



Citizen Corps Mission

**To have everyone in America participate
in making themselves, our
communities, and our nation safer**

We all have a role in hometown security
a personal responsibility to be prepared;
to get training in first aid and emergency skills; and
to volunteer to support local emergency responders,
disaster relief, and community safety.

The Need to be Ready

In 95% of all emergencies,
bystanders or victims themselves
are the first to provide
emergency assistance or
to perform a rescue

First Responders Per Capita

1 firefighter for every 265 people

1.1 million firefighters – 750,000 volunteer

1 sworn officer for every 334 people

436,000 sworn law enforcement personnel

291,000 sworn sheriff's office personnel

1 EMT/paramedic for every 325 people

890,000 all levels of pre-hospital services:

basic EMT, intermediate EMT, paramedic



FEMA-Community Preparedness Division



National Citizen Corps Council



Citizen Preparedness ~ Training & Exercises ~ Volunteer Service

Federal Partner Programs



DHS



DOJ/NSA



DOJ/IACP



DHS/G&T



DHHS/OSG



DHS/USFA
NVFC/IAFF/IAFC

Affiliate Programs

State Citizen Corps Councils

Tribal / Local Citizen Corps Councils

American Public



Citizen Corps Programs



Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) works to enhance the capacity of state and local law enforcement to utilize volunteers



Neighborhood Watch/USAonWatch incorporates terrorism awareness education into its existing crime prevention mission



The **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** program educates and trains citizens in basic disaster response skills



The **Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Program** helps medical, public health, and other volunteers offer their expertise

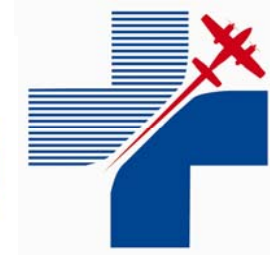


Fire Corps promotes the use of citizen advocates to provide support to fire and rescue departments

Citizen Corps Affiliates

- Programs and organizations that provide:
 - materials and resources for public education or training;
 - volunteer service opportunities to support first responders, disaster relief activities, and community safety efforts; or
 - represent volunteers with an interest in homeland security
- Coordination and mutual support of respective activities

Citizen Corps Affiliates



One Day's Pay



Citizen Corps Approach

National network of state/local/tribal

Citizen Corps Councils to:

- tailor activities to the community
- build on community strengths to develop and implement a local strategy for all to participate

National Voice – National public awareness and media campaign

Citizen Corps Councils

Membership

- **First responder/emergency management**
(law, fire, EMS/EMT, public works)
- **Volunteer community**
- **Elected officials**
- **Business leaders**
- **School systems representatives**
- **Transportation sector**
- **Media executives**
- **Minority and special needs representation**
- **Leadership from community sub-structure**

