



## Community Preparedness Announcement National Volunteer Week (April 27 – May 3, 2008)

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**Citizen Corps has partnered with  
the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation  
to provide 10,000 Presidential Volunteer Service Awards to  
Citizen Corps Councils and Program Partners!!!**

This year during National Volunteer Week (April 27- May 3 2008), Citizen Corps honors the selfless individuals who volunteer their time to further community preparedness efforts. Citizen Corps has partnered with the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation to provide 10,000 Presidential Volunteer Service Awards free of charge to Councils and Citizen Corps Partner Programs: Community Emergency Response Team

(CERT) Program, Fire Corps, Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), Neighborhood Watch, and Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS). It is with sincere appreciation that we are able to pay tribute to volunteers who support Citizen Corps programs and initiatives.



The President's Volunteer Service Award is issued by the President's

Council on Service and Civic Participation on behalf of the President of the United States to recognize the best in American spirit, and to encourage all Americans to improve their communities through volunteer service and civic participation. The Award is given to individuals, families, and groups that have achieved a certain standard – measured by the number of hours served over a 12-month period or cumulative hours earned over the course of a lifetime.

Citizen Corps has been registered on the Presidential Volunteer Service Award website as a national Leadership Organization and has pre-registered state, local, and tribal Citizen Corps Councils and all local Program Partners to be official Certifying Organizations. As a Certifying Organization, your Council or Program is approved to review and verify a volunteer's hours, and to nominate and distribute the President's Volunteer Service Award. Award packages include a letter from the President, a certificate of achievement (with customized logo depending on affiliation) and a pin. Please note that, although the 10,000 awards are free of charge, Councils and Programs will be responsible for shipping and handling costs. To learn more about being a Certifying Organization, please visit:

<http://www.presidentserviceawards.gov/s/citizencorps>.



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Volunteers can track their hours through the President’s Volunteer Service Award website, <http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/tgact/login/dspLoginAll.cfm> to create an ongoing Record of Service. As a Certifying Organization, you would need to verify the number of hours served and submit the volunteer’s name and number of hours to have the award certificate personalized.

We would like to personally thank every volunteer who has dedicated time and energy to Citizen Corps. Thank you for acknowledging the contributions of those in your community!! If you have any questions or need assistance, please call 1-866-545-5307.

### Presidential Volunteer Service Award Criteria

<b>Bronze Level</b>	Kids: 50 to 74 hours Young Adults: 100 to 174 hours Adults: 100 to 249 hours Family & Groups: 200 to 499 hours
<b>Silver Level</b>	Kids: 75 to 99 hours Young Adults: 175 to 249 hours Adults: 250 to 499 hours Family & Groups: 500 to 999 hours
<b>Gold Level</b>	Kids: 100 hours or more Young Adults: 250 hours or more Adults: 500 hours or more Family & Groups: 1000 hours or more
<b>Presidents Call to Service</b>	All Ages: 4,000 hours or more of volunteer service (over a lifetime).