

What is Fire Corps?

Fire Corps is the key component of Citizen Corps that supports and supplements resource-constrained fire and EMS departments through the use of volunteers for non-operational activities. Fire Corps provides information to local fire and EMS departments nationwide on how to implement a volunteer program and promote it in their community. The Department of Homeland Security's Citizen Corps program has formed a partnership with the International Association of Fire Chiefs' Volunteer & Combination Officer's Section, the National Volunteer Fire Council, and the U.S. Fire Administration to implement Fire Corps.

Focus on FIRE & EMS

Fire and EMS departments can engage citizens who are interested in assisting the department in a variety of non-operational activities. Departments can log onto www.firecorps.org and register their Fire Corps program to have it included in a national directory that is searchable by citizens.

Information on how to implement and maintain Fire Corps within your department can be found at www.firecorps.org.

Focus on CITIZENS

Citizens who aid departments in non-operational activities allow first responders to focus their efforts on the most critical, life-threatening situations. Everyone can do something to support their local fire and emergency service department.

Here are some possible Fire Corps activities, suggested by America's own first responders:

- Promote fire safety and prevention in schools and homes
- Develop websites or newsletters for the department
- Assist with reporting incidents and entering statistical data
- Help with grant writing and fundraising
- Assist with public relations
- Provide administrative and clerical support
- Assist with canteen services at major incidents
- Assist with mitigation measures: wildland vegetation removal near structures, identifying hazards, etc.
- Assist departments with community programs such as roadside cleanup, food drives, and toy collections for families in need
- Serve in a department's auxiliary
- During times of heightened national security alerts, assist in planning for quick access to stocks of emergency supplies, shelter readiness, and procedure review

Fire Corps:

Effect on communities and departments

"Fire Corps is helping communities nationwide to be safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to emergencies of all kinds."

- Governor Tim Kaine (VA)

"9/11 changed America. It made us aware that we are in a long struggle and we have enemies that want to come to our country to do terrible things. It sparked an already very vigorous volunteer spirit in America. Fire Corps is a natural outcome of this desire on the part of Americans to volunteer in order to keep us safe."

- Senator John McCain (R-AZ)

"I can't imagine any department not wanting to take advantage of Fire Corps. Departments receive benefits in so many different ways."

- Dayna Hilton, Public Fire and Life Safety Educator, Johnson County RFD #1

"Fire Corps is a program with proven results. With the help of their Fire Corps team, the Johnson County RFD #1 in Clarksville, Arkansas has helped reduce residential property loss by 34%."

- Representative John Boozman (R-AR)

Fire Corps:

A part of a broader team

White House Office of the USA Freedom Corps
www.usafreedomcorps.gov

Citizen Corps

Fire Corps is a Program Partner of Citizen Corps, the grassroots effort that actively involves everyone in making communities across America safer, stronger, and better prepared for emergencies of all kinds. Coordinated nationally by the Department of Homeland Security, Citizen Corps and its Program Partners are a vital component of the White House Office of USA Freedom Corps and the effort to promote a culture of service, citizenship, and responsibility. To learn more about Citizen Corps, visit www.citizencorps.gov.

The Department of Homeland Security coordinates and manages Citizen Corps in partnership with the Department of Justice and the Department of Health and Human Services.



Register your Fire Corps Program Now!

For more information or to register your Fire Corps program, please return the attached reply card, or visit us at www.firecorps.org.



Thank you for your interest in Fire Corps. For more information or to begin the free registration process for your fire or EMS department, please provide us with the following information:

Department Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Address: _____

Contact City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____ Contact Fax Number: _____

Contact e-mail: _____

Please indicate the following (check all that apply):

I would like to begin the registration process for my department

I would like more information about Fire Corps

Please mail to Fire Corps or fax to (202) 887-5291

If you have any questions, please contact us at 1-888-FC-INFO1, via email at info@firecorps.org, or visit us online at www.firecorps.org.