNERS IN VIRGIN ISLANDS



CERT

- 1 Active Community Emergency Response Team listed in the CERT directory
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VIPS

- No registered Volunteers in Police Service programs
-



Neighborhood Watch

- No Registered Neighborhood Watch groups
-



Medical Reserve Corps

- 1 Medical Reserve Corps unit
-



Fire Corps

- No registered Fire Corps programs since national launch in December 2004

VIRGINIA STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The Commonwealth of Virginia’s Citizen Corps program is a tightly woven state and local partnership that stretches across Virginia, from the Tidewater to the Blue Ridge Mountains and from the Washington D.C. border to North Carolina.

Virginia Citizen Corps is a major preparedness component of Governor Mark Warner’s volunteer initiative Virginia Corps—Governor Warner’s effort to capture and promote a renewed spirit of volunteer service and community preparedness that emerged in Virginia following the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

Virginia Corps was launched September 9, 2002 in conjunction with the one-year observance of the 9/11 tragedies. Virginia Corps was established with the belief that through service Virginia’s residents can help strengthen and unite their neighborhoods and state.

Virginia’s State Citizen Corps Council was formed in December 2002 and serves in an advisory capacity regarding the development of statewide Citizen Corps efforts. Council seats were filled per the invitation of Governor Warner. The Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) oversees Virginia Citizen Corps and VDEM’s Deputy Director, Janet Clements, chairs the Virginia State Council at the Governor’s request.

Both state and local level representatives serve on Virginia’s State Citizen Corps Council. Membership includes: Virginia State Police, local sheriff’s office, community colleges, Fire Chiefs Association, Department for the Aging, Department of Fire Programs, Department of Commerce and Trade, local emergency management coordinators, The Corporation for National and Community Service, The Chamber of Commerce, American Red Cross, Department of Emergency Management, Department of Health, Commission on National and Community Service, Department of Criminal Justice Services, Council of Churches, Department of Business Assistance, private industry, local Community Resources, Cooperative Extension, Association of Chiefs of Police, Department of Education and Department of Health and Office of EMS.

Virginia’s Citizen Corps Program Partners actively with the Virginia Crime Prevention Association (VCPA) and the Department of Criminal Justice Services to incorporate existing Neighborhood Watch programs into Citizen Corps efforts and to increase participation in Neighborhood Watch groups.

VIRGINIA OVERVIEW

- Forty-seven county/local Councils serving 5,026,521 (71% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Accomack County LEPC
- Albemarle County Citizens Corps
- Amelia County LEPC/Citizen Corps Council
- Amherst County Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Arlington County Citizen Corp Council
- Brunswick County Citizen Corps Council
- Campbell County Citizen Corps Council
- Charles City County LEPC
- Chesterfield County Citizen Corps Council
- Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council
- Frederick/Winchester Citizens Corps Council
- Gloucester Citizen Corps Council/LEPC

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FUNDING

FY05

- \$303,685
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$781,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$422,156
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$89,685 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$381,161 CERT funding through FEMA

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CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS (Continued)

Counties

- Goochland County LEPC
- Greater Prince William Citizen Corps Council
- Hanover Citizen Corps Council
- Henrico County Community Safety Coalition
- Henry County Citizens Corps
- Highland County LEPC
- James City Citizen Corps Council
- James City County Citizen Corps Council
- King George Citizen Corps Council
- Lancaster County Citizen Corps Council
- Louisa County Citizen Corps
- New River Valley
- Nottoway Citizen Corps Council
- Page County Citizen Corps Council
- Pittsylvania County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
- Rappahannock–Rapidan Emergency Preparedness Task Force
- Roanoke Valley Citizen Corps Council
- Russell County Disaster Task Force/Citizen Corps Council
- Shenandoah Valley Project Impact
- Tazewell County Citizen Corps Council
- Wise County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
- York County (VA) Citizen Corps Committee

Local

- Alexandria Citizen Corps
- City of Chesapeake Citizen Corps Council
- City of Danville Citizen Corps Council
- Fredericksburg Citizen Corps Council
- Hampton Citizens Corp Council
- Hopewell Citizens Corps Council
- Manassas Park Citizen Corps Council
- Petersburg Citizen Corps Council
- Portsmouth LEPC
- Richmond Citizen Corps Council
- Suffolk LEPC
- Virginia Beach Citizen Corps Council
- Williamsburg Volunteer Citizen Corps

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN VIRGINIA



CERT

- 41 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 26 Volunteers in Police Service programs

Neighborhood Watch

- 709 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 62 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 15 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 14 Fire Corps programs

Community Highlights

The Virginia State Citizen Corps Council hosted four regional CERT Train-the-Trainer sessions, with more than 300 public safety professionals trained in the two-day sessions.

