Rewarding Volunteer Opportunities

Many people want to volunteer their time and energy to support their community but have no idea how or where to take action. FEMA answers the “How can I help?” question by suggesting several ways to get involved before a disaster strikes.

- Get trained to volunteer with a Community Emergency Response Team, Medical Reserve Corps unit and/or other Citizen Corps Partner Program.
- Connect and collaborate with your local emergency planning group.
- Start a preparedness project.
- Donate cash or goods that may meet the needs of your community during a disaster.

To illustrate the importance of volunteering, check out “In Disaster Recovery, Volunteer Efforts are Priceless” for a first-hand account of the selfless volunteer efforts in the cleanup after Hurricane Sandy. For more inspiration regarding volunteer opportunities visit www.ready.gov/get-involved.

Are you already part of an organization making outstanding contributions that make your community safer, stronger, better prepared, and more resilient? Submit a package to nominate your organization for the 2014 Individual and Community Preparedness Awards! To be considered for this year’s awards, all applications must be sent to citizencorps@fema.dhs.gov by May 30, 2014 at 11:59 P.M. E.T. and must feature program activities taking place between January 1, 2013 and May 30, 2014. For more information on how to apply, visit http://www.ready.gov/citizen-corps/citizen-corps-awards.

Your community needs you, do your part and sign-up to volunteer today!