

# Department of Emergency Management and Security (DEMS)



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## Agenda

- Introductions
- Department of Emergency Management and Security
- CERG Community Emergency Response Guide
- 5 Steps to Neighborhood Preparedness (HOW TO)
- Citizen Corps Council
- Citizen Council Core Programs



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## Department of Emergency Management and Security

**Mission Statement:** To protect lives, environment and property of Fairfax County residents from emergencies and disasters by leading and coordinating the county's emergency preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery efforts.



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## Mission Essential Function: Emergency Operations Center (EOC)



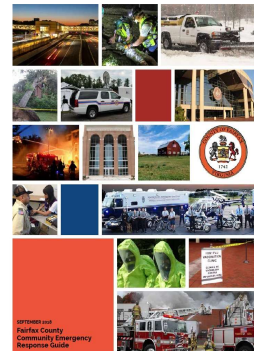
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## Community Emergency Response Guide (CERG)

- Create:
  - Family Emergency Plan
  - Business/Organization Emergency Plan
  - Neighborhood Preparedness Plan
  - Emergency Kit
- Collect important contact information
- Learn actions to take before, during, and after
- Learn How to get involved



***Prepare residents, families, and businesses to become disaster resilient!***



## HAZARD ANNEXES WHAT TO DO?

HOW-TO'S FOR EACH OF FAIRFAX COUNTY'S  
MOST PREVALENT HAZARDS

**Natural hazards:**

- Thunderstorm
- Hurricane or Tropical Storm
- Flooding
- Winter Storm or Extreme Cold
- Extreme Heat
- Tornado
- Earthquake
- Pandemic Influenza

**Human-caused hazards:**

- Cyber Attack
- Civil Disorder
- Acts of Violence/Terrorism
- Hazardous Materials
- Chemical, Biological, Radiological, or Nuclear
- Dam Failure

**"Everyday" emergencies:**

- Structural Fire
- Power Outage/Blackout
- Medical Emergency

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HAZARD ANNEX

## PANDEMIC INFLUENZA AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE

**WHAT IT IS**

A pandemic is a global communicable disease outbreak (whereas an "epidemic" is regional in nature or otherwise confined to particular populations). An influenza pandemic occurs when a strain of influenza virus emerges.

- Which causes serious illness.
- For which there is limited immunity in the human population.
- Which is able to easily and quickly spread person-to-person—especially through saliva, coughing, or sneezing.

Infectious diseases are one of the leading cause of death worldwide. Because of air travel and international trade, infectious disease agents are carried across borders every day by humans, animals, insects, and food products.

**KEY TERMS**

**Influenza (flu)** is a respiratory illness caused by the influenza virus that affects millions of people each year. Different strains have widely variant characteristics in terms of virulence, communicability, and population impacts. Flu virus also has the capacity to rapidly mutate and cross to and from multiple species.

**Nonpharmaceutical interventions (NPIs)** are actions, apart from getting vaccinated and taking medicine, which people and communities can take to help slow the spread of respiratory illnesses, like pandemic flu. Many NPIs are provided below, in the list of "What to do below."

**WHAT TO DO**

**Before (Preparedness/ Mitigation)**

- Sign up for Fairfax Alerts and have a battery or crank powered radio available.
- Get a yearly flu vaccine for everyone six months and older, unless a doctor advises against it.
- Wash or sanitize your hands often.
- Take common sense steps to stop the spread of germs including covering coughs and sneezes and staying away from others as much as possible when you are sick.
- Wash and sanitize household items often.
- Practice good health habits, including eating a balanced diet, exercising daily, and getting sufficient rest.
- Periodically check your regular prescription drugs to ensure a continuous supply in your home.
- Have any nonprescription drugs and other health supplies on hand, including pain relievers, stomach remedies, cough and cold medicines, fluids with electrolytes, and vitamins.
- Get copies and maintain electronic versions of health records from doctors, hospitals, pharmacies and other sources and store them, for personal reference.
- Refer to "Medical Emergency," below.

**During (Response)**

- Listen to official information.
- If you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash or sanitize hands often.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- If you have a fever, make sure you are fever-free for 24 hours before you return to work and school.

