

### **FEMA Calls for 2010 National Citizen Corps Achievement Awards Submissions**

Submission Deadline is May 17, 2010

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is pleased to announce the 2010 National Citizen Corps Achievement Awards—Celebrating Resilient Communities. These awards will recognize innovative practices and achievements of Citizen Corps Councils across the nation that are making our communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to manage any emergency situation.

Winning Citizen Corps Councils will exemplify excellence in community emergency planning, foster successful public-private partnerships, prioritize collaboration, demonstrate creative and innovative local problem solving, and implement sound programs that can be modeled for use by other communities. All submissions should feature programs that took place during the period of January 1, 2009 – May 17, 2010.

Councils will be recognized in the following categories:

- Outstanding State Citizen Corps Initiatives Award
- Outstanding Citizen Corps Council Award
- Collaborative Preparedness Planning Award
- Preparing the Public Award
- Preparing Community Organizations Award
- Volunteer Integration Award

Two representatives from the winning Council in each award category will be FEMA's honored guests at a meeting in Washington, D.C. as part of National Preparedness Month. Awardees will also participate in a community preparedness roundtable discussion to share ideas and solutions regarding challenges in community preparedness with other award winning Councils, FEMA leadership, and Citizen Corps partners. FEMA will also work with each award recipient to develop a case study to be posted on the Citizen Corps website ([www.citizencorps.gov](http://www.citizencorps.gov)), featured in outreach activities and webinars, and shared with other Councils nationwide.

To be eligible for consideration, entries must be received by May 17, 2010, midnight E.D.T.

Visit the following website to download the instructions for how to submit your application:

<http://www.citizencorps.gov/news/awards/index.shtm>

We look forward to hearing about the excellent work that Councils are doing across the nation!

Sincerely,

The National Office of Citizen Corps  
FEMA Individual & Community Preparedness Division