The Virginia Council also developed an Internet-based Business Resource Toolkit. This guide provides user-friendly detailed information enabling businesses and organizations to prepare, respond and recover from disasters.

In addition, the Virginia State Citizen Corps Council hosted its annual two-day Citizen Corps Conference—*Virginia's Public Safety Outreach Conference*. The conference provides networking and skill-sharpening opportunities for all state Citizen Corps partners. This year's conference included work sessions on: including people with disabilities in disaster planning, preventing communication breakdowns and safeguarding your program (examining issues such as liability and credentialing, volunteer partner resources and preventing cultural roadblocks).

Three state agencies (VDEM, the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Virginia Department of Corrections) implemented employee CERT training programs. In addition, James Madison University, George Mason University, University of Virginia, Virginia Military Institute and Virginia Tech are presently training or developing CERT training for staff and students.

Local Citizen Corps members also took an active role in natural disasters this year. Communities experiencing damage from 2004 flooding and tornadoes used their CERT volunteers to assist affected neighborhoods, conduct preliminary damage assessments and assist local emergency operations centers with coordination. In the early winter, local CERT volunteers also partnered with local hardware stores to winterize homes and distribute information to at-risk populations.

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WASHINGTON STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The Washington Commission for National and Community Service (WCNCS) administers Citizen Corps programs throughout the state. For more than a decade, WCNCS has successfully implemented AmeriCorps and other service and volunteer initiatives. Building on established partnerships and activities, the WCNCS provides new, exciting resources and opportunities to the Citizen Corps effort in the state. A high profile example of cross-program synergy is the Governor assembling emergency preparedness personal kits and sorted food donations for the disadvantaged during National Day of Service events.

The WCNCS Commissioners, in partnership with selected first-responder agencies, emergency management, and related entities serve as the State Council. Local communities are encouraged to participate in the charter programs and the principles of service and volunteerism to prepare the public to respond to all types of emergencies and disasters.

WCNCS-supported VISTA volunteers advance Citizen Corps and homeland security initiatives throughout local communities establishing relationships and working with grassroots volunteers in cooperation with local councils.

Washington State is also a leader for its volunteer liability work group and piloting incorporation of disability perspectives into the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) curriculum.

Community Highlights

The Snohomish County Citizen Corps Council hosted their third annual CERT EXPO in October 2004. Everett Community College co-hosted the event and provided use of their facility for free. The 110 CERT participants, supported by another 60 volunteers as role players, worked through 3 scenarios. As an added challenge, prior year participants were required to take different positions so they would learn new positions. Many of the role players were from local schools, earning community volunteer hours to go toward their graduation credits.

The Tulalip Tribe's Office of Neighborhoods and Police Department held a CERT Train-the-Trainer during January 2005 supported by Snohomish County. Several other Tribes across the state have also implemented CERT programs and training.

WASHINGTON OVERVIEW

- Fifty county/local Councils serving 5,800,404 (98% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Adams County Citizen Corps Council
- Chelan County Sheriff's Citizen Corps Council
- Clark County Citizen Corps Council
- Cowlitz County Citizen Corps Council
- Douglas County Citizen Corps Council
- Grant Emergency Management Advisory Council
- Grays Harbor County Citizen Corps
- Homeland Security Coordinating Region 3 Citizen Corps Council
- Homeland Security Region 8 Citizen Corps Council
- Island County Citizen Corps Council
- King County Regional Citizen Corps Council
- Kitsap County Citizen Corps

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FUNDING

FY05

- \$269,275
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$694,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$374,951
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$79,722 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$338,821 CERT funding through FEMA

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CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS (Continued)

Counties

- Kittitas County Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Lincoln County Citizen Corps Council
- Mason County Citizen Corps Council
- North Olympic Peninsula Citizen Corps Council
- Okanogan County Citizen Corps Council
- Pacific County Emergency Management & Citizen Corp Council
- Pierce County Citizen Service Corps
- Skagit County Citizen Corps Council
- Skamania County Citizen Corps Council
- Snohomish County Citizen Corps Council
- Spokane Disaster Committee/Citizen Corp Council
- Thurston County Citizen Corps Council ~Emergency Management Council of Thurston County
- Wahkiakum County Emergency Planning and Citizen Corps Council
- Walla Walla County Emergency Management Advisory Council
- Washington State Region 7 Citizen Corps Council
- Whatcom County Citizen Corps Council
- Whitman County
- Yakima Valley Citizen Corps Council

