



# Emergency Preparedness Volunteer Program

## REGISTER NOW!!

- Help the County and your local community
- Help your neighboring communities
- Help yourself and your family prepare for emergencies
- Receive FREE Emergency Preparedness Training

## QUESTIONS???

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## ANSWER THE CALL

### WHO CAN BECOME A VOLUNTEER?

We are looking for all skill levels and experience within medical and non-medical professions-current or past.

### WHAT IS EXPECTED OF VOLUNTEERS?

Volunteers agree to be contacted for County and local emergencies. Registering does not obligate you to volunteer during an emergency.



### WHERE CAN I REGISTER TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER?

[www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth)

Click the link under the words "ANSWER THE CALL"



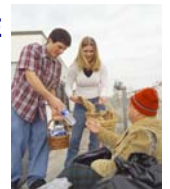
### HOW WILL I BE CONTACTED?

You may be emailed or called to schedule an orientation and to help depending on the need for your expertise or the type of emergency.

### WHAT ARE THE LIABILITY PROTECTIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS?

Volunteers may be protected from civil liability through the following laws:

- Governmental Immunity Act (MCL 691.140)
- The Good Samaritan Act (MCL 691.1501)
- Emergency Management Act (1976 PA 390)
- Public Health Code (1978 PA 368)
- Volunteer Protection Act of 1997 (42 USC Chapter 139)



## Why do we need volunteers to register?

During an emergency or crisis, the services that volunteers provide can play a crucial role. Being able to efficiently utilize the capabilities of volunteers in an emergency often presents a major challenge.

Immediately following the attacks in New York City on September 11, 2001, thousands arrived at ground zero to help. In most cases, there was no way to distinguish qualified from unqualified volunteers. Because there was no system in place to coordinate these volunteers, response effectiveness was greatly reduced.

Advanced registration of medical and non-medical volunteers will provide Macomb County immediate access to volunteers who may be needed in the event of an emergency in Macomb County or in your local community-increasing the effectiveness of volunteers and overall emergency management efforts.