



Disaster Corps Launched

On June 25, 2010, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger joined Secretary Karen Baker and Secretary Matthew Bettenhausen with Cal EMA to launch the CaliforniaVolunteers Disaster Corps. The launch event was held at the Frank Hotchkin Memorial Training Center in Los Angeles, California, and featured demonstrations of disaster volunteer skills and a press event.

The event was attended by over 300 volunteers and local, state, and federal government officials. In May, following a competitive grant making process, CaliforniaVolunteers selected five Operational Areas - Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and San Francisco - to receive grants to support development of the Disaster Corps program, including developing volunteer coordination and disaster volunteer capabilities. These Operational Areas will help build a cadre of 1,000 government-affiliated volunteers who will represent a mutual aid resource that can be utilized statewide. The CaliforniaVolunteers' grant will provide these Disaster Corps volunteers with CPR and first aid training as well as Department of Justice/Federal Bureau of Investigation background checks.

California State Citizen Corps Council

The California State Citizen Corps Council (CSCCC) met on June 15, 2010 in the San Francisco International Airport Emergency Operations Center. Meeting highlights included updates from Secretary Baker from CaliforniaVolunteers on the National Preparedness Task Force and the Disaster Corps Launch event. The meeting also included a discussion of the Disaster Volunteer Resource Inventory (DVRI), and presentations from Save the Children, the CA Earthquake Alliance, and the Pacific Region ADA Center/Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center.

CaliforniaVolunteers Named NVOAD Partner of the Year

CaliforniaVolunteers recently received the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD) 2010 Partner of the Year- State award. Nominated for the award by Southern CA VOAD, with supporting letters from NorCal VOAD, FEMA, and Cal EMA, CaliforniaVolunteers received the award at NVOAD's 2010 National Conference. According to NVOAD, the award was presented "for [CaliforniaVolunteers'] great service to the people of California and the support [CaliforniaVolunteers] has provided to the California State and local VOADs.

Disaster Volunteer Resource Inventory (DVRI)

Development of the CaliforniaVolunteers Disaster Volunteer Resource Inventory (DVRI) continues to progress. CaliforniaVolunteers will host several web-based user group meetings this summer to demonstrate the DVRI and gather additional user input. The outreach and registration process will begin after finalization of the DVRI tool based on user input.

Updates from California Citizen Corps Programs

Medical Reserve Corps (MRC):

CaliforniaVolunteers is engaged in a planning team for a statewide California Medical Reserve Corps Training Workshop August 18-19, in Sacramento CA. CaliforniaVolunteers is also in the process of purchasing approximately \$100,000 in equipment to support MRC programs. This equipment includes triage equipment, treatment kits, tents, and guidebooks.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT):

State Sponsored CERT Training Materials:

As part of an ongoing effort to support and cultivate new and existing CERT programs CaliforniaVolunteers secured funding to purchase a limited amount of training materials for distribution throughout California.

On May 20, 2010, the 2010 State Sponsored CERT Training Materials Distribution Plan was released to all registered CERT programs and Local Citizen Corps Councils. The Distribution Plan contains information on available supplies, eligibility and requirements information, and the request process. Since the release of the Distribution Plan, hundreds of CERT kits, all weather field operating guides (FOGs), and instructional manuals have been distributed to programs across California.

For information on how to request state sponsored training materials please contact the CaliforniaVolunteers CERT Program Manager at 916-323-7646.

CA State CERT Advisory Group:

On June 23rd the CA State CERT Advisory Group, a standing workgroup of the CA State Citizen Corps Council, met in Monterey Park, California. Highlights of the meeting included updates for the 2010 State Sponsored CERT Train the Trainer (T3) calendar, CERT and Local Citizen Corps Council listings on the National Citizen Corps website, as well as upcoming changes to the CA State CERT program structure, including Advisory Group membership changes and the development of a new regional leadership group.

2010 State Sponsored CERT Train the Trainer Courses:

CaliforniaVolunteers, in close partnership with the CA State CERT Advisory Group, coordinates to sponsor six CERT Train the Trainer (T3) courses across California each year. The table on page 3 displays the current schedule for State Sponsored T3 courses as of June 23, 2010.