**After (Recovery)**

- Clean surfaces such as counters, door knobs, fixtures, phones, remotes, and laptops.
- Common household cleaning products can kill the flu virus, including products containing:
  - Chlorine
  - Hydrogen peroxide
  - Detergents (soap)
  - Iodine-based antiseptics
  - Alcohols


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## Where to Find the Guide

- The guide is available online (<http://bit.ly/FFXCERG>)
- Residents can be stop by any Fairfax County Library to find a copy of the guide in the **reference section**
- Available in English, Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, Arabic, and Mandarin

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**Companion Guides**

- Kids Community Emergency Response Guide
- Teen Community Emergency Response Guide
- Business Disaster Resilience Guide
- 5 Step Neighborhood Guide

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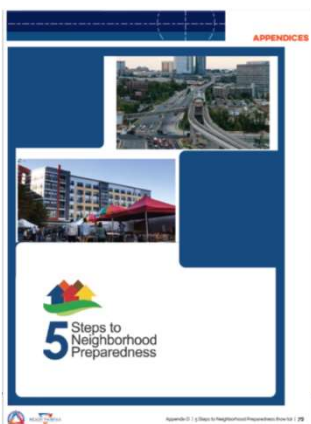
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## 5 Steps to Neighborhood Preparedness Workshop

Do you live in an HOA or neighborhood that is interested in creating a Neighborhood Emergency Plan? Request a workshop where DEMS will go over the steps to plan for your neighborhood and help you customize it.

Steps:

1. Define your area.
2. Recruit leaders.
3. Scout your area.
4. Build your team.
5. Plan your approach.



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# 5 Steps to Neighborhood Preparedness



## NEIGHBORHOOD DISASTER PLANNING IN 5 EASY STEPS

- 1 DEFINE YOUR AREA.**  
Identify a manageable area, your apartment building, one city block, a few small surrounding streets, etc., that you can organize with relative ease.
- 2 RECRUIT LEADERS.**  
Develop a team of leaders who can help build the plan and carry out emergency support activities when the time comes.
- 3 SCOUT YOUR AREA.**  
Get to know the lay of the land: what resources you have, what the landscape is, and disasters or other emergencies common to your area.
- 4 BUILD YOUR TEAM.**  
Find out who lives in your area, how they can help in a disaster, and who may need extra help.
- 5 PLAN YOUR APPROACH.**  
Create a plan that outlines what your neighborhood will do before, during, and after a disaster!

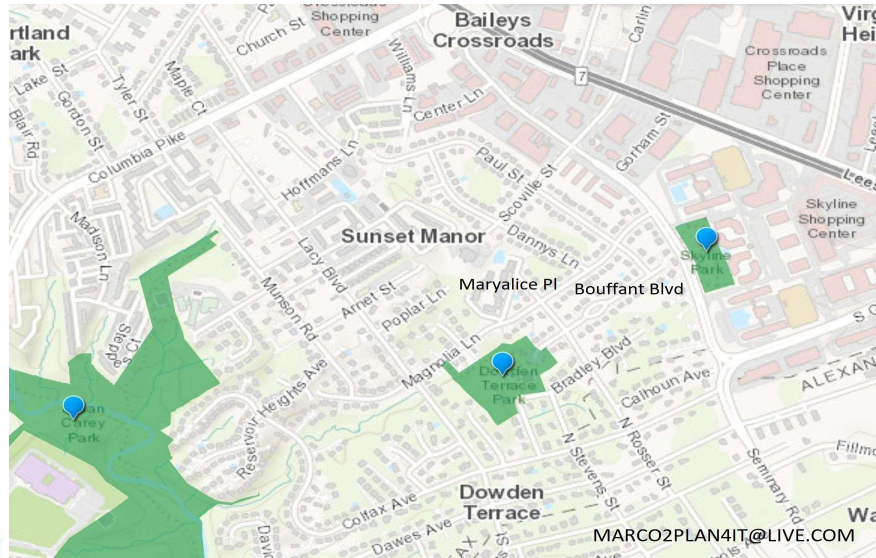
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# 5 Steps to Neighborhood Preparedness



## STEP 1: DEFINE AREA





**5** Steps to Neighborhood Preparedness

## STEP 2: RECRUIT LEADERS

Get to know CERT!  
FREE training prepares communities for disasters



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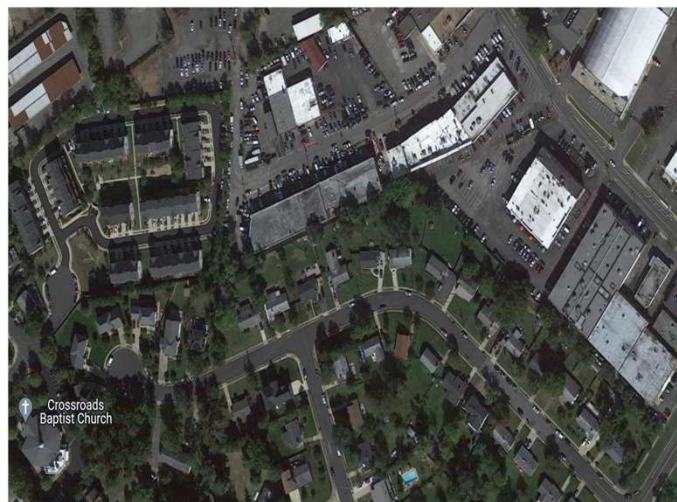
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**5** Steps to Neighborhood Preparedness

