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# Why engage the public as partners?

- Strengthens ability to govern and maintain trust – through greater public confidence and better judgment in context of uncertainty
- Improves plans' feasibility by reflecting community values, realities, judgments, and engaging resources beyond the government
- Provides citizen responders to support civic infrastructure in crisis
- Mitigates public response, reduces consequences, develops resiliency and shortens recovery
- Develops community-based prevention with public participation
- Builds public advocacy to sustain policies of outreach and inclusion for preparedness, planning, prevention, mitigation



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*(\*Community Engagement – multiple sources)*

# Citizen Corps Mission

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**We all have a role in hometown security**

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**The Citizen Corps mission is to bring community and government leaders together to involve community members in all-hazards emergency preparedness, planning, mitigation, response, and recovery.**



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# What Does Citizen Corps Do?

- Integrates government and non-government sectors
- Strengthens citizen preparedness and participation through development and implementation of policy, doctrine, and grant guidance
- Engages the community at state and local levels
- Supports emergency responder community in all phases of emergency management cycle



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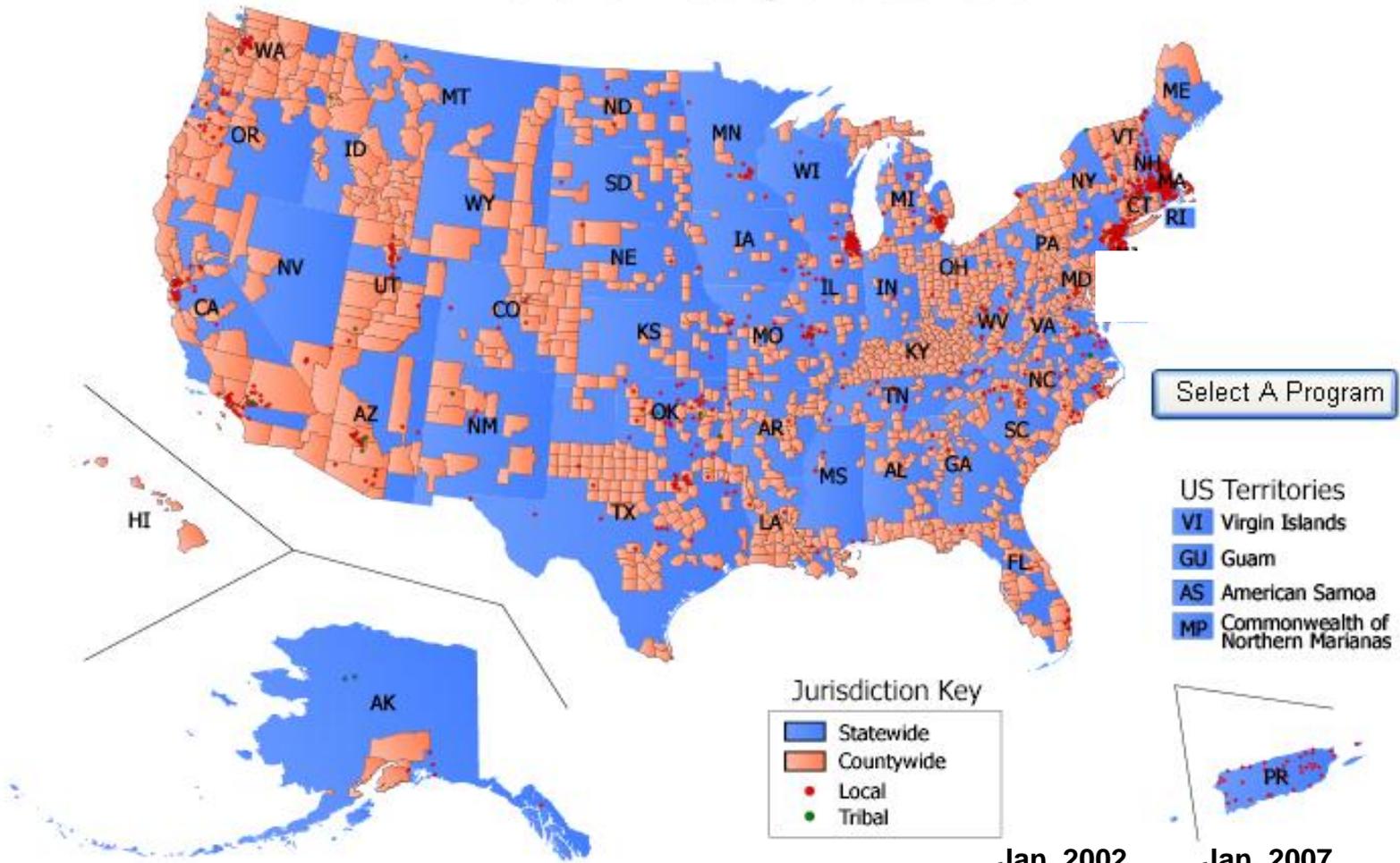
# National Strategy

- Citizen Corps functions as the Department of Homeland Security's only comprehensive effort to get federal, state and local governments connected with non-governmental groups to support all aspects of citizen and community preparedness.
- The program focuses on cultural change: People need to take more responsibility for individual and community preparedness, and emergency responders need to include the citizens in emergency planning, education, training, and exercises.
- The Citizen Corps Mission is implemented through over 2100 local, state, tribal and territorial Citizen Corps Councils and partnerships at all levels to provide program support



