



Potential resources for Citizen Corps

These questions may help us identify resources to help us implement Citizen Corps.

GENERAL

- 1. Who could champion this initiative in our community? Who might champion it within segments of our community? What is the best way to foster city/county/regional collaboration?
- 2. What organizations are already active in programs relevant to Citizen Corps objectives?
- 3. Which organizations usually sponsor or participate in various events that happen in our community (e.g., days of service, parades, fairs, block parties, speakers, carnivals, etc.)?
- 4. What federal, state, or non-profit agencies serve our community? Could they provide staff, guidance, or training to participate in Citizen Corps activities?
- 5. Does a regional planning Council or a related organization include our community within its sphere of interest?
- 6. What current preparedness activities are in progress in our communities? How can we involve youth organizations, such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or Explorers in Citizen Corps activities?

VOLUNTEER

- 7. Do we have a Volunteer Center in our community where volunteer opportunities can be registered and where we can receive assistance with recruitment efforts? What do we need to do to start one?
- 8. Is there a state or local VOAD that could provide training and planning assistance for emergency preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery?
- 9. How can we involve organizations such as the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army that are already active in disaster preparedness and response?
- 10. Are there courses and programs already being provided in our community by voluntary organizations?
- 11. What volunteer groups are already active in the community that can be called upon to serve as Citizen Corps Council partners, including community service groups, faith-based groups, and high school civic groups?
- 12. Is our community served by AmeriCorps volunteers? Does our community have an active Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?
- 13. Are there volunteers already working and trained with organizations whose missions complement the goals of Citizen Corps? How can we tap into organizations that already recruit, manage, and place volunteers?



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14. What other organizations, such as universities, volunteer groups, civic organizations, business councils, mosques, churches, or synagogues, can be tapped to sponsor volunteer participation or community events?

SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES

- 15. Are there colleges, universities, or vocational/technical schools in our community that have sponsored or participated in local preparedness activities?
- 16. Do any of these institutions have curricula or degrees of study programs related to civic administration or emergency management? Do they have an internship program that we could tap to support Council efforts?
- 17. What other resources might our community's colleges, universities, or vocational/technical schools provide to our Citizen Corps Councils?
- 18. Do our local high schools incorporate a community service element as part of their graduation requirement? How can we involve high school clubs' members or their leaders in Citizen Corps?

BUSINESS SECTOR

- 19. Which businesses in our community have corporate policies that encourage worker participation in community life?
- 20. Are there businesses in our community that have a good fit with the goals of Citizen Corps, such as insurance companies, security firms, training facilities, or manufacturers of preparedness kit items?

MEDIA

- 21. Are there individuals or local celebrities in our community who would be willing to serve as motivational speakers to encourage people to participate in Citizen Corps?
- 22. Which TV, radio, print, or other media outlets in our area are community-service oriented?
- 23. Which journalists or reporters in our community frequently cover human interest stories or stories on disaster and emergency management?
- 24. Is there a local weather forecaster or news anchor who could be encouraged to serve as a Citizen Corps Council member?