## STEP 3: SCOUT THE AREA

- 3.1 THREATS AND RISKS
- 3.2 NEIGHBORHOOD SPECIFIC HAZARDS
- 3.3 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSETS
- 3.4 DESIGN A MAP OF YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
- 3.5 NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERING PLACE
- 3.6 TRIAGE AREA



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**5** Steps to Neighborhood Preparedness

## STEP 4: BUILD THE TEAM



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NATIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH  
A DIVISION OF NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION



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Volunteers in Police Service




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Include homeowners, families, businesses, houses of worship, nonprofits, schools, with Civic and HOA organizations.

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**5** Steps to Neighborhood Preparedness


**5.1 PROTECT YOURSELVES AND YOUR PLACE**  
Life Safety and Asset Protection

**5.2 COMMUNICATIONS** 9-1-1

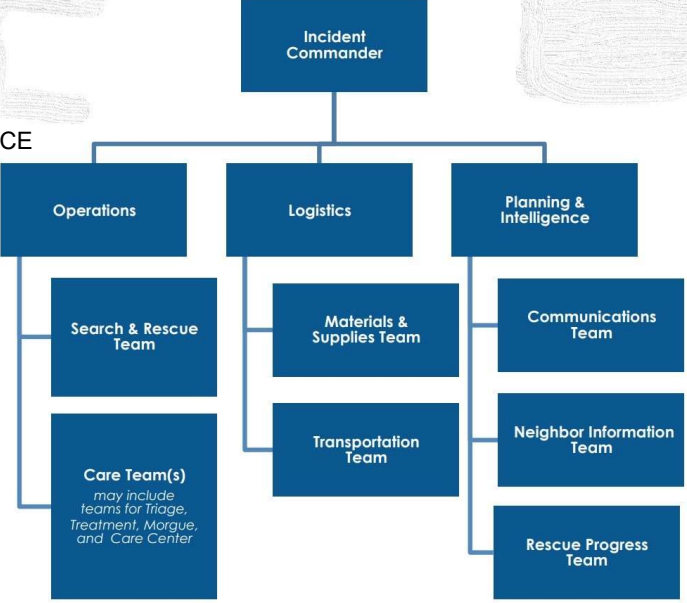
**5.3 PUT THE PLAN IN WRITING**

Assign team roles based on the needs of the disaster and the people who you have. You may not need to fill all roles for each incident.

## STEP 5: PLAN APPROACH




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    IC[Incident Commander] --> Ops[Operations]
    IC --> Log[Logistics]
    IC --> PI[Planning & Intelligence]
    Ops --> SRT[Search & Rescue Team]
    Ops --> CT[Care Team(s)  
may include teams for Triage, Treatment, Morgue, and Care Center]
    Log --> MST[Materials & Supplies Team]
    Log --> TT[Transportation Team]
    PI --> CT2[Communications Team]
    PI --> NIT[Neighbor Information Team]
    PI --> RPT[Rescue Progress Team]
    
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## How Can You Help?

- Help promote the Community Emergency Response Guide! CERG  
Download  
**Request a presentation/workshop**
- Share social media posts and tweets.  
@ReadyFairfax  
#ReadyFairfax  
#FairfaxCERG
- Share the message!  
Community meetings  
Networks



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## Citizen Corps Council



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## Mission Purpose

## Citizen Corps Council

Harness the power of every individual through education, training, and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger, and prepared to respond to threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds.



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## History

## Citizen Corps Council

- After September 11, 2001, state and local governments increased opportunities for residents to become an integral part of protecting communities and supporting first responders.
- January 2002 The President of the United States launched Citizen Corps
- January 2003 The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors formed the local Citizen Corps Council



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## WHO Citizen Corps Council

- A group of emergency-related volunteer organizations that meet regularly to coordinate and collaborate in emergency preparedness efforts.
- Each member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors appoints a Representative (Mason District = Marco 😊)
- Includes members of the local government, community partners, and citizens concerned with emergency preparedness.



