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RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

While there is a tremendous flexibility for us to implement Citizen Corps in a way that best suits our community, some general responsibilities of the local organizing group include:

- * Creating an action plan to involve the community in prevention, preparedness, and response activities and to mobilize the community in a large-scale event;
- * Identifying ways in which the community's volunteer resources can help meet the needs of its first responders;
- * Working with existing neighborhood leaders, or creating a neighborhood leadership structure, to design a systematic approach to educate the public and encourage Citizen Corps participation throughout the community;
- * Spearheading efforts to offer citizens new and existing volunteer opportunities, educational information, and training courses to address crime, terrorism, public health issues, and natural disaster risks;
- * Recognizing all activities that promote prevention, preparedness, and response training as a part of Citizen Corps and encouraging new endeavors;
- * Organizing special projects and community events to promote Citizen Corps activities, and recruiting volunteers to participate;
- * Fostering a spirit of mutual support by working with Citizen Corps Councils in neighboring communities and jurisdictions to be able to share resources in times of need;
- * Capturing innovative practices and reporting accomplishments to the state coordinator for Citizen Corps; and
- * Surveying our community to assess increased awareness and Citizen Corps participation.