

# At-A-Glance

## Getting Involved

There are numerous volunteer opportunities that enable you to assist your community before and during times of emergency. Here are some organizations that you can contact for volunteer opportunities.



### **Community Emergency Response Team (CERTs)**



CERT is a training program that prepares you to help yourself, your family, and your neighbors in the event of a disaster. During an incident, emergency service personnel may not be able to reach everyone right away. By joining your community's CERT you will have the skills to help emergency responders save lives and protect property. As a member of a CERT, you can respond to disasters, participate in drills/exercises, and receive additional training. CERT members are trusted resources for emergency responders and their communities.

Most communities in Cuyahoga County have active CERT Programs. For information, contact your local officials or the Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management at: [ema@cuyahogacounty.us](mailto:ema@cuyahogacounty.us)

### **Cuyahoga County Medical Reserve Corps (CCMRC)**

The Cuyahoga County Medical Reserve Corps (CCMRC) is a volunteer organization of medical professionals that supports local public health departments in their emergency preparedness initiatives. CCMRC Volunteers from 59 municipalities in Cuyahoga County use their professional expertise to improve the public health of their communities. During times of crisis and non-crisis, volunteers will supplement the existing public health infrastructure to improve overall preparedness, promote healthy behaviors, prevent disease, and provide care in the community.



For more information on CCMRC, go to: [www.ccbh.net/medical-reserve-corps/](http://www.ccbh.net/medical-reserve-corps/)

### **The American Red Cross (ARC)**



The American Red Cross helps people during emergencies. From sheltering displaced families and providing assistance to thousands of disaster victims, providing care and comfort to people is our primary responsibility. The American Red Cross is always looking for people with various backgrounds, talents and skill levels. American Red Cross Volunteer needs are based on current events and levels of ground support.

Sources: Community Emergency Response Team, Cuyahoga County Medical Reserve Corp, and the American Red Cross.



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