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Citizen Corps Program



Committed Citizens for a Prepared Community

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About Us



The **Arizona State Citizen Corps Council** was created to advance the mission of the USA Freedom Corps Initiative. It is authorized by Executive Order of the Governor of Arizona. Its members are appointed by, and serve without compensation at the pleasure of, the Governor.

The Council meets quarterly to develop and implement plans to achieve and expand citizen preparedness and participation, engage in ongoing discussions regarding best practices to develop and support local Citizen Corps Councils, exchange facts and information to promote public awareness, training, safety and volunteer opportunities.

Managing a Volunteer Program

Gilbert CERT & Fire Corps Volunteer Program

Have you thought about why people volunteer? Or how you can most effectively utilize volunteer talents to achieve better retention?



Kim Yonda-Lead, Volunteer Coordinator for Gilbert CERT & Fire Corps has taken a fresh approach to effective volunteer management. At the November 2017 meeting of the Arizona State Citizen Corps Council, Kim gave an overview on the reasons people volunteer, the types of volunteers and how you can best pair the different types to achieve a more successful outcome.

Some of the reasons people volunteer were: a connection to the cause, building resumes, meeting people, creating empowerment, expanding horizons, etc. The volunteer types described included Traditionalists, Baby Boomers, Generation X and Millennials. Each type brings a unique perspective and quality that further enhance the programs. Kim shared how learning the characteristics of each type and how pairing the different types have improved volunteer retention management.

For more information, contact Kim Yonda-Lead at kim.yonda-lead@gilbertaz.gov

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Local

- **Gilbert County**

Gilbert Fire currently has one of their largest CERT classes going on. If anyone is interested in looking for outreach to the community regarding your programs or increase attendance, the Nextdoor app (<https://nextdoor.com/>) has been an effective tool.

- **Yuma County**

Yuma County volunteers recently participated in a Highway Cleanup event. They provided traffic control for the Harley Davidson Toy drive last quarter.

Yuma County CERT has also connected through the Nextdoor app (<https://nextdoor.com/>) to reach out to individuals who are interested in CERT volunteer opportunities.

- **Daisy Mountain CERT**

Daisy Mountain CERT will initiate new CERT classes in March. Any agencies that may want to get an individual caught up on a component of the CERT training are welcome to attend also. CPR and First Aid trainings will also be provided for the month of May. Please contact Paul Schickel at 623-695-1424 or Paul.Schickel@DMFD.org if you have any questions.

- **Maricopa Veterans StandDown**

Animals in Disaster, Empty Bowl Pet Food Pantry (now named Animals and Humans in Disasters) participated in the Maricopa County Veterans StandDown event held on January 25-27, 2018. The Veterans StandDown serves at risk veterans connecting them to critical support services. CJ Anderson gave an overview of the nonprofit organization, their mission and the events they have participated in (including Veterans StandDown) at the November AZSCCC meeting.

- **Pine-Strawberry CERT**

2017 was a very productive year for the Pine-Strawberry Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. Twenty-eight active members logged 2089 hours of service to the first responders and residents of Gila County. Pine-Strawberry CERT has partnered with organizations during actual incidents and planned events. Partner organizations include Gila County Sheriff's Office & Posse; Gila County Division of Health and Emergency Management; Tonto Rim Search and Rescue, North Gila County CERT, Town of Payson, and American Red Cross. Events participated in include Firewise Day; Fire on the Rim Mountain Bike Race; Pine Arts & Crafts Festival; Memorial, July 4th, Labor Day, and Halloween activities.

- **Coconino County CERT**

Following is a list of a few of the events, training and disaster deployments that CERT and Volunteer Patrols participated in during 2017. Boundary Fire Road Blocks; Smokey Bear Balloon Launch; St. Patrick's, Veterans, and Independence Day parades; Home & Garden Show; Coconino County Fair; National Night Out; EOC Shake Out Exercises; Program Manager Training, Harvesting Methods & Wildfire Preparedness Open House; Annual Siren Test in Oak Creek Canyon; Health Fair; Law Enforcement Toy Drive; Active Shooter class.

State/National

FEMA Region IX

Community Preparedness

Michael Brooks is the FEMA Region 9 Community Preparedness Officer. He has a background in law enforcement, public health, education and emergency management. Vincent Martinez is our Regional Preparedness Liaison and has a background in emergency management, working with fire districts and law enforcement agencies as well as non-profits.

Together they manage Community Preparedness efforts for FEMA Region 9. The region encompasses California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam and CNMI. Additionally, Region 9 has an office in Hawaii that takes the lead in providing services for the islands in the Pacific which allows Mike and Vince to focus their efforts on California, Arizona and Nevada.

