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The DC Citizen Corps' first trained Community Emergency Response Team

Be ready to make a difference when your community needs you. Become a Disaster Volunteer Today

For additional information on how you can become involved, contact: DC Commission on National and Community Service (DC-CNCS)
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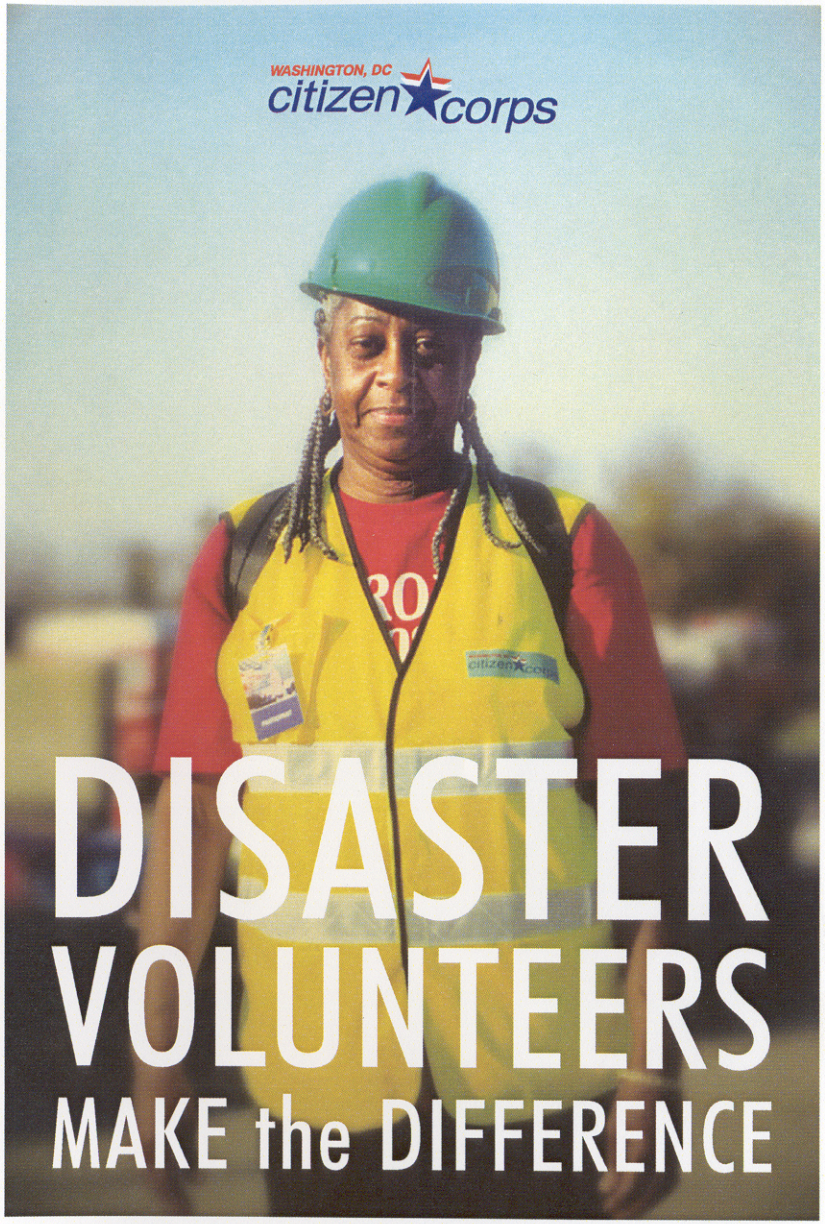
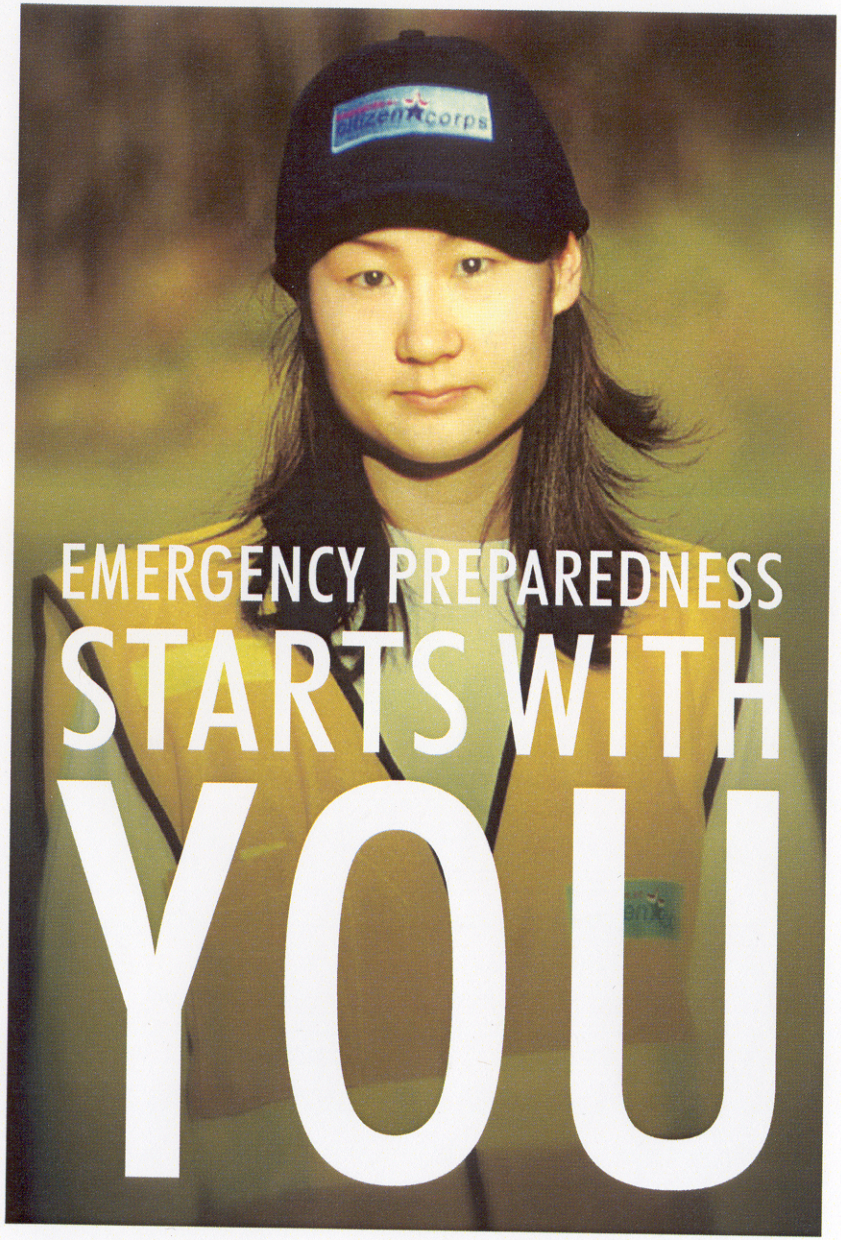


