

McLean Citizens Association



The Voice of McLean for Over 100 Years

# Public Safety Forum Emergency Preparedness March 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

## Stay Informed and Get Involved!

For over 100 years, the McLean Citizens Association has been the “unofficial town hall” and the voice of residents of the Greater McLean Area on local issues that directly affect the quality of life in our community.

The all-volunteer MCA is your non-partisan source for reliable information and analysis on schools, land-use planning and zoning, traffic and transportation, County budgets and taxes, environment and recreational facilities, and public safety.

Visit us at [McLeanCitizens.org](http://McLeanCitizens.org) for more on why you should join the MCA and sign up for only \$15 a year.

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## Citizen Corps Council

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergencymanagement/citizen-corps-council](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergencymanagement/citizen-corps-council)

# Agenda & Overview

- Introductions
- What is Citizen Corps Council
- Overview of Citizen Corps Council
- Citizen Council Core Programs
- Department of Emergency Management and Security



# Mission

- The purpose of the Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council is to harness the power of every individual through education, training, and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds.

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# History

- Following the events of September 11, 2001, state and local government officials have increased opportunities for residents to become an integral part of protecting communities and supporting first responders.
- In January 2002, the President of the United States launched Citizen Corps, to capture that spirit of service.
- The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors formed the local Citizen Corps Council in January of 2003 to bring the energy to Fairfax County.



## Who We Are

- The Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council is a group of emergency-related volunteer organizations that meet regularly to coordinate and collaborate in emergency preparedness efforts in Fairfax County.
- In addition, each member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors appoints a representative to attend Council meetings on behalf of that district.
- Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council meetings include members of the local government, community partners, and citizens concerned with emergency preparedness.



## What We Do

- The Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council promotes disaster preparedness and community resiliency by building partnerships and offering opportunities for collaboration.
- During times of an emergency, Citizen Corps Council members and their volunteers may be called to serve by fulfilling the designated roles of their individual programs.
- The Fairfax County Department of Emergency Management and Security (DEMS) coordinates county planning, response, support, and recovery efforts before, during, and after large-scale events and emergencies.

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# Building Resiliency

- Council member organizations have done much to build resiliency in Fairfax County, and have been active during recent Fairfax County emergencies and events such as:
  - Huntington Floods of 2006 and 2011
  - H1N1 Influenza 2009-2010
  - Presidential Inauguration 2009
  - Snowmageddon of 2010
  - Derecho Storm of 2012
  - COVID-19 of 2020 – ongoing

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# Community Outreach

- The council educates the general public on how to prepare for emergencies and promotes volunteerism to further prepare the community.
- The council participates in community events and seeks outreach opportunities.
- The council typically participates in the Burke Festival and presents their signature event: *Ready, Set, Know*

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# Core Programs

- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Medial Reserve Corps (MRC)
- Fire Corps
- Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)
- Neighborhood Watch
- Volunteer Corps

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# Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

A program training volunteers to make communities safer, more prepared, and when incidents occur, more resilient in recovery.



[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fire-ems/community-emergency-response-team-cert](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fire-ems/community-emergency-response-team-cert)



# Medial Reserve Corps (MRC)

A program providing volunteers opportunities to be called on to provide emergency assistance, like staffing medication dispensing sites, shelters or vaccination clinics.



[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/medical-reserve-corps](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/medical-reserve-corps)

# Fire Corps

Fire Corps® is a national grassroots effort to help fire/EMS departments enhance their services by engaging with community members to assist with non-emergency tasks.



[www.nvfc.org/programs/firecorps/](http://www.nvfc.org/programs/firecorps/)

# Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)

The VIPS Program was established in 1999 to utilize volunteers to augment the administrative operations of the Police department.



[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/getinvolved/volunteersinpoliceservice](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/getinvolved/volunteersinpoliceservice)

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# Neighborhood Watch

Enhances and foster communications between the community and the police department through the Crime Prevention Office.



[www.nnw.org](http://www.nnw.org)

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/chief/crimeandsafety](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/chief/crimeandsafety)

# Emergency Management and Security VOLUNTEER CORPS

Volunteers are trained in emergency preparedness and emergency management principles to help inform the public, communities, and businesses.  
Volunteers staff public events, presentations, and trainings.



[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergencymanagement/volunteer](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergencymanagement/volunteer)

# Questions?



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# Department of Emergency Management and Security (DEMS)



## Department of Emergency Management and Security

**Mission Statement:** To protect lives, environment and property of Fairfax County residents from emergencies and disasters by leading and coordinating the county's emergency preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery efforts.



