

The **Council** is a private non-profit 501(c)3 organization **formed by residents for residents** to build safer and stronger communities ready to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, hazards, public health issues, emergencies, and disasters that may occur.



**Tampa – Temple Terrace - Plant City
Unincorporated County**

If you live in a City or the County, the Council is here to help - you turn the following success stories into your success stories.



Details are in this brochure and at the Council website: www.CitizenCorpsCouncilHC.com

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**Let's build Safer and Stronger
Homes,
Neighborhoods,
Communities**

*There is a Tool Kit for each,
so grab One or All of them.*

Success Stories



**For your Home tool kit,
these are Must Haves**

- Residential Mitigation & Security
- Disaster Information & Survival
- Special Needs



**For your Neighborhood tool kit,
these are Proven Assets**

- Neighborhood Crime & Flood Watch
- Citizen Patrol
- Disaster Preparation



**For your Community tool kit,
these produce Huge Benefits**

- Community Emergency Response Team
- Amateur Radio Emergency Services
- Medical Reserve Corp
- Equipment Mobilization

Neighborhood Crime Watch has been a seasoned neighborhood resource but after the **9/11 attack on our homeland and a string** of manmade and natural hazards there were calls for something more.

Communities across the country formed action plans that FEMA has since assembled into the "Citizen Corps Council" structure for us to use.

The concept is not new. **Communities benefit from the power of groups and common goals.** Our local council is a rally point with tools to achieve our goals of being safer, stronger, and better prepared. **It works best when implemented and managed with strong COMMUNITY leadership!!!**

The Governor appointed the **Florida Division of Emergency Management** as the coordinating state agency to facilitate this community-based initiative, establishing Citizen Corps Councils.

Ultimately, "councils will tailor the Citizen Corps program to fit their community's needs".

Program information that can make a difference for your:

Home,
Neighborhood,
Community

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Getting Started

To get you started on the tool kits - information on the more popular programs is in this brochure.

More information and organizers for each are available:

- on the Council website and
- through our partners who are listed below.

If you don't see a program that you want, go to the Council website at:

www.citizencorpscouncilhc.com.

Program Partners

Citizen Patrol - Hillsborough Sheriff's Office, visit www.hcso.tampa.fl.us or call (813) 247-8223.

Medical Reserve Corp - Register to volunteer at www.servfl.com or contact the Hillsborough area unit coordinator at (813) 274-8884.

Watch - Hillsborough Sheriff's Office, call (813) 247-8223 and ask for your district watch coordinator.

CERT - Hillsborough County CERT (813) 236-3800.
Greater Tampa CERT (813-274-1285)

Ares / Races - visit www.hillsboroughares.org or come to a Council meeting. 813-301-7474

American Red Cross, Tampa Chapter - visit www.redcrosstbc.org

Residential Mitigation - Florida Div. of Emergency Mgt. Visit: www.bereadyflorida.org.



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Success Stories



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) 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 assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event and can take a more active role in preparing their community.



Residential Mitigation Retrofit your home and **reduce damage** from wind and rain by tending to: Water Barriers; Whole House Anchoring; Gable Ends; Window Openings; and Doorways. You may also **reduce insurance premiums**.
Be sure to use trusted home inspector & contractor.



American Red Cross

Tampa Bay Chapter
www.redcrosstbc.org

The **American Red Cross** Tampa Bay, guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement, is led by volunteers that provide relief to victims of disasters and help people take practical steps to make families, neighborhoods, schools and workplaces safer, healthier and more resilient in the face of adversity. Volunteers are needed for shelter management and outreach programs.

Success Stories



Citizen Patrol (Volunteers in Police Service) Program. Volunteers donate their time to patrol neighborhoods and respond to specific non-emergency calls-for-service while driving specially

-marked vehicles. Volunteers are not law enforcement officers, but are trained in areas such as crime prevention, first-aid, traffic control, community policing, and how to spot suspicious criminal activity.



Neighborhood Watch Since 9-11-2001, Neighborhood Watch programs help with **crime** prevention, prepare for **disasters, emergency** response, and **terrorism** awareness. Your watchful neighbors plus links to other watch groups - can be very gratifying. There

is strength in numbers! Sheriff's Office and Tampa PD are our affiliates and Watch sponsors. They will guide you through the setup with information, training and resources.

Inland Flooding - keep an eye on storm water conditions in your neighborhood, take photos, compile the what, where, and when. A consolidated report goes to Public Works so they can properly mitigate the area.



The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) provide back-up and auxiliary communications during times of emergency. You may join a club or help build a local team if you have an amateur radio license (HAM) or wish to acquire one.



Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) augments local community and state-level health and medical services with pre-identified, trained and credentialed volunteers during emergency medical operations and other vital public health activities. The Florida MRC Network facilitates the use of private volunteers in emergency response.