The DC Commission on National and Community Service, through the DC Citizen Corps program, provides District residents with valuable training and education programs to enhance the services of fire departments, police departments, and emergency medical personnel in the event of a natural or man-made disaster. By teaching residents what they can do to help themselves, their families and neighbors during a disaster, these programs increase community involvement in emergency preparedness and response.



DC Citizen Corps brings together local community leaders, neighborhood volunteers, and the network of first responder personnel, to increase community involvement in emergency preparedness and response. Through our volunteer programs, residents are provided valuable emergency training and education to augment the services of first responders in the event of natural or man-made hazards, as well as aid residents in implementing their own emergency management plans.

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THE NATION'S CAPITAL

Events like September 11th 2001, the February snowstorm of 2003 and Hurricane Isabel demonstrate the need for communities within our nation's capitol to be prepared for emergencies of all kinds. The extraordinary compassion and commitment to service demonstrated by District residents during these events confirms that our residents care about their neighbors and communities before, during and after an emergency.

Through education, training and volunteerism, DC Citizen Corps enables every individual to make our communities safer, stronger and better prepared for handling threats of terrorism, crime, public health risks and disasters of all kind.

Contact DC Citizen Corps today to learn more about opportunities for training to serve as a volunteer when your community needs you!

Why Join?

Government alone cannot always meet the immediate needs of citizens when catastrophic events occur; community involvement is vital.

DC Citizen Corps provides a unique opportunity for residents to contribute to the safety and preparedness of our community and offers a host of personal rewards:

- Be directly involved in a national initiative supported by the President of the United States.
- Join a distinct group that works with the District of Columbia's most essential and well-respected emergency management personnel and organizations.
- Learn valuable skills through a variety of training programs and exercises.
- Participate in the fight against terrorism, crime, and public safety threats.
- Achieve a sense of pride in knowing you are making a difference in your community.

Citizen Corps Programs

The Emergency Medical Rapid Response Volunteer Corps (EMT Corps) is composed of residents who are licensed emergency medical technicians and paramedics who assist the District's Fire and Emergency Medical Services (FEMS) Department in the event of a national or local disaster. *EMT Corps is administered by Inner City Training and Services.*

The Metropolitan Police Department Reserve Corps consists of qualified, civic-minded individuals who assist the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) in carrying out its policing responsibilities. Reserve Officer assignments are varied, ranging from administrative support to the broad duties of career police officers. Assignments run from a few hours a week to a regularly scheduled tour of duty. *The Metropolitan Police Reserve Corps is administered by MPD.*

The Disaster Action Team (DAT) provides food, clothing, shelter, counseling and other essential needs to offer immediate relief to victims of disasters such as fires and floods. *The DAT is administered by the American Red Cross of the National Capital Area.*

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) coordinates the efforts of volunteer health professionals during large-scale emergencies. MRC volunteers assist the Department of Health and provide care to victims with a variety of injuries, enhancing the effectiveness of emergency response teams in a major crisis. *MRC is administered by the DC Medical Society.*

Neighborhood Watch Programs (NWP) are comprised of dedicated neighbors who monitor suspicious activity in their neighborhoods and work with police to identify crime problems and potential solutions. This program will be expanded to incorporate terrorism prevention and education into its existing crime prevention mission. *Neighborhood Watch is administered by various community groups.*

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) prepares people in neighborhoods, workplaces, and schools to take a more active role in emergency management planning, and to prepare themselves and others for disasters. *The CERT is administered by The George Washington University Medical Center.*

Greater DC Cares trains community partners to effectively manage volunteers in the event of a disaster and maintains a database for these unaffiliated and spontaneous volunteers.

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