

Become a Public Health Emergency Volunteer. Join the Medical Reserve Corps or the Citizen Corps Program.

Your participation as a volunteer in the community will greatly strengthen our ability to quickly and effectively respond to a wide scale disaster. As was demonstrated with tropical storm Irene and winter storm Alfred, volunteers are a critical component to emergency response and recovery efforts during and after large-scale events. There are a few different volunteer options available that will allow you to support our communities:

Citizen Corps Program- trains citizens with basic knowledge in the areas of first aid, use of a fire extinguisher, basic search and rescue, shelter management, CPR, supporting our first responder community such as fire and EMS, and most importantly personal preparedness. Volunteers form what is called a Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT). CERT response was a critical piece of the Kleen Energy Plan Explosion as well as the Manchester shooting incident. We currently have active CERT teams in several towns.

Medical Reserve Corps- MRC is another volunteer entity which consists primarily of medically trained personnel, but also needs non-medical volunteers to assist with supportive roles such as data entry, registration at clinics and child care.

An important advantage of choosing to volunteer with either CERT or MRC is the liability protection afforded to those volunteers during an emergency response. The Connecticut General Statutes provides specific liability protection for “Civil Preparedness Forces” under Title 28 of the Public Health Emergency Response Act. This act ensures that if you are injured during an emergency response your medical care will be covered. It also ensures that should something occur during your response that causes a legal issue, you will be protected from legal action.

If you are interested in volunteering, please follow the link below and fill out your personal information. We will keep you apprised of upcoming training opportunities that will help you stay prepared on a personal level as well as able to help your friends and neighbors during emergencies.

Thank you.

[Volunteer Application](#)