CERT Train The Trainer Schedule

| County | Location | Time |
|----------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Contra Costa | Richmond | November 19-21, 2010 |
| Los Angeles | Los Angeles | TBD |
| Orange | Costa Mesa | July 13-15, 2010 |
| San Bernardino | Hesperia | August 24-26, 2010 |
| Santa Clara | <i>TBD</i> | <i>TBD</i> |
| <i>Inland Region</i> | <i>TBD</i> | <i>TBD</i> |

State Sponsored Train the Trainer (T3) course schedules are updated on the CaliforniaVolunteers website, as they are available. For additional information on state sponsored T3s, or if you have information about upcoming CERT trainings that you would like to post on the CaliforniaVolunteers website, please contact the CaliforniaVolunteers CERT Program Manager at 916-323-7646.

CA Volunteer and Donations Management Emergency Function #17

Work is ongoing on the draft Volunteer and Donations management EF. The EF-17 State Agency Workgroup's next meeting will be held August 3, 2010. Draft completion date is scheduled for the end of August 2010. Phase Two of the process will begin in late 2010 and will identify and bring together additional volunteer and donations management stakeholders from a wide range of public, private, and non-profit organizations.

Volunteer Centers

As part of the 2009 Volunteer Center Capacity Building Grant Program, CaliforniaVolunteers sponsored six "Ready to Respond" all-day training sessions for Volunteer Centers, their partner agencies, and local government emergency management. The sessions were held in Marin (3/22), Fresno (2/25), San Bernardino (3/10), Los Angeles (3/11), Sacramento (3/18), and Orange County (3/22) to build volunteer centers' internal capacity to respond to disaster. Training included applying the Incident Command System (ICS) to Volunteer Center Operations, establishing local Emergency Volunteer Centers (EVCs), exploring services and roles Volunteer Centers can provide post-disaster, and learning about coordination with CaliforniaVolunteers in a State response role.

Another CaliforniaVolunteers initiative has provided funding to the Volunteer Centers of California to offer additional training train Volunteer Centers to recruit and train "cadres" of volunteers to expand their capacity to set up Emergency Volunteer Centers. There was a training held June 9 in Long Beach, and another on July 8th in Sacramento.

New DVP Staff

There are two new faces in DVP: Shelly Yen has joined the team as the new Student Assistant, and Phyllis Onstad is the new Community Partnership Specialist. Phyllis has close to 20 years of experience in the nonprofit sector as program manager, disaster and “regular” volunteer management trainer, grant writer and researcher.

The 2010 Great California ShakeOut at 10:21 on 10/21

The message below is from the California Emergency Management Agency:

CaliforniaVolunteers has offered the California Emergency Management Agency the chance to reach out to you with this opportunity to make an important impact on public safety. As examples and influencers, you have a unique ability magnify the success of an important statewide initiative, *The Great California ShakeOut*. Major earthquakes may happen at anytime and anywhere in California - It is not a matter of *if*, but *when*, and the local, regional and statewide impact will be staggering. But, businesses, organizations, and individuals, if properly prepared and informed, will respond appropriately; reducing their recovery time. *The Great California ShakeOut*, an annual statewide public earthquake drill, inspires our communities and organizations to get prepared and practice what to do during earthquakes. The goal is to prevent disasters from becoming catastrophes.

Because of peer to peer efforts across the state, over 6.9 MILLION participants throughout California participated in last fall’s *ShakeOut* drill. For this year’s drill on Thursday, October 21 at 10:21 a.m., we’re aiming to have over 10 million people register to simultaneously “drop, cover, and hold on” statewide.

Visit www.ShakeOut.org to join with the millions of Californians who are already registered and raising awareness about earthquake safety by developing their own ShakeOut activities. Register your organization and learn what can be done to get prepared; get counted in the largest earthquake drill ever; receive ShakeOut news and other information about earthquakes and preparedness; and make a difference for your community by motivating others to participate and get prepared.

Please visit www.ShakeOut.org. If you have any questions after you’ve had a chance to review the website, please feel free to contact Terrie Monaghan, California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) at (213) 300-8372 (terrie.monaghan@calema.ca.gov).

CaliforniaVolunteers is joining Cal EMA and stakeholders across the state by participating and promoting statewide earthquake safety and the 2010 Great California ShakeOut. We hope you will join us! What we do now, before the disaster, can make all the difference in what our lives are like after.

Kate Long, Cal EMA Earthquake and Tsunami Program

CaliforniaVolunteers Staff

DVP Staff are detailed in the table below:

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