

PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION

GET INVOLVED

Many opportunities for training and preparedness are available to the public. Training and volunteer opportunities provide a valuable service to the community and an excellent foundation for knowledge of emergency preparedness. Some of those opportunities include:



**American
Red Cross**

American Red Cross: The American Red Cross in the National Capital Region offers training on CPR, first aid and numerous other skills. The Red Cross also provides volunteer opportunities to help respond to and recover from emergencies. Visit www.redcross.org/local/dc/Washington for more information.



Prince George's County Citizen Corps: The purpose of the Prince George's County Citizen Corps is to utilize the power of every individual through education, training and volunteer service to make communities safe, stronger and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues and disasters of all kinds. The Citizen Corps builds on community strengths and develops action plans to involve the whole community, including local businesses. Contact OEMStaff@co.pg.md.us for more information.

CORE PROGRAMS:



Community Emergency Response Team:

CERT trains people in neighborhoods, workplaces and schools in basic disaster response skills, such as fire suppression and search and rescue. It helps Prince George's County residents take a more active role in emergency preparedness.

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Volunteers in Police Service: The Prince George's County Police Department offers the opportunity to join Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), which provides support for the police department by incorporating volunteers so that law enforcement professionals have more time for front line duty. VIPS includes auxiliary police officers, administrative volunteers and the Citizen's Police Academy.



Fire Corps: Fire Corps volunteers are trained to perform non-operational administrative duties at the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department.



Medical Reserve Corps: The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) provides training and volunteer opportunities through the Prince George's County Health Department. It is composed of medical and non-medical volunteers trained to assist the community in dispensing medication and other services during public health emergencies.



Neighborhood Watch: Neighborhood Watch brings residents and law enforcement together to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods. Volunteers may join an existing group or establish one in their neighborhood.