



2013 Youth Preparedness Council



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FEMA Youth Preparedness Council Member Roles and Responsibilities

Being a Youth Preparedness Council Member

FEMA's Youth Preparedness Council (YPC) is a unique opportunity for youth leaders to serve on a highly distinguished national council; to complete a self-selected youth preparedness project; to voice their opinions, experiences, ideas, solutions, and questions on youth disaster preparedness with the leadership of FEMA and national organizations working on youth preparedness; and to participate in a Youth Preparedness Council Summit.

Being selected to serve on FEMA's Youth Preparedness Council is an honor, but it is also a large responsibility that requires dedication and time-management skills. If you are considering applying to serve on FEMA's Youth Preparedness Council, it is important to consider the roles and responsibilities associated with membership.

Roles and Responsibilities

Email Communications

YPC members are expected to communicate frequently with their regional Community Preparedness Officer (CPO) and the FEMA Technical Assistance Specialist via e-mail. In order to do this, YPC members must have access to an e-mail account and be committed to checking it regularly.

Conference Calls

Members are required to participate in conference calls every other month. These calls will allow members to provide updates on their projects, pose questions to FEMA staff and CPOs, and provide feedback to other members based on their experiences. These calls typically occur on Wednesday evenings. Members are permitted to miss one call per year.

Projects

Each YPC member is required to complete one youth preparedness-related project during his/her term. Projects are meant to further youth disaster preparedness efforts on either a regional or national level. These projects will require a large time commitment and dedication in order to be successful. Past projects include the creation of Teen CERT programs in specific schools/areas, hosting disaster preparedness fairs, and developing preparedness websites.

Time Commitment

Being a YPC member is a rewarding and exciting experience, but it is also time intensive; it is important that you use time management skills to balance school, extracurricular activities, and your involvement in the Council. We encourage you to consider your availability to make sure the Council would fit your lifestyle before applying to become a member of the FEMA YPC.

Second Year

After one year of service on the Council, members may be invited by FEMA to serve a second year on the Council.

More Information

For more information about the Youth Preparedness Council, please visit www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness.

