

2014 FEMA Individual and Community Preparedness Award Winners

FEMA has announced the winners of the 2014 Individual and Community Preparedness Awards. The Awards recognize individuals who have taken action to prepare their communities. This year, FEMA asked applicants to highlight accomplishments that took place between January 1, 2013 and May 30, 2014.

“Strong emergency management requires teamwork, community engagement, innovation, and strong relationships at all levels before disasters occur,” said FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate. “This year, we recognize individuals and organizations that exemplify this approach, and I congratulate them on their dedication to make our nation stronger and safer.”

Award winners will attend a ceremony in their honor in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, September 9. During the event, several recipients will have the opportunity to share their perspectives, insights, experiences, success stories, and lessons learned with emergency management leadership. A live broadcast of the ceremony will begin at 10:40 AM EST at www.whitehouse.gov/live.

A complete list of the recipients and the honorable mentions for each category is available at: <http://www.ready.gov/citizen-corps/citizen-corps-awards>. Award recipients by category are as follows:

- **Outstanding State Citizen Corps Council Initiatives:** Delaware State Citizen Corps Council
- **Outstanding Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Initiatives:** MOCERT1
- **Outstanding Local Citizen Corps Council Initiatives:** Albany County Citizen Corps
- **Outstanding Achievement in Youth Preparedness:** The Mississippi Youth Preparedness Initiative (MyPI)
- **Community Preparedness Heroes:** Lieutenant Brian K. Rand and the Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP)
- **Awareness to Action:** Do 1 Thing
- **Fourth Annual Recipient of the John D. Solomon Whole Community Preparedness Award:** Smyrna Emergency Management Agency and New York City Office of Emergency Management’s Ready New York for Seniors Program
- **Survivor Empowerment and Integration:** Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Office of Preparedness and Emergency Management
- **Technical Innovation:** Partnerships in Assistive Technologies (PATHS, Inc)

Congratulations to all the award recipients and honorable mentions! You continue to make your communities and the Nation proud!