Local

- Carnation-Duvall Citizen Corps Council
- Emergency Services Coordinating Agency
- Fall City Citizen Corps Council
- City of Kent Citizen Corps
- Mercer Island Emergency Management Action Council
- Sky Valley Citizen Corps Council
- Auburn Area Citizen Corps Council
- City of Puyallup
- Redmond COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster)
- Sammamish Citizen Corps Council
- Seattle LEPC
- Shelton DEM Citizen Corps Council
- Shoreline Emergency Management Citizens Corps Council
- Skokomish Indian Reservation CCC
- Snohomish County Fire District #4 Citizen Corps Council
- Snoqualmie-North Bend Citizen Corps Council
- Clark County Fire District 11
- East Clark County Fire & Rescue
- City of Wenatchee Citizen Corps Council
- Woodinville Citizen Corps

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN WASHINGTON



CERT

- 41 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 50 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 579 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 44 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 4 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 4 Fire Corps programs

The Carnation-Duvall Citizen Corps Council has six standing committees and a website in addition to encouraging volunteer opportunities for the five national programs and in the local emergency operating center. Citizen preparedness and CERT training are offered throughout the year and promoted by their *CERTie Bee Prepared* public service announcement campaign.

The Clark County Citizen Corps and its National Service Volunteers facilitated CERT training for members of the Clark County Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD), participate in the ACES/RACES management team, give shelter-in-place presentations, and work with local officials on emergency plans for paid staff.

The Fall City Citizen Corps Council encourages its residents to participate in Neighborhood Watch Plus, combining the best of Neighborhood Watch and CERT training to help neighbors develop mutual assistance plans.

The Homeland Security Coordination District 7 Citizen Corps Council (for Chelan, Kittitas, Douglas, Okanogan and Grant counties) works together to involve citizens in hazard mitigation planning, form local CERTs, and educate the public and county and city councils on topics of emergency management.

In Spokane County, National Service Volunteers established a local Citizen Corps council, Medical Reserve Corps unit, developed CERT training and team, and worked to strengthen Neighborhood Watch and VIPS in coordination with the County Sheriff's Department's Community Oriented Policing programs.

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WEST VIRGINIA STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The State of West Virginia's Citizen Corps Program is a tightly knit state and local partnership that stretches across West Virginia from the banks of the Potomac River to the Ohio River and from the Northern Panhandle counties to the Southern Coalfields.

The West Virginia Citizen Corps Program was initiated in November 2002 in answer to President Bush's call to service and the launch of USA Freedom Corps. The West Virginia Citizen Corps Program was established with the belief that all West Virginians can help strengthen, prepare and unite their neighborhoods, communities and state.

Established in January 2003, West Virginia's Citizen Corps Council consists of thirty-three members representing a wide variety of state and local agencies, businesses, volunteer organizations and educational facilities. It serves in an advisory capacity with regard to the development of statewide local Citizen Corps Councils and the implementation of all Citizen Corps programs. Council seats are filled by invitation through the collaborative efforts of the West Virginia Office of Emergency Services Director, the Director of the Governor's Commission for National and Community Service, and the State Citizen Corps Coordinator. The governance process for the West Virginia Citizen Corps Program is implemented by the State Administrative Agency (SAA) through coordination with the State Office of Emergency Services Director and the State Citizen Corps Coordinator. Jean Ambrose, Director of the West Virginia Commission for National and Community Service, serves as chair for the state council.

Membership representatives serving on the state council include:

- United Way of WV
- WV Business Roundtable
- American Red Cross
- Bureau of Behavioral Health
- Library Commission
- WV Sheriff's Association
- WV Medical Association
- WV Council of Churches
- WV Citizens' Conservation Corps
- WV Office of Emergency Services

WEST VIRGINIA OVERVIEW

- Thirty-three county/local Councils serving 1,404,443 (78% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Berkeley County Citizen Corps Council
- Braxton County Citizen Corps Council
- Brooke County Citizen Corps
- Cabell County Citizen Corps Council
- Fayette County Citizen Corps Council
- Grant County Citizen Corps
- Hampshire County Citizen Corps
- Hancock County Citizen Corps Council
- Hardy County Citizen Corps Council
- Harrison County Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Jefferson County Office of Homeland Security
- Kanawha County Citizen Corps Council
- Lewis County Citizen Corps

