

## **Citizen Corps:**

### **What? Citizen Corps Council**

It is a group of volunteer responders and first responders, including medical, business, faith based, community based groups, etc.

### **Why?**

The goal is to increase citizen participation in homeland security, manage existing resources, educate the public, and promote all citizen corps programs/activities.

### **Citizen Corps Council Activities--**

- Create an action plan to mobilize community for prevention, preparedness and response
- Promote programs of Citizen Corp (listed below) by organizing special community projects and events
- Recognize all activities promoting prevention, preparedness and response as Citizen Corps activities
- Increase/promote volunteer activities for citizens (work with neighborhood leaders to design a plan for this)
- Leverage resources of council members
- Play an advisory role for the following national programs locally implemented:
  - Neighborhood Watch
  - CERT
  - Volunteers in Service to Police (VIPS)
  - Medical Reserve Corps
  - Terrorism Information and Prevention System (TIPS)—this has not yet been launched nationally
  - Any other local programs with Citizen Corps/Homeland Security goals
- Support other local Citizen Corps in neighboring communities
- Encourage local programs to include Homeland Security programming (i.e. Boy/Girl Scouts)
- Report best practices and accomplishments
- Survey the community to assess impact CC