

Organizations and Resources

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Organizations and Programs

U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs

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Since 1984, the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) has provided federal leadership in developing the nation's capacity to prevent and control crime, improve the criminal and juvenile justice systems, increase knowledge about crime and related issues and assist crime victims. OJP is comprised of five bureaus: the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the National Institute of Justice, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and the Office for Victims of Crime.

OJP also includes the Community Capacity Development Office, and the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking.

Many of the program bureaus and offices award formula grants to state agencies, which in turn subgrant funds to units of state and local governments. Discretionary grant funds are announced through program solicitations that can be found through Bureau and OJP Bureau Web sites or Grants.gov.

U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance

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www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bja

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) supports law enforcement, courts, corrections, treatment, victim services, technology, and prevention initiatives that strengthen the nation's criminal justice system. BJA provides leadership, services, and funding to America's communities by:

- Emphasizing local control
- Building relationships in the field
- Providing training and technical assistance in support of efforts to prevent crime, drug abuse, and violence at a national, state, and local level

- Developing collaborations and partnerships
- Promoting capacity building through planning
- Streamlining the administration of grants
- Increasing training and technical assistance
- Creating accountability of projects
- Encouraging innovation
- Communicating the value of justice efforts to decision makers at every level

***U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Community Oriented Policing Services***

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Washington, DC 20530
(P) (800) 421-6770
ask.dojrc@usdoj.gov
www.cops.usdoj.gov

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) was created pursuant to the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. As a component of the Justice Department, the mission of the COPS Office is to advance community policing in jurisdictions of all sizes around the country. COPS provides grants to tribal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to hire and train community policing professionals, acquire and deploy cutting-edge crime-fighting technologies, and develop and test innovative policing strategies. COPS-funded training helps advance community policing at all levels of law enforcement – from line officers to law enforcement executives – as well as others in the criminal justice field.

International Association of Chiefs of Police

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Alexandria, VA 22314
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information@theiacp.org
www.theiacp.org

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) is the world’s oldest and largest nonprofit membership organization of police executives, with more than 20,000 members in more than 100 different countries. IACP’s leadership consists of the operating chief executives of international, federal, state, and local agencies of all sizes.

Founded in 1893, the association’s goals, as stated in the constitution, are to advance the science and art of police services; to develop and disseminate improved administrative, technical and operational practices and promote their use in police work; to foster police cooperation and the exchange of information and experience among police administrators throughout the world; to bring about recruitment and training of qualified persons in the police profession; and to encourage adherence of all police officers to high professional standards of performance and conduct.

IACP supports law enforcement professionals with a wide variety of services. It conducts management and operational studies; presents state-of-the-art training programs and materials; establishes law enforcement policies and procedures; publishes a professional monthly magazine and special reports; and conducts extensive law enforcement research.

Citizen Corps

Department of Homeland Security
Federal Emergency Management Agency Community Preparedness Division
800 K Street, NW
Suite 640
Washington, DC 20472
citizencorps@dhs.gov
www.citizencorps.gov

The mission of Citizen Corps is to harness the power of every individual through education, training, and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds. Citizen Corps councils help drive local citizen participation by coordinating local Citizen Corps programs, developing community action plans, assessing possible threats, and identifying local resources. There are five Citizen Corps partner programs: Volunteers in Police Service, Neighborhood Watch, the Community Emergency Response Team Program, the Medical Reserve Corps Program, and Fire Corps. The Citizen Corps Affiliate Program partners with programs and organizations that offer resources for public education, outreach, and training; represent volunteers interested in helping to make their communities safer; and offer volunteer service opportunities to support first responders, disaster relief activities, and community safety efforts. Citizen Corps is coordinated nationally by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency.

USAonWatch – Neighborhood Watch

National Sheriffs' Association
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Alexandria, VA 22314
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info@usaonwatch.org
www.USAonwatch.org IA

Under the Citizen Corps initiative, the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance is working with the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) to expand and enhance the National Neighborhood Watch Program. Neighborhood Watch is a highly successful crime prevention effort that NSA has sponsored for 30 years. This expanded Neighborhood Watch Program incorporates terrorism prevention and education into its existing crime prevention mission. The USAonWatch Web site provides information on how to start a watch and provides resource information and success stories on Neighborhood Watch.

Community Emergency Response Team

Citizen Corps
Department of Homeland Security
Federal Emergency Management Agency Community Preparedness Division
800 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20472
CERT@dhs.gov
www.citizencorps.gov/cert

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program helps train people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. When emergencies occur, CERT members can give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. CERT members can also help with non-emergency projects that improve the safety of the community.

The CERT course is taught by a trained team of first responders who have completed a CERT train-the-trainer course conducted by their state training office for emergency management, or the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Emergency Management Institute. CERT training includes disaster preparedness, disaster fire suppression, basic disaster medical operations and light search and rescue operations.

***Office of the Civilian Volunteer
Medical Reserve Corps***

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
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Rockville, MD 20857
(P) (301) 443-4000
MRCcontact@osophs.dhhs.gov
www.medicalreservecorps.gov

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is administered by the Office of the U.S. Surgeon General in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It coordinates the skills of practicing and retired physicians, nurses, and other health professionals as well as other citizens interested in health issues, who are eager to volunteer to address their community's ongoing public health needs and help their communities during large-scale emergency situations.