With such a large and diverse region, it is critical that we work with the State, Local, Tribal, and Territory representatives. FEMA preparedness efforts focus on providing support and assistance to these entities. The FEMA office engages in information sharing, training and facilitation for preparedness events.

Communities throughout the region are impacted by many types of hazards and Americans are traveling more than ever before to locations with different hazard risks. Knowing what to do before, during and after an emergency is a critical part of being prepared and may make all the difference when seconds count.

As the Regional Community Preparedness team we promote disaster preparedness for individuals and communities so that they can become stronger, more resilient, and better able to recover from disasters.

Many of the programs that we support include, Citizen Corp, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), Youth Preparedness and involvement with Individual and Community Preparedness Division annual awards that recognize outstanding preparedness efforts.

Arizona Disaster Healthcare Volunteers

The Arizona Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (AZ-ESAR-VHP) is part of a national program that pre-registers and verifies the qualifications of health professionals who are ready and willing to respond to disasters. Register on-line today! <https://esar-vhp.health.azdhs.gov>





Prepareathon™



You are the Help Until Help Arrives

America's PrepareAthon! is a national community-based campaign that moves individuals from awareness to action by preparing for relevant hazards through group discussions, drills and innovative communications-related products. The campaign increases the number of individuals who understand which disasters could happen in their community, know what to do to be safe and mitigate damage, and help their community do

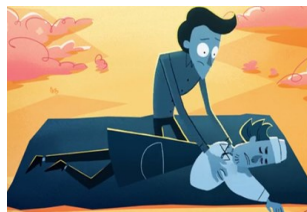
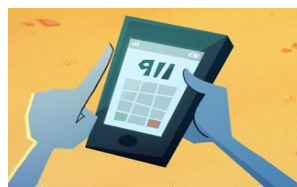
Life-threatening emergencies can happen fast. Emergency responders aren't always nearby. You may be able to save a life by taking simple actions immediately.

You Are the Help Until Help Arrives is a new campaign promoting individual preparedness.

Animated interactive video, web-based training and downloadable instructor guide and student tools are available at <https://community.fema.gov/until-help-arrives>

5 Steps To Take During An Emergency:

1. Call 9-1-1;
2. Protect the injured from harm;
3. Stop bleeding;
4. Position the injured so they can breathe; and
5. Provide comfort.



<https://www.ready.gov/get-involved>



Basic CERT Training manuals are available from the FEMA Distribution Center.

To place an order, email fema-publications-warehouse@fema.gov or call 800-480-2520.

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ARIZONA STATE CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

Council Mission Statement

Promote emergency preparedness for all Arizonans through education, training, and volunteer service. The Council works with state and local Citizen Corps programs to cross collaborate, increase public awareness, bridge partnerships, and strengthen community resilience to better prepare for, respond to, and recover from threats of terrorism, crime, public health emergencies, and disasters of all kinds.

Council Vision

Strengthening community disaster preparedness, response and resiliency of Arizonans through dedicated volunteers and active Citizen Corps programs.

Council Goals

- ◆ Serve as a State voice for the network of Citizen Corps Programs and local councils through enhanced communication and outreach
- ◆ Promote Citizen Corps Program participation and volunteer activities which strengthen community preparedness, response, and resiliency
- ◆ Strengthen our internal capacity to support the growth and sustainability of local Citizen Corps councils and programs through collaboration with local, state, federal, and tribal agencies

Announcements



- **Youth Preparedness Council (YPC) —Deadline extended to **March 31, 2018**. FEMA is seeking applicants for the YPC which brings together teens from across the county who are interested and engaged in community preparedness. <https://www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness-council>**
- The FEMA Citizen Corps website is under construction. Information regarding preparedness can still be accessed through the Ready.gov website. .



Date	Event	Location	Contact
April 13–15, 2018	City of Phoenix- CERT Basic Training	Phoenix Fire Administration Building , 150 S. 12th Street	http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0445adab2aa5f58-phoenix
April 14, 2018	Hands On Greater Phoenix- Serve-A-Thon	Phoenix Public Market St. Mary's Food Alliance	https://www.handsonphoenix.org/
May 10, 2018	Daisy Mountain Fire- CPR Training	Daisy Mountain Fire Department 43814 N New River Rd., New River	Paul Schickel 623-695-1424 or Paul.schickel@dmfd.org
May 17, 2018	Daisy Mountain Fire- First Aid Training	Daisy Mountain Fire Department 43814 N New River Rd., New River	Paul Schickel 623-695-1424 or Paul.schickel@dmfd.org
May 18, 2018	High Country Veterans StandDown	Flagstaff Armory, Flagstaff	Kendra Crawford kcrawford@coconino.az.gov
May 21-24, 2018	DEMA- 2108 National Mass Care Exercise	State Emergency Operations Center	Contact your local emergency management department to coordinate