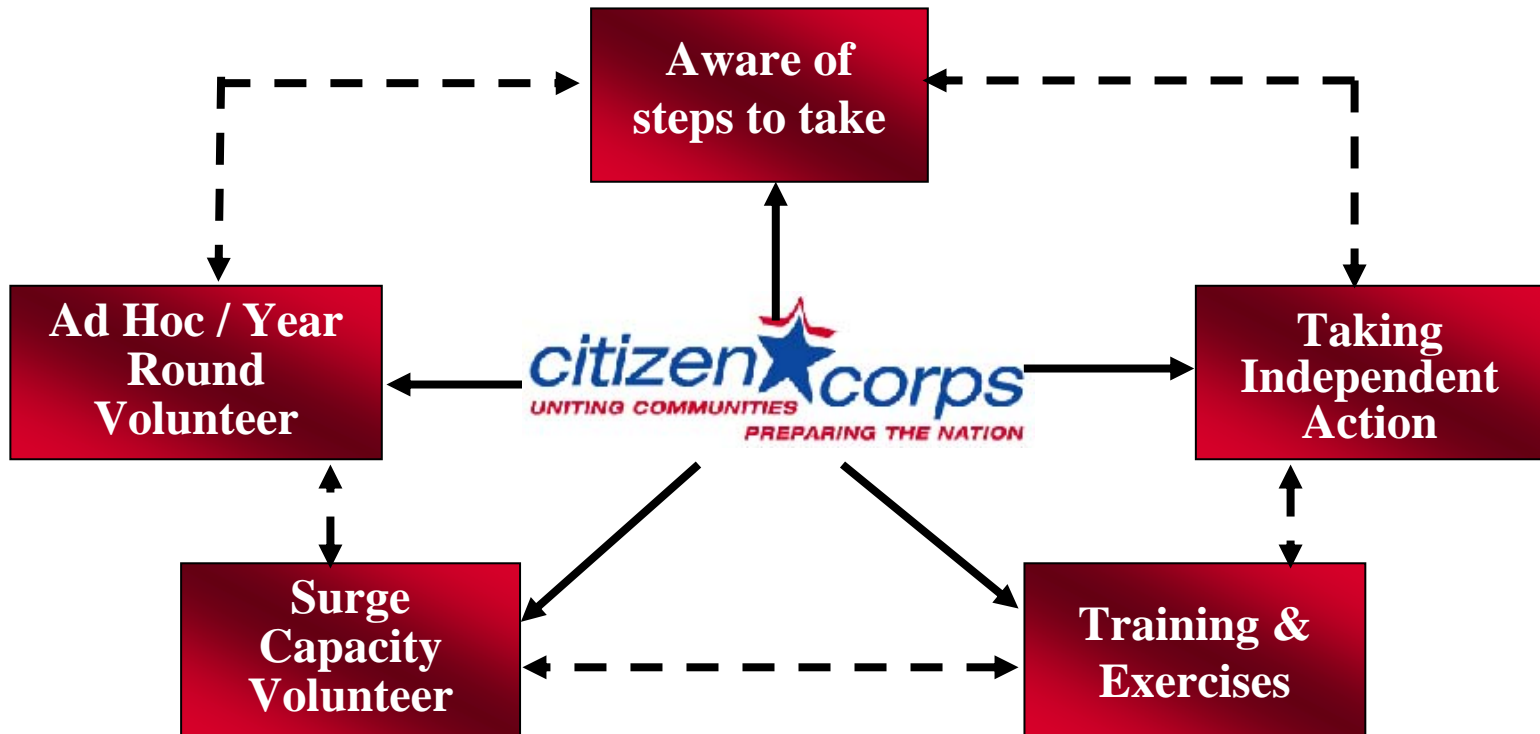
Citizen Corps Councils

Responsibilities

- Build on community strengths to develop strategic plans for the whole community, including special needs groups
- Focus on public education, training, and volunteer opportunities for community and family safety
- Ensure citizens are connected to emergency alert systems
- Promote and oversee Citizen Corps programs
- Provide opportunities for special skills and interests
- Organize special projects/community events
- Capture smart practices and report accomplishments

Engaging the Public

Citizen preparedness and participation may begin differently for each person.



Citizen Corps Local Strategy and Implementation

Increased collaboration between government and community leaders.



Citizen Corps: Community Benefits

- **Greater sense of security, responsibility, and personal control**
- **Builds community pride, unity and patriotism**
- **Promotes risk reduction, mitigation, and preparedness practices**
- **Prepares us all for helping others in a crisis**

Citizen Corps: Benefits for Emergency Responders

- **Year round support through volunteer programs**
- **Reduces burden on first responder services by promoting mitigation and preparedness measures**
- **Creates well trained, better informed, and better prepared citizens to take care of themselves and others during times of crisis -- allowing first responders to address the most critical needs**

