

# Two FEMA Region 10 Youth Join 2021-2022 Youth Preparedness Council

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**BOTHELL, Wash.** – FEMA announced the 2021–2022 Youth Preparedness Council members and two are from FEMA Region 10, Miles Butler of Idaho and Shivani Jayaprakasam of Washington. Members are selected based on their dedication to public service, community involvement and their engagement efforts in community resilience throughout the country. FEMA created the council in 2012 to bring together diverse young leaders interested in strengthening disaster preparedness across the nation and within their communities.

The council supports FEMA’s commitment to build a culture of preparedness in the United States and provides an avenue to engage young people by considering their perspectives, feedback and opinions. Council members meet with FEMA staff throughout their term to provide input on strategies, initiatives and projects.

Miles is excited to engage with other youth, “I want youth to know how easy it is to prepare and how much preparedness could do for them and their families. I always remind myself preparedness saves lives.”

This year, each council member will participate in the Youth Preparedness Council Summit held virtually in late July. During this annual event, members will participate in online preparedness activities; learn from senior leaders in national preparedness; and engage with FEMA community preparedness staff who offer support and mentorship throughout their term.

Shivani is eager for the upcoming summit and to work with teenagers focused on emergency management. “If nothing else, 2020 has shown us that disasters can happen anytime, and we need to be prepared before the next disaster strikes. Preparedness education begins at a young age and creates a future generation of prepared individuals.”

**The 2021-2022 council members are:**



Nyl Aziaya of Alabama.

Nico Bremeau of California.

Isaac Doll of Colorado.

Aubrey Dockins of Florida.

Miles Butler of Idaho.

Devangana Rana of Illinois.

Vishnu Iyer of Indiana.

Beitris Boyreau-Millar of Maryland.

Ranjana Ramesh of Massachusetts.

Hunter Tobey of Massachusetts.

Amanda Hingorani of Nebraska.

Mirika Jambudi of New Jersey.

Megan Cameron of New York.

Amira Seay of Texas.

Shivani Jayaprakasam of Washington.

Each year, 15 teens serve on this distinguished council. The next application cycle will open in early 2022. Teens in the eighth through 11th grades may apply online at <https://community.fema.gov/PreparednessCommunity/s/apply-to-ypc>

To learn more about FEMA's Youth Preparedness Council, visit:  
<http://www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness-council>.

