

Citizen Corps and CERT Information Deadline

With the end of the year approaching, we are asking that all local Citizen Corps Councils and CERT Programs update their information in the registration system by no later than **November 28**. Citizen Corps and CERT information collected by this deadline will be included in the 2015 National Preparedness Report.

We use the information provided by you to demonstrate the contributions you make to national, state, territorial, tribal, and local preparedness and resilience, highlight areas of growth, identify needs for new resources, and set strategic direction. Our [recent webinar](#) highlighted how your programs contributed to the preparedness and resilience of your communities, and the nation as a whole, in 2013.

Updating your online profiles provides us with information that we can use to justify continued Federal support for the Citizen Corps and CERT programs, including:

- The website and all of its free downloadable resources and an online searchable directory of programs;
- Free printed materials for registered programs through the FEMA Warehouse;
- Technical assistance and support through the Citizen Corps and CERT inboxes;
- Recognition programs like the Individual and Community Preparedness Awards;
- Outreach and education efforts, including regular e-briefs and webinars; and
- The development of new content and updates to existing content, including the CERT curriculum and supporting materials.

While we encourage you to update any new information in your online profiles, we are particularly interested in updates to the following for 2014:

- Numbers of individuals trained;
- Number of trainings conducted;
- Number of volunteers and volunteer hours;
- Council membership;
- Number of exercises; and
- Funding sources.

We are also currently in the process of updating the registration system to make it easier to use. Future updates will add a function to the system through which state and local programs should be able to generate their own reports, so that you can also use the data you enter to help support and manage your programs.

We hope that you will take the time to update your profiles, so that all of the great work you've done will be accounted for in the National Preparedness Report and elsewhere! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at citizencorps@fema.dhs.gov or at cert@fema.dhs.gov. Thank you!