



OHIO CITIZEN CORPS is ...

- National homeland security and preparedness initiative
- Coordinated at the state level by the Ohio Community Service Council
- Implemented at the county level
- Partnership between first responder community and citizen partnership

GOALS

- Create a culture of citizen preparedness and response in the event of emergencies
- Recruit, register and enable a cadre of trained volunteers to respond to disasters and emergencies

PROGRAMS

- **Ohio Responds** - State of Ohio database of registered volunteers trained and willing to be mobilized and deployed in times of disaster. Liability protection is provided to registered volunteers when activated to respond in a declared emergency.
- **OMRC - Ohio Medical Reserve Corps** (Partner: Ohio Department of Health) Professional medical and non-medical volunteers respond to public health emergencies
- **CERT - Community Emergency Response Training** (Partner: Ohio Emergency Management Agency) Citizens trained in emergency first aid, search & rescue, neighborhood assistance
- **FC - Fire Corps** (Partners: Office of the State Fire Marshal; Ohio Fire Chiefs Assn) Citizens trained to support non-operational activities of fire departments
- **NWP - Neighborhood Watch Program** (Partners: US Sheriffs Assn, Crime Prevention Assn) Citizens learn about crime prevention, emergency preparedness, safety and neighborhood assistance
- **VIPS - Volunteers in Police Service** (Partner: International Assoc of Chiefs of Police) Citizens assist and enable police departments in public safety and emergency preparedness.

CITIZEN CORPS SUPPORT

- Ohio Citizen Corps Council: (State-level Advisory Council) Members represent participating public and non-profit agencies and programs promoting citizen participation in preparedness and response activities.
- Local Citizen Corps Councils (County-level) Members reflect the emergency preparedness activities at the local level, offering support and services to promote citizen participation and volunteer training opportunities.

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