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### **FEMA'S CITIZEN CORPS PARTNERS WITH UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS**

Washington, DC –The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced a newly-formed affiliation with the United States Power Squadrons (U.S. Power Squadrons) to support Citizen Corps, FEMA's grassroots effort to strengthen community preparedness through civic participation February 21. This partnership expands the Citizen Corps network of national organizations working in partnership for community preparedness; the U.S. Power Squadrons is the twenty-seventh Citizen Corps Affiliate.

"The alliance between Citizen Corps and U.S. Power Squadrons makes for a natural homeland security team as the U.S. Power Squadrons are playing an increasingly critical role in maritime safety and security via the *America's Waterway Watch* and *Waterway Awareness Programs*," said Corey Gruber, Acting Deputy Administrator of FEMA's National Preparedness Directorate.

With over 2,300 local Citizen Corps Councils nationwide, Citizen Corps brings together and involves community and government leaders, community members and organizations in all-hazards emergency preparedness, planning, mitigation, response, and recovery. Citizen Corps and the U.S. Power Squadrons each view community safety and emergency preparedness as a top priority for their respective organizations and the general public.

"Encouraging United States Power Squadron members to take on a larger role in disaster preparedness and civic engagement speaks to the core principals of our organization," said Commander Creighton Maynard, Jr., "and, now, through this affiliation with Citizen Corps, we are delighted to expand the U.S. Power Squadron's role in community preparedness through support for emergency planning, education and outreach, and training for the general public."

The U.S. Power Squadrons, organized in 1914, is America's largest non-profit boating organization dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable through public education in seamanship, navigation and related marine safety topics. They have 45,000 members organized into 450 squadrons nationwide and U.S. territories.

For more information about FEMA and Citizen Corps, visit [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) and [www.citizencorps.gov](http://www.citizencorps.gov). To learn more about the United States Power Squadrons, visit [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org).