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FUNDING

FY05

- \$150,785
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$389,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$210,460
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$44,963 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$191,091 CERT funding through FEMA

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CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS (Continued)

Counties

- Marion County Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Marshall County Citizen Corps Council
- McDowell County LEPC/Citizen Corps Council
- Mercer County Citizen Corps Council
- Monongalia County Citizen Corps Council
- Nicholas County Sheriff's Community Action Task Force
- Preston County Citizen Corps
- Putnam County Citizen Corps
- Raleigh County LEPC/Citizen Corps Council
- Randolph County LEPC/Citizen Corps Council
- Taylor County LEPC/Citizen Corps Council
- Tucker County Citizen Corps Council
- Upshur County Citizen Corps
- Wayne County Citizen Corps Council
- Wheeling-Ohio County Citizen Corps Council
- Wirt County Citizen Corps Council
- Wood County Citizen Corps Council
- Wyoming County Citizen Corps Council

Cities

- City of Charleston Citizen Corps Council
- South Bluefield Neighborhood Association

PROGRAM PARTNERS IN WEST VIRGINIA



CERT

- 10 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 4 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 34 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 23 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 5 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 1 Fire Corps program

- Campus Compact
- WVCNCS/WVU Parkersburg
- WVU Extension Services
- AARP
- WV Commission for National and Community Services
- Amateur Radio Emergency Services
- WV Association of Counties
- Senior Service Corps Association
- WV Hospital Association
- Community Action Directors Association
- WV Broadcasters Association
- WV Fire Chief's Association
- WV State Police/Neighborhood Watch
- WV Municipal League
- WV Association for Volunteer Administration
- WV Health Kids Coalition
- Salvation Army
- Professional Firefighters Association.

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WISCONSIN STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

On September 7, 2004 Governor Jim Doyle issued Executive Order 67 creating the State of Wisconsin Citizen Corps Council to act as an advisory council for the newly created State Citizen Corps Program. The program is administered by the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance (OJA). OJA devotes a full-time and a part-time position to program efforts.

The State Citizen Corps Council includes the following representation: Fire Service, Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Service, Charitable Organizations, Non-Government, Local Citizen Corp Council Membership, Emergency Management, County/Local Government and VOAD representation. The Council meets on a regular basis to provide program recommendations to the Office of Justice Assistance (SAA).

Wisconsin programs support Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), Neighborhood Watch, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) training efforts, Medical Reserve Corps, Fire Reserve Corps and Crime Prevention. In addition, the State Citizen Corps Council supports two new initiatives: the Responding to Emergencies and Disasters With Youth initiative (READY) and the Wisconsin Terrorism Awareness & Prevention program (WisTAP).

Wisconsin Citizen Corps also works in partnership with a local marketing consultant to assist in the state-wide promotion of Citizen Corps targeting local volunteer efforts.

2005 Priorities

- Development/deployment of Responding to Emergencies Disasters With Youth READY initiative
- Development/deployment of the Wisconsin Terrorism Awareness & Prevention (WisTAP) program
- Development of the Governor's Citizen Corps Council
- Deployment of an annual State Citizen Corps Conference
- Statewide promotion of CERT with intentions of training at least 500 additional volunteers

WISCONSIN OVERVIEW

- Eleven county and local Councils serving 1,696,036 citizens (32% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Bayfield County Citizen Corps Council
- Citizen Corps of Milwaukee County
- Dodge County Citizen Corps
- Grant County WI Citizens Corps
- Kenosha County Citizen Corps Council
- La Crosse County Citizen Corps
- Racine County Citizen Corps
- Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster of Washington County

Local

- Phillips Area Citizen Corps Council
- Prairie du Chien
- City of Whitewater Citizen Corps Council

FUNDING

FY05

- \$251,200
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$649,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$350,751
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$74,856 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$318,138 CERT funding through FEMA

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**PROGRAM PARTNERS
IN WISCONSIN**



CERT

- 15 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 15 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 92 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in 51 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- 3 Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- 12 Fire Corps programs

- Development and maintenance of a Wisconsin Citizen Corps Website
- Creation of at least 15 new local Citizen Corps programs and associated Councils
- Register new Councils for 2004 and 2005
- Develop Citizen Corps Councils in:
 - Brown County
 - Winnebago County
 - Sawyer County
 - South Central Wisconsin
 - Jefferson County
 - Green County
 - Rock County

*These Councils add an additional 675,596 population served in Wisconsin.

