

NEW HANOVER COUNTY (NHC)
CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The NHC Citizen Corps Council is composed of local leaders who encourage involvement in Citizen Corps programs. The NHC Council also promotes the distribution of educational materials that support emergency preparation, prevention and response in the community.

The goal of the NHC Citizen Corps Council is to bring together leaders from all sectors of the community--- first responders, volunteer organizations, law enforcement agencies, local elected officials, hospitals, schools, the faith community, businesses, civic groups, neighborhoods, etc. to support this effort.

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IN
NEW HANOVER COUNTY!**

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**NEW HANOVER COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA**



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—President George W. Bush





“The goal of Citizen Corps is to have people of all ages participate in making their communities safer, stronger, and better prepared for preventing and handling threats of terrorism, crime, and disasters of all kinds.”

-Governor Mike Easley

WHAT IS CITIZEN CORPS?

Citizen Corps is a broad network of volunteer efforts that will harness the power of all people by relying on their individual skills and interest to prepare local communities to effectively prevent and respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, or any kind of disaster.

Volunteers in Citizen Corps programs provide service throughout the year—making families, homes, and local communities safer.

CITIZEN CORPS VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

The [Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\) Program](#) educates people about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. Using their training, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event and can take a more active role in preparing their community.

The [Neighborhood Watch Program \(NWP\) Program](#) incorporates terrorism awareness education into its existing crime prevention mission, while also serving as a way to bring residents together to focus on emergency preparedness and emergency response training. Neighborhood Watch is administered by the National Sheriffs' Association.

[Volunteers in Police Service \(VIPS\)](#) works to enhance the capacity of state and local law enforcement to utilize volunteers. VIPS serves as a gateway to resources and information for and about law enforcement volunteer programs. VIPS is managed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

[The Fire Corps](#) promotes the use of citizen advocates to enhance the capacity of resource-constrained fire and rescue departments at all levels: volunteer, combination, and career. Citizen advocates can assist local fire departments in a range of activities including fire safety outreach, youth programs, and administrative support. Fire Corps provides resources to assist fire and rescue departments in creating opportunities for citizen advocates and promotes citizen participation. Fire Corps is managed through a partnership among the National Volunteer Fire Council, the International Association of Fire Fighters, and the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

The [Medical Reserve Corps \(MRC\) Program](#) strengthens communities by helping medical, public health and other volunteers offer their expertise throughout the year as well as during local emergencies and other times of community need. MRC volunteers work in coordination with existing local emergency response programs and also supplement existing community public health initiatives, such as outreach and prevention, immunization programs, blood drives, case management, care planning, and other efforts.

The [Retired Senior Volunteer Program](#) is a federal program that is managed by the County Department of Aging. Its volunteers are 55 years of age and older, who share their time and talents to have a positive impact in the community in many different ways. One of the projects they have taken on, in support of Emergency Management and the NHC Citizen Corps Council, is the Special Needs Registry.

The [Cape Fear Volunteer Center](#) is also a partner with the New Hanover County Department of Emergency Management and the NHC Citizen Corps Council. The Volunteer Center is a clearinghouse for volunteers in the County and activates a Volunteer Reception Center during emergencies to manage the process of pairing volunteers with community needs.