# Mission Essential Function: Emergency Operations Center (EOC)



# Community Emergency Response Guide (CERG)

- Create:
  - Family Emergency Plan
  - Business/Organization Emergency Plan
  - Neighborhood Preparedness Plan
  - Emergency Kit
- Collect important contact information
- Learn actions to take:
  - Before, During, and After an Emergency
- How to get involved



*Prepare residents, families, and businesses to become disaster resilient!*

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergencymanagement/cerg>

**Natural hazards:**

- Thunderstorm
- Hurricane or Tropical Storm
- Flooding
- Winter Storm or Extreme Cold
- Extreme Heat
- Tornado
- Earthquake
- Pandemic Influenza

## HAZARD ANNEXES

### WHAT TO DO?

HOW-TO'S FOR EACH OF FAIRFAX COUNTY'S MOST PREVALENT HAZARDS

**Human-caused hazards:**

- Cyber Attack
- Civil Disorder
- Acts of Violence/Terrorism
- Hazardous Materials
- Chemical, Biological, Radiological, or Nuclear
- Dam Failure

**“Everyday” emergencies:**

- Structural Fire
- Power Outage/Blackout
- Medical Emergency

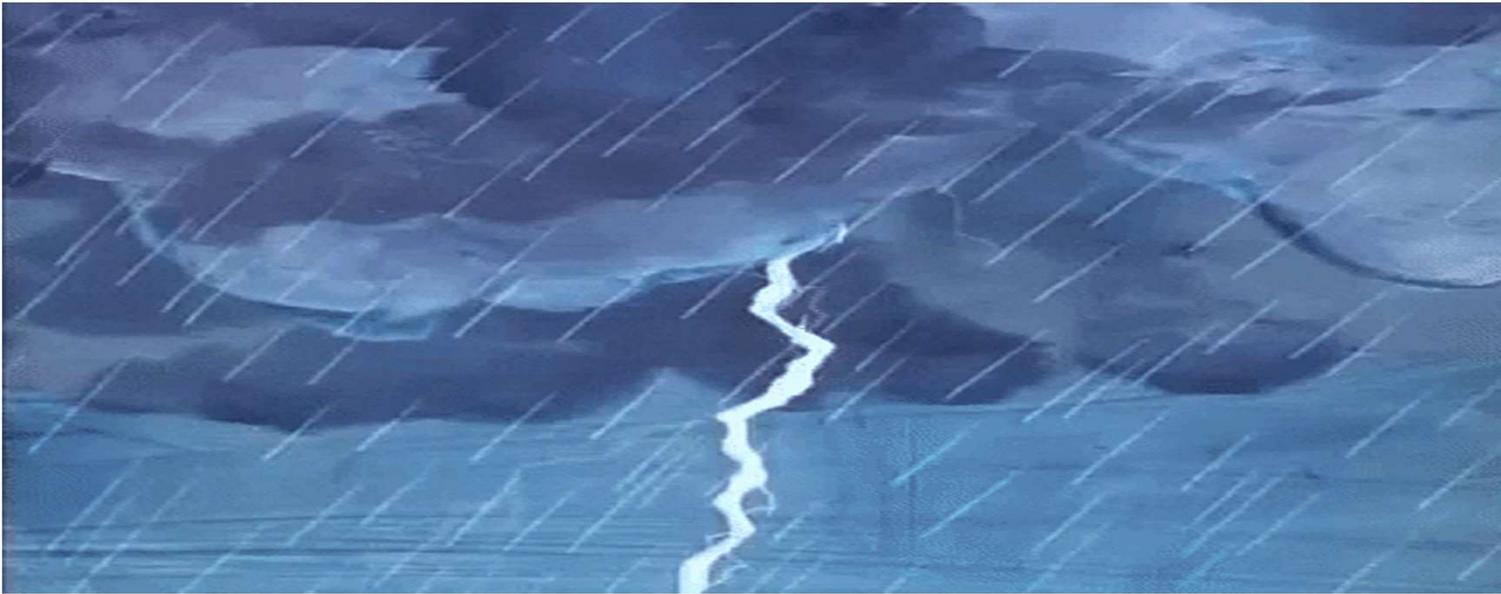
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# Thunderstorm



# Storm Stages & Categories From Storm to Hurricane



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# Flood



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## Where to Find the Guide

- The guide is available online (<http://bit.ly/FFXCERG>)
- Residents can stop by any Fairfax County Library to find a copy of the guide in the **reference section**
- Available in English, Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, Arabic, and Mandarin



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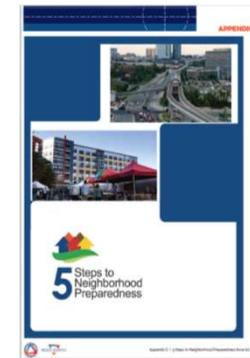
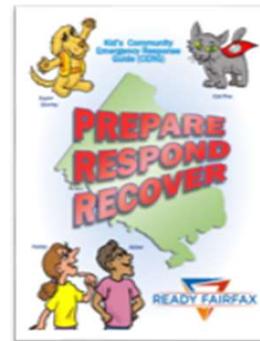
## Companion Guides

- Business Disaster Resilience Guide
- Kids Community Emergency Response Guide
- 5 Step Neighborhood Guide
- Teen Community Emergency Response Guide (coming soon)

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/sites/emergency/files/assets/documents/pdf/bdrg-final.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/sites/emergency/files/assets/documents/pdf/bdrg-final.pdf)

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## How Can You Help?

- Help us promote the guide!  
Download it online  
**Request a presentation/workshop**  
Neighbor to neighbor coordination
- Share social media posts and tweets.  
@ReadyFairfax  
#ReadyFairfax  
#FairfaxCERG
- Share the message!  
Community meetings  
Networks



<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/alerts/>



[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/readyfairfax](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/readyfairfax)

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