

# **Brazoria County Citizen Corps**

## **Policy regarding participation in Citizen Corps**

The Brazoria County Citizen Corps is open to anyone who is interested in learning more about preparedness for disasters and caring for themselves, their family, and their neighbors during an emergency.

All volunteers must meet the minimum participation requirements as determined by the Brazoria County Citizen Corps Council.

Minimum participation requirements:

To be eligible to participate, volunteers must be at least 17 years of age. Minors who are at least 14 years of age may participate with a responsible adult who agrees to be responsible for and supervise the minor at all times.

Each volunteer must complete, at a minimum, the basic training program in place at the time of his or her application for participation.

Each applicant must present their government-issued photo ID at the time of their application.

All applicants are subject to a Criminal History background check.

Registered sex offenders are not eligible for participation. Each volunteer will be screened through the Texas Department of Public Safety public Sex Offender Registry within 30 days of his or her application for participation and each time his or her membership is renewed.

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## **Policy regarding discipline of Citizen Corps participants**

Citizen Corps volunteers are expected to behave in a professional manner at all times while acting as a Citizen Corps volunteer or representing a Citizen Corps program.

Failure to behave in a professional manner may result in disciplinary measures ranging from counseling by the activity leader up to and including termination of eligibility for participation in Citizen Corps activities.

If a volunteer is disruptive or acts in a manner that is unsafe at any Citizen Corps activity or acts in a manner that reflect adversely on the Brazoria County Citizen Corps the activity leader may take whatever action is necessary to correct the behavior ranging from counseling the volunteer to removing the volunteer from the event. The event leader who initiates any discipline must document and report the situation to the Citizen Corps Coordinator within 24 hours of the occurrence.

If, in the discretion of the Citizen Corps Coordinator, further action is required to resolve the situation or if any volunteer acts in a manner that reflects adversely on the Citizen Corps, he may refer the volunteer to the Citizen Corps Council for further corrective action.

The Citizen Corps Council may take whatever action deemed appropriate up to and including separation of the volunteer from participation in the Citizen Corps.

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