

# FLORIDA PREPARES

Partnerships that ensure Florida's **communities**  
are prepared and resilient

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**Disasters Impact  
Communities  
Not Political Subdivisions**



**We Must Involve the  
Community in Disaster  
Preparedness, Response,  
Recovery, and Mitigation**

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**The public has a right to  
knowledge so they can make  
informed decisions  
on how to respond to threats in  
their community.**

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**Disaster Resistant  
Communities**  
**Local Mitigation  
Strategies**



## **Mission**

**To better prepare communities to withstand and rebound from the effects of any disaster by identifying and utilizing local and regional resources that enhance Florida's response, recovery and mitigation capabilities.**



**Identifying your local  
partners**

# POTENTIAL PARTNERS

- **Local EM office**
- **Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)**
- **Business / Industry**
  - major employers
  - trade associations
  - tourism
- **Community-based organizations**
  - Citizen Corps
  - faith-based organizations
  - civic groups
  - neighborhood associations

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# **Citizen Corps Mission**

- **To have every American participate in all hazards homeland security:**
  - **Crime prevention**
  - **Fire**
  - **Public Health/Safety**
  - **Emergency preparedness**
  - **Response capabilities**
  - **Mitigation**
- **Structured approach to public education and participation**
- **Opportunities for special skills and interests**

# **Citizen Corps Programs**

- **Programs**
  - **Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)**
  - **Neighborhood Watch**
  - **Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)**
  - **Operation TIPS**
  - **Medical Reserve Corps**
- **Other Existing/Additional Volunteer Activities**

# Citizen Corps Partners

- **Government: Federal, State, Local, including neighborhood networks**
- **Volunteer/Community Service Organizations**
- **First Responders**
- **Private Sector**
- **Other stakeholders**





# Citizen Corps Council



- Acts as conveners
- Develop prioritized action plan to involve the community in mitigation, preparedness, and response activities
- Identify local resources
- Match first responder needs with volunteer interests, and abilities
- Arrange for trainings
- Organize special projects/community events
- Promote, oversee and coordinate Citizen Corps programs
- Public Information/capture best practices

# **Citizen Corps Collaboration**

- **Collaboration – Two or more groups working together. Sharing resources that lower costs and focus on serving the customer.**
- **Can't ignore resources that already exist.**
- **If there exists a network of disaster organizations, this group can address Citizen Corps initiatives.**
- **Integrated approach to emergency management.**

# **Citizen Corps**

## **Growth Opportunities**

- **Program retains a large amount of flexibility.**
- **Communities can be creative and match their communities needs.**
- **Opportunities for a diverse group to perform numerous volunteer activities.**



# QUESTIONS?



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