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## WHAT ROLES ACTIONS ACTIVITIES

- Promotes disaster preparedness and community resiliency by building partnerships and offering opportunities for collaboration.
- During times of an emergency, members and volunteers may be called to serve by fulfilling designated roles.
- The Fairfax County Department of Emergency Management and Security (DEMS) coordinates county planning, response, support, and recovery efforts before, during, and after large-scale events and emergencies.



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## Building Resiliency

Council member organizations build resiliency in Fairfax County, and are active during Fairfax County emergencies and events such as:

Huntington Floods of 2006 and 2011

H1N1 Influenza 2009-2010

Presidential Inauguration 2009

Snowmageddon of 2010

Derecho Storm of 2012

COVID-19 of 2020 – ongoing



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## Community Outreach

- Educates the general public on how to prepare for emergencies and promotes volunteerism to further prepare the community.
- Participates in community events and seeks outreach opportunities.
- Participates in the Burke Festival and presents their signature event: *Ready, Set, Know*



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## Core Programs

- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)
- Fire Corps
- Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)
- Neighborhood Watch



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## Resources

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE GUIDE

<http://bit.ly/CERG2019>

APPX D: 5 STEPS TO NEIGHBORHOOD PREPAREDNESS (HOW TO) [English \(PDF\) \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#)

APPX E: 5 STEPS TO COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS: NEIGHBORHOOD DISASTER PLAN TEMPLATE [English \(PDF\) \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#)

APPX F: 5 STEPS TO NEIGHBORHOOD PREPAREDNESS: NEIGHBOR SURVEY [English \(PDF\) \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#)

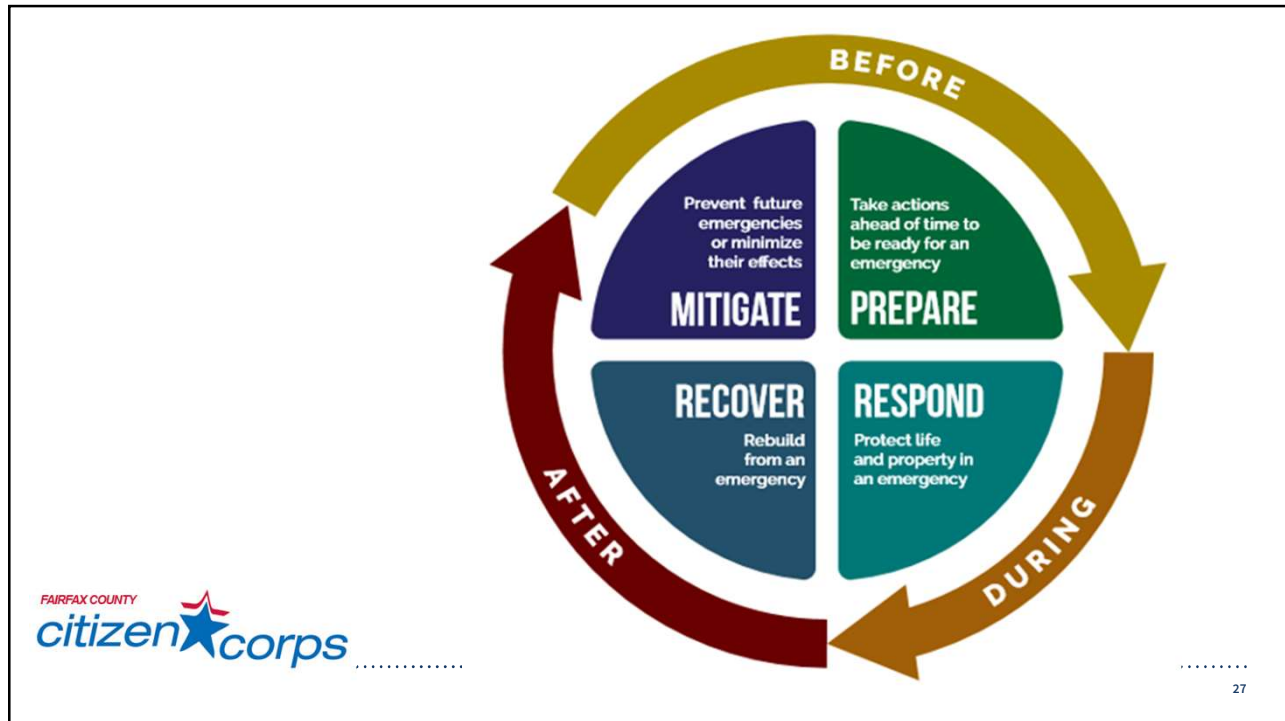
APPX B: DEVELOPING YOUR FAMILY PREPAREDNESS PLAN [English \(PDF\) \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#)

PREPAREDNESS SECTION [English \(PDF\) \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#)




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