



Green River Regional Citizen Corps Council Program Overview

Coordinated nationally by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Citizen Corps integrates programs and activities that attempt to engage everyone in hometown security initiatives. Led by Regional Citizen Corps Councils, Kentucky Citizen Corps implementation is tailored to community-specific public education and outreach, focusing on providing citizen awareness, training and volunteer opportunities. It is comprised of five component programs, several affiliate agencies and other organizations and activities that promote citizen preparedness and community involvement.



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) programs educate citizens about disaster preparedness by training them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, disaster medical operations, terrorism, disaster psychology, organization and documentation. Exercising their training, CERT members are able to assist others in their neighborhoods or work places in response to a disaster event and can take an active role in community preparations for the next event. Points of Contact for local CERT Programs follow:

**Ms. Vicky Connor, Daviess County EMA at (270) 685-8448,
Mr. Terry Greathouse, Hancock County EMA at (270) 927-1310,
Mr. Larry Koerber, Henderson County EMA at (270) 831-1235 or
Mr. Charlie Shields, Ohio County EMA at (270) 256-3827**



Fire Corps promotes the use of Citizen Volunteers to enhance the administrative resources of volunteer, combination and career fire and rescue departments. Such Fire Corps volunteers can assist local fire and rescue departments in a whole range of program activities which include, but are not limited to community fire safety outreach, youth sponsorship, fund raising and administrative support. Fire Corps also provides assistance to fire and rescue departments in creating training opportunities for citizen advocates and volunteers. Point of Contact for local Fire Corps programs follow:

Chief Jeremy Moore, Green River Fire Fighter's Association (270) 635-0369



Neighborhood Watch/USA on Watch now incorporates terrorism awareness into its existing crime prevention mission and serves as a way to focus community residents on training for an all hazards approach to emergency preparedness and response. Point of Contact for local Neighborhood Watch programs follows:

**Sgt. Lorhn Frazier, Owensboro Police Department (270) 687- 8827
Pat Gibson, Ohio County Sheriff's Department (270) 298- 4444**



Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) programs promote community involvement through the use of medical , public health and other agency volunteers who offer their time and expertise during local emergencies and other times of community need. MRC volunteers work in existing local emergency response programs and supplement community public health initiatives. Points of Contact for local MRC programs follows:

Ms. Angela Woosley: Green River District Health Department (270) 852- 5480.



Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) works to enhance the capacity of state and local law enforcement organizations to recruit and utilize volunteers. VIPS serves as a gateway to resources and information for and about volunteer programs and opportunities. Point of Contact for local VIPS programs follows:

Sgt. Lorhn Frazier, Owensboro Police Department (270) 687- 8827

To learn more about Citizen Corps and its component programs visit www.citizencorps.gov or call Mr. Jud Pomeroy at (270) 926-4433.