

DuPage County Introduces Newsletter Promoting Preparedness and Homeland Security

Welcome to our first edition of Flash Facts. Across the country, Americans are seeking opportunities to learn how to prepare for an emergency in their homes, businesses, schools and communities. The DuPage County Citizen Corps Program was created to capture this rekindled spirit of personal responsibility and community service. We created this electronic post card as a mechanism to deliver important information about ways to make our families and neighborhoods safer stronger and better prepared for preventing and handling threats of terrorism, crime and natural disasters. In addition, we hope to enlist your support to foster greater citizen involvement throughout DuPage County.

Securing our safety and freedom requires that we all work together. Every American has a critical role to play. I encourage you to learn more about preparedness and to participate actively in our Citizen Corps Programs.



Robert J. Schillerstrom
DuPage County Board Chairman

A Few Good Volunteers - Recruit Your Family and Friends

You know how important it is to be a Citizen Corps volunteer, but even more qualified volunteers are needed. Your help is needed in recruiting more volunteers for the Citizen Corps of DuPage County Program. Each volunteer is encouraged to recruit at least two more volunteers in September to help us meet our recruitment goals. Anyone living or working in the DuPage County area is allowed to join, as long as they are 18 years of age and can pass a criminal background check. Reach out to your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors and ask them to register at www.citizencorporsdupage.org. Together, we can make a difference.

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Volunteers Directed to Website Registration Now Available On-Line

Current Citizen Corps volunteers are urged to register on-line at www.citizencorporsdupage.org to update and modify their files. All volunteers, including those who originally signed up with the paper form are now being asked to register on-line. If you do not have internet access, you can call 630-682-7925 to request the expanded paper application form. This new application process is designed to learn more about our volunteers, so you can be offered training programs and opportunities that best suit your skills and preferences.

Once you register on-line, you can login with the user name and password you choose to modify your contact information, select where you would like to serve, and indicate activities you wish to participate in, and much more.

Please take a few minutes to complete the entire application process. By completing the process, the Citizen Corps and Medical Reserve Corps Coordinators can match you with appropriate pre-event trainings and with volunteer positions during an emergency.

September is National Preparedness Month – All Americans Encouraged to Prepare for Emergencies

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the American Red Cross are co-sponsoring a national campaign to increase awareness about the importance of preparing for emergencies and to encourage individuals to take action in their homes, businesses and their schools.

As part of this campaign, they have designated September as National Preparedness Month to encourage everyone to create a family disaster plan so that each person knows what to do and where to go in the event of an emergency, including natural disasters or a terrorist attack.

“During National Preparedness Month, we will welcome the opportunity to learn more about protection and preparedness,” said Robert J. Schillerstrom, DuPage County Board

Chairman. “Preparedness is the responsibility of every American. If every family, business and school is prepared, we will be better able to survive and recover from any disaster.”

This is a great opportunity to create an emergency communications plan for your family. Simple steps include designating a safe location for your family to meet in the event of an emergency and to keep important phone numbers handy including those of the closest relative, doctor and pharmacist. Just knowing the answers to these simple questions can help facilitate a smooth outcome in case disaster strikes.

To obtain more information on how to make a family emergency plan and to be better prepared, log onto www.ready.gov.

For more information go to <http://www.CitizenCorpsDuPage.org>