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# Citizen Corps Councils

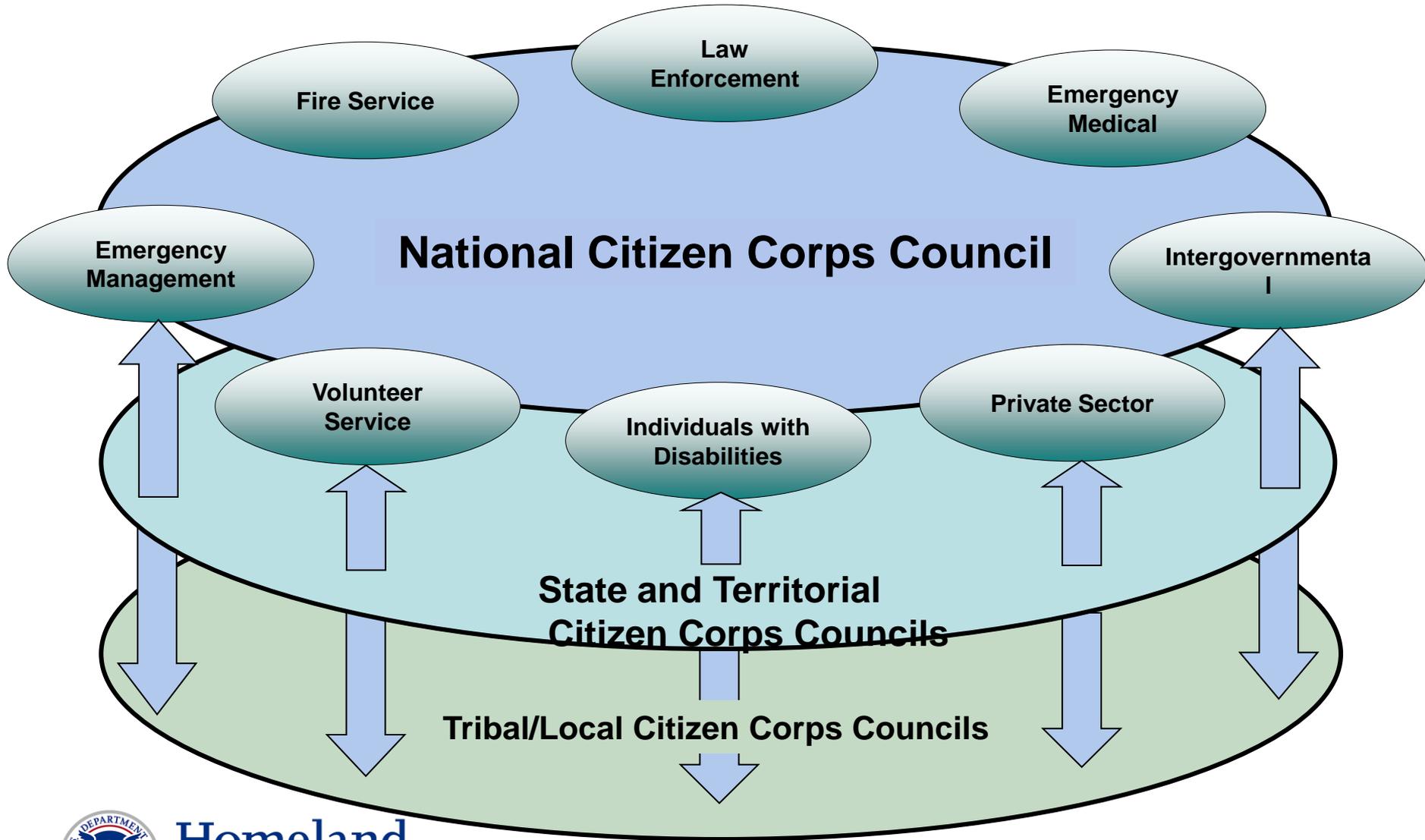


	<u>Jan. 2002</u>	<u>Jan. 2007</u>
<b>Councils:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,123</b>
CERT	170	2,472
Fire Corps	0	558
MRC	0	604
NWP	7,500	14,791
VIPS	76	1,484



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# Citizen Corps Councils



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# Citizen Corps Councils

## *Membership*

- **First responder/emergency management**  
*(law, fire, EMS/EMT, public works)*
- **Volunteer community**
- **Elected officials**
- **Business leaders**
- **School system representatives**
- **Transportation sector**
- **Media executives**
- **Faith-based leaders**
- **Cultural, language, and special needs representation**
- **Leadership from community and civic sub-structure**



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# Citizen Corps Partner Programs



**Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)** works to enhance the capacity of state and local law enforcement to utilize volunteers

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**Neighborhood Watch/USAonWatch** incorporates terrorism awareness education into its existing crime prevention mission

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The **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** program educates and trains citizens in basic disaster response skills

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The **Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Program** helps medical, public health, and other volunteers offer their expertise

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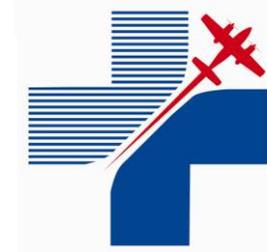
**Fire Corps** promotes the use of citizen advocates to provide support to fire and rescue departments

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# Citizen Corps Affiliates



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# Accomplishments

- **The Citizen Corps programs have experienced steady growth since FY 2002 and Citizen Corps Councils now serve 74% of the U.S. population.**
- **Integration of non-governmental groups into all phases of government preparedness at local, state, tribal, territorial, national level**
- **Integration of Citizen Preparedness and participation into:**
  - Policy
  - Planning
  - Training
  - Exercises
  - Disaster Response
- **\$107M in grants to state/local from FY 02 – FY 07**



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