MRC volunteers may deliver necessary public health services during a crisis, assist emergency response teams with patients and provide care directly to those with less serious injuries and other health-related issues. MRC volunteers may also assist their communities with ongoing public health needs (e.g., immunizations, screenings, health and nutrition education, and volunteering in community health centers and local hospitals).

Fire Corps

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Greenbelt, MD 20770
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www.firecorps.org

The mission of Fire Corps is to enhance the ability of fire departments to utilize citizen advocates and provide individuals with opportunities to support their local fire departments with their time and talent. Fire Corps is a partnership between the International Association of Fire Chiefs' Volunteer Combination Officers Section, the International Association of Fire Fighters, and the National Volunteer Fire Council.

The program's ultimate goal is to support and supplement resource-constrained fire departments. This is accomplished through the use of civilian advocates for non-operational related activities. The program educates fire departments on how to implement a non-operational citizen advocates program, or improve existing programs. Fire service input to the program is provided through the Fire Corps National Advisory Committee that gives strategic direction and important feedback from the field to Fire Corps.

United We Serve

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Washington, DC 20500
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info@cns.gov
www.serve.gov

In a partnership with the Corporation for National and Community Service, United We Serve is a nationwide initiative, to create a sustained, collaborative, and focused effort to meet community needs and make service a way of life for all Americans. The online home of United We Service is Serve.gov, which helps individuals find service opportunities matching their interests in their towns, around the country, and around the world. Serve.gov supports the service infrastructure by bringing together the resources of the federal government with those of the nonprofit business, educational, media, and faith based sectors among others. Serve.gov is also working to strengthen federal service programs within the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Corporation for National and Community Service

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www.nationalservice.gov

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a public-private partnership created by Congress in 1993, which oversees three national service initiatives.

AmeriCorps is a national service network of hundreds of nonprofits and programs that engage thousands of Americans in full-time and sustained part-time community service. It provides education awards in return for such service.

Learn and Serve America supports and promotes service learning in schools, universities and communities, providing models and assistance to help teachers and community leaders integrate service and learning from kindergarten through college.

The National Senior Service Corps is a network of people age 55 and older who participate in the Foster Grandparent Program, the Senior Companion Program, or the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program.

Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.

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Suite 100
Fairfax, VA 22030
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calea@calea.org
www.calea.org

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) was established in 1979 as an independent accrediting authority. CALEA was created by four major law enforcement associations: the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Sheriffs' Association, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, and the Police Executive Research Forum. CALEA's voluntary accreditation program helps improve the delivery of law enforcement services by offering a body of standards covering a wide range of topics.

Law Enforcement Explorers

1325 West Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015
(P) (972) 580-2433
www.learning-for-life.org/exploring/lawenforcement/index.html

Law Enforcement Exploring is a worksite-based program for young men and women who have completed the eighth grade and are 14 to 21. Law Enforcement Explorer posts help youth gain insight into a variety of programs that offer hands-on career activities. For young men and women interested in law enforcement, Exploring offers experiential learning activities that promote the growth and development of adolescent youth.

Points of Light Institute

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Washington, DC 20006
(P) (800) 750-7653
info@pointsoflight.org
www.pointsoflight.org

The Points of Light Institute, founded in 1990 by President George H.W. Bush, is a national, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that promotes volunteerism. The organization is comprised of three branches, HandsOn Network, MissionFish, and Civic Incubator. All three unites share a unified mission and encourage people from all walks of life – businesses, nonprofits, faith-based organizations, low-income communities, families, youth, and older adults – to volunteer. The institute advocates community service through a partnership with the Volunteer Center National Network. Together, they reach millions of people in thousands of communities to help mobilize people and resources, delivering solutions to community problems.

Other Resources of Interest

Best Practices for Developing a Volunteer Program

State of Maryland, Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism
300 West Preston Street
Suite 608
Baltimore, MD 21201
(P) (800) 321-VOLS
www.gosv.state.md.us

Measuring Volunteering: A Practical Toolkit Independent Sector

1200 Eighteenth Street, NW
Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036
(P) (202) 467-6100
info@IndependentSector.org
www.IndependentSector.org

United Nations Volunteers

Postfach 260 111
Bonn, Germany
(P) +49 228 815 2000
www.unv.org

Developing and Managing Volunteers

Independent Study Course IS-244
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Emergency Management Institute
16825 South Seton Avenue
Emmitsburg, MD 21727
(P) (301) 447-1000
www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/PDS

State Liability Laws for Charitable Organizations and Volunteers

Nonprofit Risk Management Center
1001 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Suite 410
Washington, DC 20036
(P) (202) 785-3891
www.nonprofitrisk.org

Canadian Code for Volunteer Involvement

Volunteer Canada
330 Gilmour Street
Second Floor Ottawa, ON, K2P 0P6
(P) (800) 670-0401
info@volunteer.ca
www.volunteer.ca/volunteercanada

Tax Exempt Status for Your Organization

Internal Revenue Service
Department of the Treasury
www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p557.pdf

Guidelines for Establishing a Chaplaincy Program

National Sheriffs' Association
1450 Duke Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
(P) (703) 836-7827
nsamail@sheriffs.org
www.sheriffs.org/Chaplains/guidelines_for_chaplains.htm22314

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