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WYOMING STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The Wyoming State Citizen Corps Council is focusing its efforts on statewide awareness of Citizen Corps programs. A statewide television advertising campaign has been launched to increase awareness of the program and has had tremendous success. Radio and print media spots have also been utilized.

Governor Dave Freudenthal signed a proclamation proclaiming September 2004 as "Preparedness Month." The public service announcements were unveiled during "Preparedness Month" and residents soon began calling to inquire how they could join Citizen Corps. Media coverage focusing on preparedness was extensive and favorable.

The Council is currently developing public service announcements to encourage residents to prepare and maintain a three-day supply kit, and to develop a communications plan. Each will have a 30-second television, a 30-second radio and a ¼ page print public service announcement dedicated to it.

The entire staff of the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security attended a Community Emergency Response Team course in May of 2004. The class was well received by the staff.

More than 50 Citizen Corps volunteers were deployed to Florida to assist in the recovery efforts following the hurricane destruction. Volunteers said it was a wonderful learning experience and volunteers were pleased they could put their training to use in helping those affected by the hurricanes.

The Wyoming Office of Homeland Security held its annual conference and focused several breakout sessions on Citizen Corps. Those sessions inspired many of those attending to research and become active in other Citizen Corps programs. Efforts to become active in Volunteers in Police Service and the Medical Reserves Corps are underway.

Local efforts to raise awareness about the program are also underway at health fairs, county fairs and information booths at various conferences throughout the state.

Washakie County Citizen Corps members participated in a full-scale exercise. Members were responsible for setting up the decontamination tent and tracking the "victims" before and after decontamination. Volunteers were enthusiastic about their role in the countywide exercise.

WYOMING OVERVIEW

- Three county Councils serving 137,557 (28% of total state population)

CITIZEN CORPS COUNCILS

Counties

- Campbell County Citizen Corps Council
- Natrona County LEPC
- Sweetwater County Citizen Corps Council

FUNDING

FY05

- \$114,888
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY04

- \$297,000
- Citizen Corps funding through DHS/ODP

FY03

- \$160,224
- CERT funding through FEMA; no FY03 appropriations for Citizen Corps

FY02

- \$34,106 Citizen Corps funding through FEMA
- \$144,948 CERT funding through FEMA

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PROGRAM PARTNERS IN WYOMING



CERT

- 16 Active Community Emergency Response Teams listed in the CERT directory



VIPS

- 4 Volunteers in Police Service programs



Neighborhood Watch

- 87 Registered Neighborhood Watch groups serve their communities in coordination with 6 different law enforcement jurisdictions



Medical Reserve Corps

- No registered Medical Reserve Corps units



Fire Corps

- No registered Fire Corps programs since national launch in December 2004

Washakie County has also combined efforts with local search and rescue units. Members have learned additional search and rescue techniques, such as advanced tracking techniques. By cross-training members of the CERT program and the Search and Rescue program, Washakie County is maximizing the utilization of its limited resources.

Several other counties have utilized CERT members in their full-scale exercises: Natrona County, Lincoln County, Converse County and Campbell County.

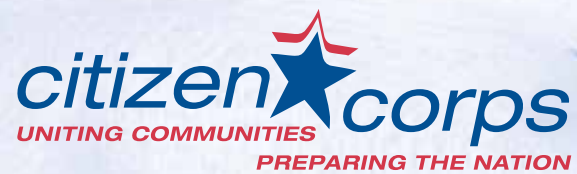
Lincoln County: In addition to training and exercises, the county's CERT trailer has been on the road. Since this CERT has received its training, they have responded to a bus wreck in Sweetwater County, a crime scene, a double fatality highway accident, a search for a lost ice fisherman and a potential gas leak. The trailer has also been utilized for meetings and classes.

The response to these events reinforces the effectiveness of CERT programs.

The following is a letter to the Lincoln County CERT from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office: *"I would like to thank you for making the CERT trailer available on the weekend of Feb. 7, 2004. The trailer proved to be invaluable when we processed the scene of a possible homicide. The Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation, Wyoming State Crime Lab and the Wyoming State Fire Marshal's Office as well as the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, were able to utilize many of the items in the trailer. Those agencies also made positive comments on the trailer and its contents. Again, thank you for making the trailer available."*

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