The men and women of the Delaware Fire Service responded to 102,293 alarms for fire, rescue, and emergency medical services in 2004. In addition to responding to calls, they also:

- Trained on new techniques
- Recertified necessary skills
- Attended company drills
- Specified, purchased, and maintained apparatus and equipment
- Provided public education on fire safety
- Attended state, county, and company meetings
- Ran the business of the fire department

Today’s requirements demand more time for the operational aspects of the fire service. It is becoming increasingly harder on the men and women who place their lives on the line for the citizens of Delaware to meet the operations requirements while still running the business of the fire company. That is where you can help! Join your local fire company’s Fire Corps and help support the operational providers of Delaware with:

- General administrative support
- Public relations and outreach
- Helping to rehab firefighters on long calls
- Fundraising
- Grant writing
- Life safety education
- Web site support
- And many others

To find opportunities at a fire company near you go to www.dvfassn.com or in Delaware call 1-800-FIRE-LINE for more information.
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 citizen advocates for non-operational activities. Fire Corps provides information to local fire and EMS departments nationwide on how to implement a citizen advocate 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 International Association of Fire Fighters, 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 register their Fire Corps programs at www.firecorps.org to have them included in a national directory that is searchable by citizens. For more information on Fire Corps or to find a Fire Corps program near you, please visit www.firecorps.org.

Focus on CITIZENS
Citizen advocates 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 suggestions gathered from America’s own first responders for possible Fire Corps program activities:
• Promote fire safety and prevention in schools and homes
• Develop websites or computer programs for the department
• Aid in preparing communities to respond to emergencies and disasters of all kinds including threats of terrorism, fire, public health issues, etc., especially during major events when response agencies may be overwhelmed
• Assist with incident reporting and entering statistical data
• Grant writing
• Assist with public relations
• Fundraising initiatives
• Assist with youth mentoring programs
• Provide administrative and clerical support
• Assist with canteen services at major incidents
• Assist with typing reports, answering telephone calls, managing records, and other office tasks
• 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
• Assist with foreign language translation of safety literature
• Offer to 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 procedures review
• Help to improve understanding of specialized fire/EMS services such as hazardous materials response, urban search and rescue (USAR), youth services, water/mountain rescue, billing services, etc.
• Develop informational newsletters to include holiday or seasonal fire safety and prevention messages
• Provide assistance as a member of the Clergy
• Assist with development and maintenance of department libraries via labeling, cataloging, inventorying, text repairing, etc.

For more information or to become a citizen advocate in Delaware call 1-800-FIRE-LINE or visit www.dvfassn.com. Individuals outside of Delaware may contact the national Fire Corps office at (202) 887-4808, info@firecorps.org, or visit www.firecorps.org.

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White House Office of the USA Freedom Corps
www.usafreedomcorps.gov
Citizen Corps
Fire Corps is a Program Partner of Citizen Corps, the grass-roots 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 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.

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Thank you for your interest in Fire Corps. For more information or to become a citizen advocate please provide us with the following information:

Contact Name:__________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________________________
City: ____________________________ State: ____________ Zip: ____________________
Phone Number:__________________________ Fax Number:__________________________
E-mail: ________________________________________________________________________________

Please indicate the following (check all that apply):
☐ I would like more information about Fire Corps
☐ I would like to become a citizen advocate

Please Return to: Delaware Volunteer Fireman’s Association or fax to (302) 734-9404.