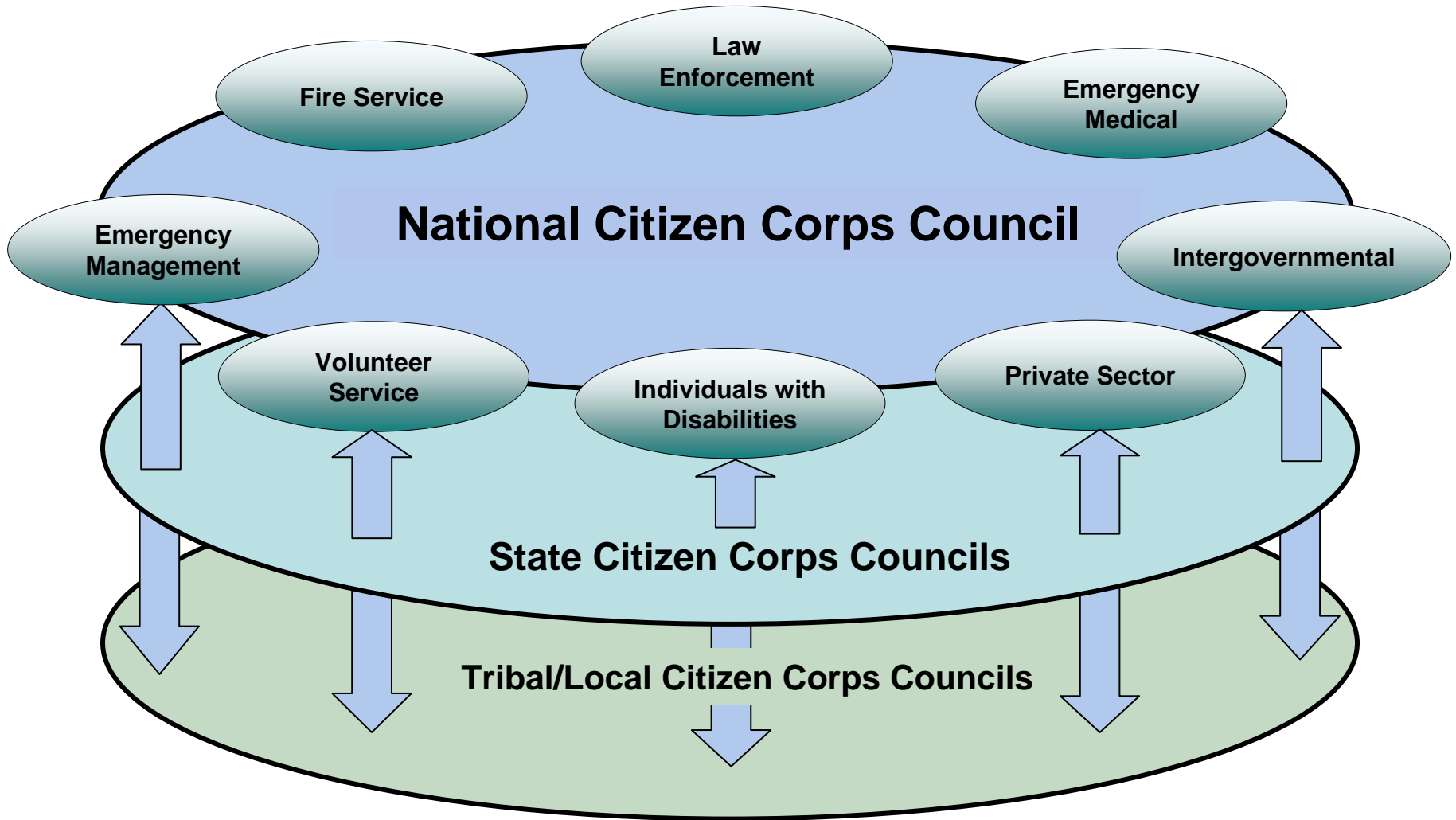
National Citizen Corps Council

Leaders of national organizations promote the Citizen Corps mission, foster collaboration, and support State, tribal, local levels.

Subcommittees:

- Emergency Management & Public Works**
- Emergency Medical and Public Health Services**
- Fire Service**
- Law Enforcement**
- Intergovernmental Organizations**
- Volunteer Service**
- Private Sector and Trade Associations**
- Disabilities Advocacy Organizations**

Citizen Corps Councils





National Citizen Corps Council

Membership: Leaders of national organizations

- law enforcement
- fire
- emergency management
- emergency medical and public health services
- volunteer groups
- private sector
- federal partners
- intergovernmental organizations

whose colleagues at the state and local level will collaborate to create local Citizen Corps Councils and to advance the Citizen Corps mission



Illinois Citizen Corps Council- Membership

- Illinois Emergency Management Agency-Chair
- Adams County Retired and Senior Volunteer Programs (RSVP)
- American Red Cross
- DuPage County
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Serve Illinois Commission
- Illinois Department on Aging
- Illinois Department of Human Services
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- Illinois Emergency Services Management Association
- Illinois Voluntary Agencies Active in Disaster (VOAD)
- Logsdon Consultation Services
- Mutual Aid Response Network (MARN)
- Office of State Fire Marshal
- Save A Life Foundation
- Village of Palatine



Illinois Citizen Corps Council

Accomplishments/Goals

- Continue to encourage local communities to develop Citizen Corps Councils in Illinois; in addition to working with the 115 communities that already started the program.
- Continue to liaison with the federal government regarding the program.
- Continue to disseminate information regarding the program to the local level to assist current Councils such as the standards to retain Active Status.
- Direct any further financial resources to local Citizen Corps Councils.
- Further implement the Illinois Citizen Corps website at www.ready.illinois.gov/citizencorps
- Continue to educate regarding the program, especially toward member associations.
- Working to stand up a volunteers/donations web-based system through FEMA called Aidmatrix.

Illinois-Specific Requirements

- A local Council is considered to be Active if it submits its Semi-Annual Programmatic Report (available on website) each January 15 and July 15 and a Bi-Annual Strategy Implementation Report (BSIR) for grants if they are open by the same dates.
- If requirements are not met, the Council is to be considered Inactive and any grants that are open will be closed.
- Council must be Active Status to receive a grant applications, correspondence, and invitations to conferences.
- Refer to the FAQ section of the website www.ready.illinois.gov/citizencorps for further details about what it takes to become Active again or any other questions.
- Jurisdictions that want to register for the Citizen Corps Program also have to meet initial application requirements very similar to the Semi-Annual Programmatic Reports but with attachments (CEO letter of support and resolution supporting the program).
- Why: To insure standardization in reporting and accountability to the state and federal government.



