

Disaster-Related Training & Volunteer Opportunities Available Across U.S.

American Red Cross: Red Cross chapters train volunteers to support disaster preparedness and relief efforts. For volunteer and training info, go to www.redcross.org.

American Radio Relay League (ARRL), National Association for Amateur Radio: The ARRL is a national network of Amateur Radio Operators and can be useful for communications in an emergency. For volunteer and training info, go to www.arrl.org/courses-training.

Citizen Corps Councils: Councils across the nation involve local government, community leaders and the public in making communities safer through personal responsibility, training and volunteer service. For more, go to www.citizencorps.gov.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): CERT is a FEMA program that trains citizens to safely assist their families, neighbors, co-workers, or anyone who needs help in the event of a widespread emergency when professional responders may not be available. For volunteer and training info, go to www.citizencorps.gov/cert.

FEMA Independent Study Program (ISP): ISP offers self-paced online courses designed for the general public and emergency management practitioners. For a complete list of courses, go to www.training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.asp.

Fire Corps: Fire Corps is a locally-driven program that enables community members to volunteer their time and talents to their local fire/EMS department in a non-emergency capacity. For more, go to www.firecorps.org.

HandsOn Network: The HandsOn Network Action Centers specialize in recruiting, organizing and managing “spontaneous” unaffiliated volunteers, and involving volunteers in long term recovery operations. For volunteer and training info, go to www.handsonnetwork.org/nationalprograms/handsondisasters.

Meals on Wheels Association of America (MOWAA): Meals on Wheels implements community-based Senior Nutrition Programs and has a key role in preparing and responding to the needs of older adults during disasters. For volunteer and training info, go to www.mowaa.org/emergencypreparedness.

Medical Reserve Corps (MRC): MRC recruits volunteers and organizes units to support public health and emergency response in communities across the nation. For volunteer and training info, go to www.medicalreservecorps.gov.

National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD): NVOAD is a national group of organizations that are involved in disaster response and recovery. Member organizations have a variety of training and volunteer opportunities. For volunteer and training info, go to www.nvoad.org/.

SKYWARN: SKYWARN is a network of volunteer weather spotters who help their local communities by relaying timely and accurate reports of severe weather to the local weather stations and National Weather Service. For volunteer and training info, go to www.weather.gov/skywarn/.

Operation Hope: Operation Hope has a network of trained volunteers educate public on financial emergency preparedness and help disaster survivors with financial counseling. For volunteer and training info, contact Jason Yancey at Jason.Yancy@operationhope.org and go to www.operationhope.org/index.cfm/act/getinvolved.

USAonWatch/ Neighborhood Watch: Neighborhood Watch groups train and involve the public in keeping their communities safe. For volunteer and training info, go to www.usaonwatch.org.

Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) Program: The VIPS program provides support and resources for law enforcement agencies interested in developing or enhancing volunteer programs. For volunteer and training info, go to www.policevolunteers.org.