

Know Your Role

Community members—individuals just like you—are the key to our nation’s preparedness and resilience. Although, state and local governments have developed robust capabilities to respond to and recover from events, your whole community’s participation, especially during severe weather events is needed to help prepare for the uncertainty of disaster.

You can be part of the collective team in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating against all hazards. By accessing FEMA’s free, online training module [“Preparedness: The Whole Community,”](#) you can learn about emergency management, response roles, and how you can get involved.

- Learn about the role of government, public and private sector, community, and individual emergency management and response; and
- Learn about how you can get involved through volunteer opportunities and how to develop an action plan for becoming involved.

When the whole community comes together to respond to and help recover from these emergencies—neighbor helping neighbor—we can often meet the needs of everyone.