

I would like more information about becoming a Citizen Corps Volunteer!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Email _____

Phone (day) _____

Phone (evening) _____

I am interested in information about training and/or volunteering in the following:

- CERT
- Fire Corps
- Neighborhood Watch
- Medical Reserve Corps

- Please send me information about Family Disaster Plans and Disaster Kits.

Mail your completed form to

Citizen Corps Coordinator
Kenai Peninsula Borough
Office of Emergency Management
253 Wilson Lane
Soldotna, AK 99669

or fax to
907-714-2395

For more information about emergency preparedness education or training and volunteer opportunities, contact:

Citizen Corps Coordinator
Office of Emergency Management
Kenai Peninsula Borough
907-262-4910 Office
907-262-2098 Direct
www.borough.kenai.ak.us/emergency



For other community preparedness and response volunteer opportunities on the Kenai Peninsula, contact:

Spruce Bark Beetle Mitigation Program's Community Wildfire Protection Plan
260-6202
www.borough.kenai.ak.us/sprucebeetle

Civil Air Patrol
235-8062 Homer
283-7801 Kenai
224-3000 Seward

Blood Bank of Alaska, Inc., Soldotna Center
260-5672

Salvation Army, Peninsula Corps
283-3879
www.salvationarmy.org/alaska

KENAI PENINSULA CITIZEN CORPS



WHAT IS CITIZEN CORPS?

The Kenai Peninsula Citizen Corps is a series of volunteer-based programs that provide communities with training, resources to help identify disaster risks and develop solutions, and opportunities to connect local leaders, volunteers and first responders.

Kenai Peninsula Borough communities extend over 25,000 square miles and are at risk for wildfires, flooding, high winds, blizzards, extreme cold, volcanic activity, earthquakes and tsunamis. Individuals and communities must be prepared to help themselves and others in an emergency. In light of the particular issues we face on the Kenai Peninsula, consider this: ***In 95% of all emergencies, bystanders or victims are the first to provide assistance.***



CERT Disaster Drill, Anchor Point 2004

CITIZEN CORPS PROGRAMS

Community Emergency Response Teams

CERT is a partnership between first responders and the communities they serve. CERT training prepares people to take care of themselves and others in a disaster situation. Classes cover the following:

- disaster preparedness
- fire suppression

- basic triage and emergency life-saving techniques
- light search and rescue
- team organization
- disaster psychology
- a disaster simulation drill

CERT volunteers can help with a variety of community safety activities including education, First Aid stations at events, and missing persons searches.

Fire Corps

Fire Corps is a course specifically to address wildfire issues. The course will help you understand fire behavior and recognition of wildfire threats to property and homes, learn how to create a defensible space around your home, learn to prepare for an evacuation and understand the evacuation procedures, learn to prepare and pre-treat your home, learn how to shelter-in-place if necessary, and learn about resources available in your community to help you prevent and prepare for wildfire.

Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch groups work with local law enforcement to reduce crime in their neighborhoods. Neighborhood Watch resources prepare volunteers to help protect themselves and their families, protect and comfort children, get to know and assist their neighbors, and report crimes and suspicious activities.



Fire Suppression Exercise, Nikiski 2004

Medical Reserve Corps

The Medical Reserve Corps provides communities with a database of health professionals who will assist during a large-scale emergency. Practicing and retired health professionals on the Medical Reserve List are called to service during an emergency. MRC volunteers also assist in promoting public health in their communities throughout the year.

YOUR ROLE

You can help your family and community become safer, stronger and better prepared for an emergency. Prepared citizens can take care of themselves and help care for others. This allows

first responders to focus on the most life-threatening situations.

Be Prepared: Learn the potential for disaster in your community. Develop a Family Disaster Plan. Put together a Disaster Kit.

Train: Take advantage of CPR, First Aid, Fire Corps, CERT or other courses in your community.

Volunteer: There are many opportunities, both in prevention and response. See the back of this brochure for a list of organizations working to make our communities stronger, safer and better prepared.

Give Blood: Every two seconds, someone in America needs blood.