**Homeland
Security**



Illinois Citizen Corps Grant Programs 2002-Present



Illinois 2002 Citizen Corps Grantees

- Partnership between IEMA and Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service
 - Adams County
 - Arlington Heights
 - Batavia
 - Belvidere
 - Champaign
 - Douglas County
 - Evanston
 - Kankakee County
 - Monmouth
 - Palatine
 - Peoria
 - Wood Dale

Grants Expired October 31, 2003



Illinois 2002 CERT Grantees

- 18 Grantees-\$23,667 Each

Arlington Heights

Collinsville

Douglas County

Effingham County

Evanston

Galesburg

Kankakee County

Marion

Maywood

McDonough County

Moline

Northbrook

Ottawa

Palatine

Quincy

Rockford

Springfield

Tinley Park

Grants expired on March 31, 2004



Illinois 2003 CERT Grantees

- 25 Grantees-\$20,000 Each

Arlington Heights

Aurora

Collinsville

Douglas County

DuPage County

Effingham County

Elgin

Evanston

Galesburg

Kankakee County

Libertyville

Maine Township, Cook County

Marion

Maywood

Milton Township, DuPage County

McDonough County

Moline

Northbrook

Ottawa

Palatine

Quincy

Rockford

Springfield

Tinley Park

Westmont

Grants expired on December 31, 2004



Illinois 2004 Citizen Corps Program

- \$1,160,000 in funds from the Department of Homeland Security. 80% must be passed to local units of government.
- 45 registered Citizen Corps Councils as of December 15, 2003 eligible for grant of \$21,487 each. 83.4% of the grant.
- One grant program from 2004 forward to include the CERT program and other volunteer initiatives under Citizen Corps.
- Grants ended in 2006.



Illinois 2005 Citizen Corps Program

- \$448,119 in funds from the Department of Homeland Security. Marked a 62% decrease in funding from 2004 to 2005.
- 67 registered Citizen Corps Councils as of December 15, 2003 were eligible for grant amount dependent upon new (\$8,250 each) or continuing (\$4,250) status.
- Grants ended December 31, 2006.



Illinois 2006 Citizen Corps Program

- \$633,150 in funds from the Department of Homeland Security. Increase in funds from 2005.
- Funding distribution modified to a six-tiered system offered to 80 Councils.
 - 4 tiers based on past spending history
 - 1 tier based on brand new Councils (2008) with no current grants
 - 1 tier based Councils that only had 2007 funds (no spending history)
- Grants ended December 31, 2007.
- Also held a “second chance” grant program with leftover funds for those jurisdictions that originally spent everything but \$50 in their 2006 grant. 27 grantees at \$7,000 each from July 1, 2008-December 31, 2008.
- Currently conducting a new grant program for new or reactive Councils for up to \$4,000 from July 1, 2009-December 31, 2009.



Illinois 2007 Citizen Corps Program

- \$479,659 in funds from the Department of Homeland Security.
- 71 registered Citizen Corps Councils applied for grants utilizing the formula created in 2006.
- Grants ended December 31, 2008.
- Also holding a “second chance” grant program with leftover funds for those jurisdictions that originally spent everything but \$50 in their 2007 grant. 33 grantees at \$5,000 each from July 1, 2009-December 31, 2009.



Illinois 2008 Citizen Corps Program

- \$479,613 in funds from the Department of Homeland Security. This funding is the same amount from 2007.
- Funding formula remained the same as 2006 and 2007 but new standards put in place for eligibility to include Semi-Annual Programmatic Reporting.
- 68 registered Citizen Corps Councils applied for grants.
- Will end on December 31, 2009.



Illinois 2009 Citizen Corps Program

- \$476,536 in funds from the Department of Homeland Security. Slight decrease in funding.
- Anticipate that funding formula and standards put in place will remain the same.
- Notifications for all active Councils (those that kept up with reports) will go out in September-October 2009.
- Grants for calendar year 2010.



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What YOU Can Do

- **Be personally prepared.**
- **Learn about your school / workplace / community emergency response plans.**
- **Help form Citizen Corps Councils and start the programs in your community**
- **Partner with volunteer organizations, first responder and emergency management leadership, elected leadership, private sector and educational groups**
- **Help your neighbors and your community with public education, risk assessment, training, and volunteer participation**
- **Mentor others**