

Volunteer Opportunities

- Engage in crowd/parking control at special events/emergencies
- Participate in patrols of parking lots at events
- Fire Department**
 - Become a volunteer firefighter or emergency medical services technician
 - Offer to help the fire department in fund raising efforts
 - Help with correspondence, public outreach, and records management
 - Assist the fire department and fire prevention experts with fire prevention and education in your neighborhood, place of business, schools, and community organizations.
 - Assist the department with food and water for major fires.
- Neighborhood Watch Program**
 - Arrange for home security inspections by crime prevention officers to identify security vulnerabilities.
 - Upgrade locks, security hardware, and lighting
 - Train family members to keep valuables secure and lock windows and doors when leaving the house.
 - Train family members on identifying suspicious behaviors that could indicate terrorist activity.
 - Ask neighbors to watch for suspicious activities when you're on vacation or away from home.
 - Organize a block WATCH group to assist children, elderly, and other especially vulnerable persons if they appear to be distressed, in danger or lost.
 - Organize meetings with neighborhood groups and trained crime prevention offices to discuss security needs and crime prevention strategies.
 - Obtain and study information materials from the National Sheriff's Association, the National Crime Prevention Council, and local law enforcement agencies.
- Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)**
 - Staff a community education booth at community events
 - Identify safety needs and vulnerable individuals in your neighborhood
 - Distribute disaster education material in your neighborhood.
 - Assist with writing and distribution a CERT newsletter
 - Help organize drills, activities, and supplemental training for your team.
 - Participate in a speaker's bureau to schools and clubs
 - Assist emergency management officials and fire departments with installing smoke alarms and other special projects
 - Help with CERT administrative duties by maintaining databases, helping with class registration, and assisting with class logistics.
 - Organize recognition activities for volunteers after CERT training, assist in evacuation, shelter management, donations management, care of responders at fires or emergencies, mass care of victims from a large event, damage assessment, and perimeter control
- Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)**
 - Take police reports
 - Make follow-up telephone calls to victims
 - Conduct fingerprinting

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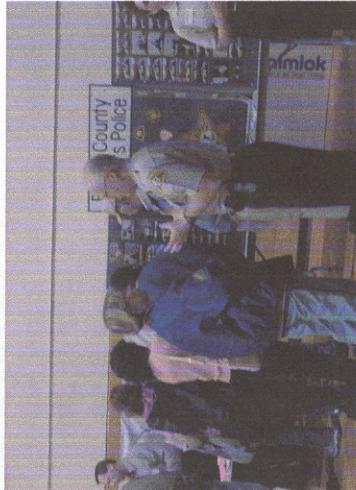
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Boone County Emergency Management Agency Coordinator, Deputy Lee Onley explains volunteer opportunities to an interested citizen.



State Representatives to insure that programs are meaningful and ongoing.

Mission, Goals and Objectives



Freshmen Ladies and Lady Bucs
Volleyball team prepare for duty
on September 21, 2002

MISSION:

The mission
of the
Belvidere
Citizen Corps
Council is to
facilitate and
train the local
citizenry who
wish to vol-

unteer 2 years

or the equivalent of 4000 hours in a life-time to the service of others as a result of President Bush's Freedom Corps initiative.

GOALS:

The goal of the Belvidere Citizen Corps Council is to establish Belvidere as the standard for Citizen Corps Councils and to have a pool of trained citizens who will be able to respond quickly and decisively in any type of emergency, not only in our community but be prepared to deploy to other communities of the state, nation, or world if needed.

OBJECTIVES:

The Belvidere Citizen Corps will coordinate with the Emergency Management Agency, the Office of Homeland Security, Belvidere Fire Department, Belvidere and Boone County Law Enforcement agencies, the local chapter of the American Red Cross, the Belvidere Family YMCA, ALERTA, General Mills/Green Giant and



Belvidere Volleyball Lady Bucs, Ashley Pickel, Sarah Hill, and Brittniey Oblinger perform beautifully during roadway cleanup

The Citizen Corps Council will work to obtain grant monies from state and federal sources, as well as local businesses in order to provide a training facility and to fund training and operational expenses associated with the programs.

The Citizen Corps Council will work with the local YMCA organization to insure that teens and youth have an opportunity to volunteer and contribute to their community in a meaningful way.

The Citizen Corps Council will continue to recruit volunteers and organizations who wish to participate.

The Citizen Corps Council will work closely with the local chapter of the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association to establish schedules for CPR training, fire safety training, disaster preparedness and other life saving skills.

The Citizen Corps Council will work with the Emergency Management Agency to train volunteers in emergency response and disaster preparedness techniques.

The Mayor will appoint an individual who will be Citizen Corps Coordinator who will work closely with the Mayor in all aspects of the Council and will oversee all administrative aspects of the programs. The Coordinator will establish a database for tracking volunteers, refer volunteers to the appropriate agency, facilitate training and assist in the orientation of the volunteers.



The American Red Cross provides hand-on demonstrations for many of their classes that teach life saving skill that volunteers can learn.