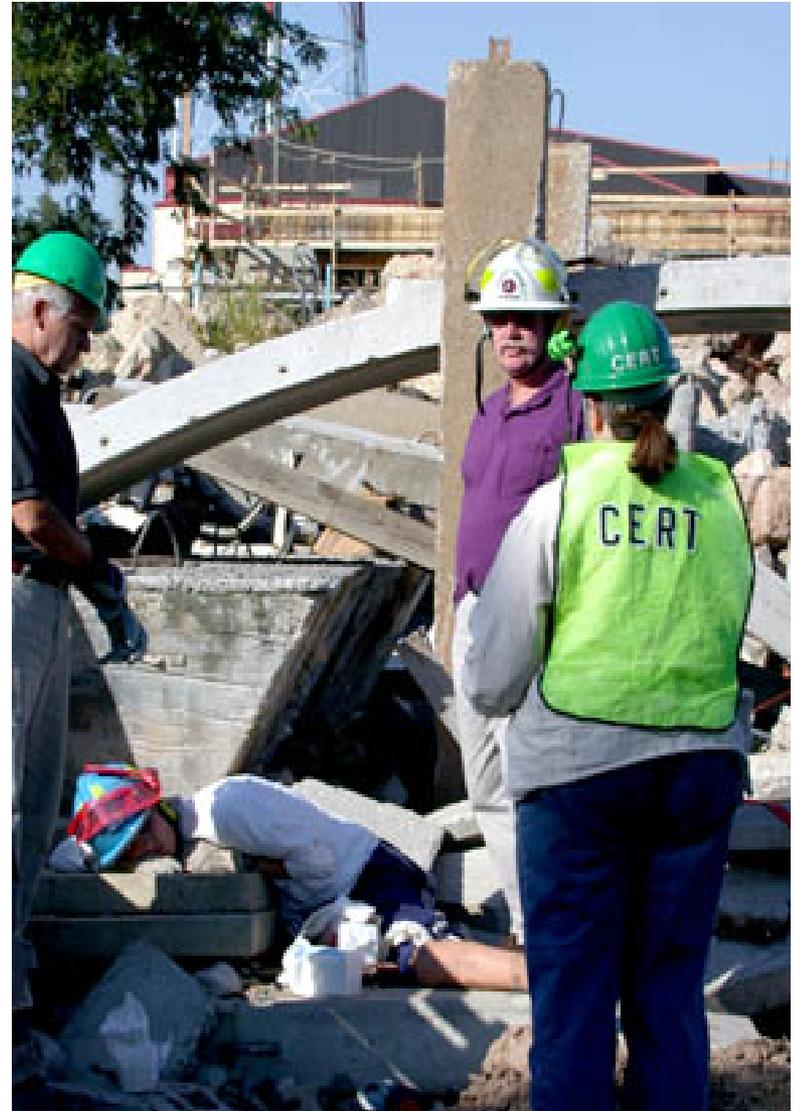


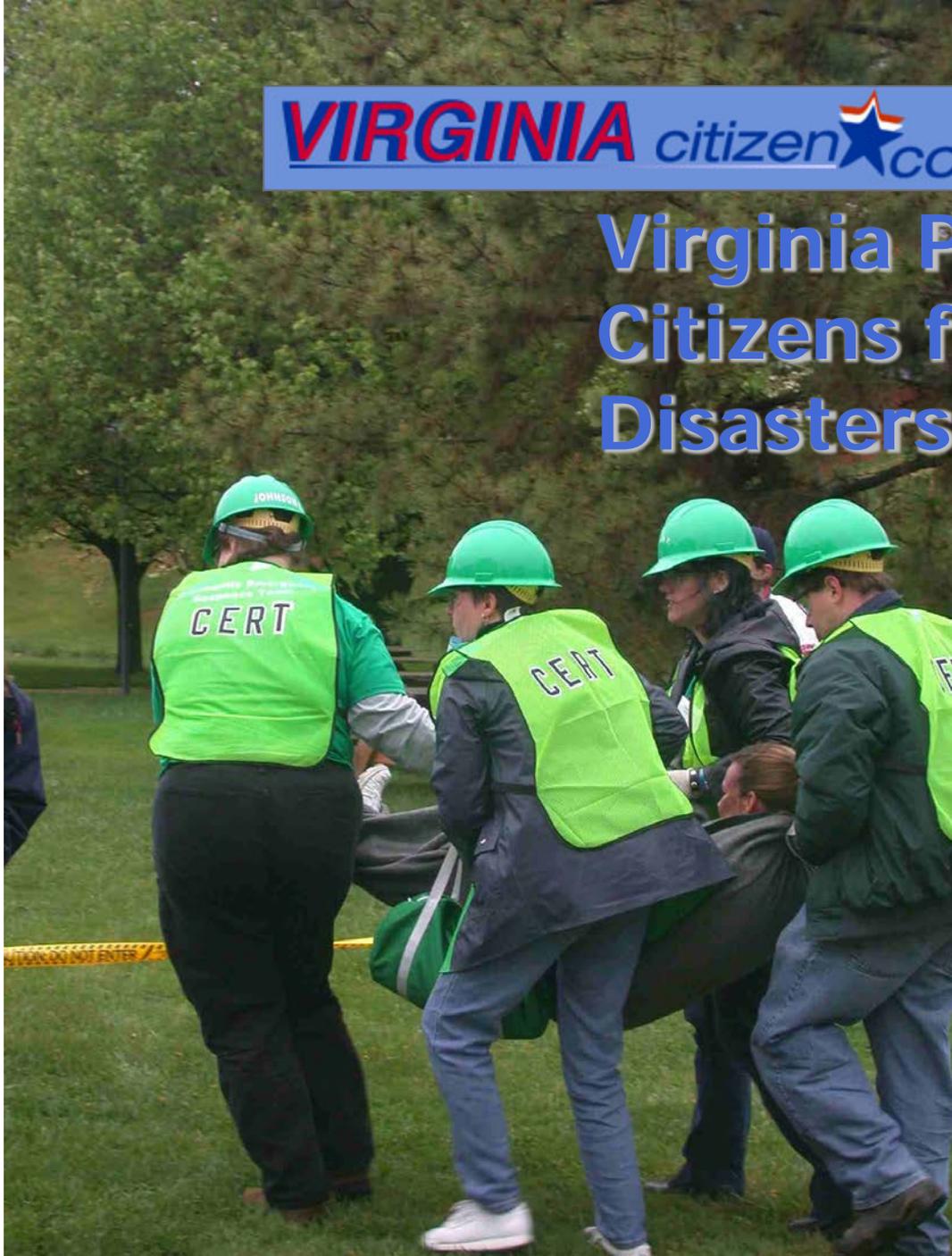


# Virginia Citizen Corps



December 12, 2007

# Virginia Prepares Citizens for Disasters....





- **Virginia Citizen Corps gets Virginia citizens directly involved in homeland security and emergency preparedness.**
- **The program allows residents to help their community by volunteering their time, energy and skills to emergency preparedness and response activities.**

# First Responders Per Capita

## 1 firefighter for every 265 people

1.1 million firefighters – 750,000 volunteer

## 1 sworn officer for every 334 people

436,000 sworn law enforcement personnel

291,000 sworn sheriff's office personnel

## 1 EMT/paramedic for every 325 people

890,000 all levels of pre-hospital services:

basic EMT, intermediate EMT, paramedic



# VirginiaCORPS

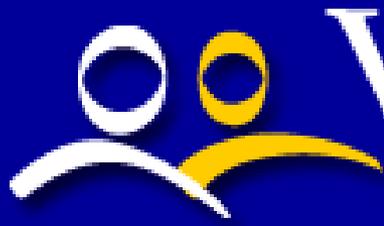
*Serve. Strengthen. Unite.*



*“When we serve our community as volunteers, our unique skills, perspectives and experience make us a stronger Commonwealth.”*  
- Gov. Tim Kaine

Virginia Citizen Corps  
began in 2002  
with  
Governor  
Mark Warner’s  
initiative to  
promote volunteerism  
and homeland security  
and preparedness



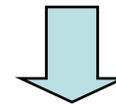


# VirginiaCORPS

*Serve. Strengthen. Unite.*



- Broad volunteerism clearinghouse
- Designed to make it easier to find ways to volunteer in Virginia



- Virginia's Citizen Corps
- Develop infrastructure for Citizen Corps Councils, CERT and other Citizen Corps programs



# FEMA



National Citizen Corps Council



**Citizen Preparedness ~ Training & Exercises ~ Volunteer Service**

Federal Partner Programs



DHS



DOJ/NSA



DOJ/IACP



DHS/G&T



DHHS/OSG



DHS/USFA  
NVFC/IAFF/IAFC

Affiliate Programs

## State Citizen Corps Councils

Tribal / Local Citizen Corps Councils

*American Public*



# Citizen Corps Programs



**Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)** works to enhance the capacity of state and local law enforcement to utilize volunteers

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**Neighborhood Watch/USAonWatch** incorporates terrorism awareness education into its existing crime prevention mission

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The **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** program educates and trains citizens in basic disaster response skills

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The **Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Program** helps medical, public health, and other volunteers offer their expertise

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**Fire Corps** promotes the use of citizen advocates to provide support to fire and rescue departments

## **SEPTEMBER 2002**

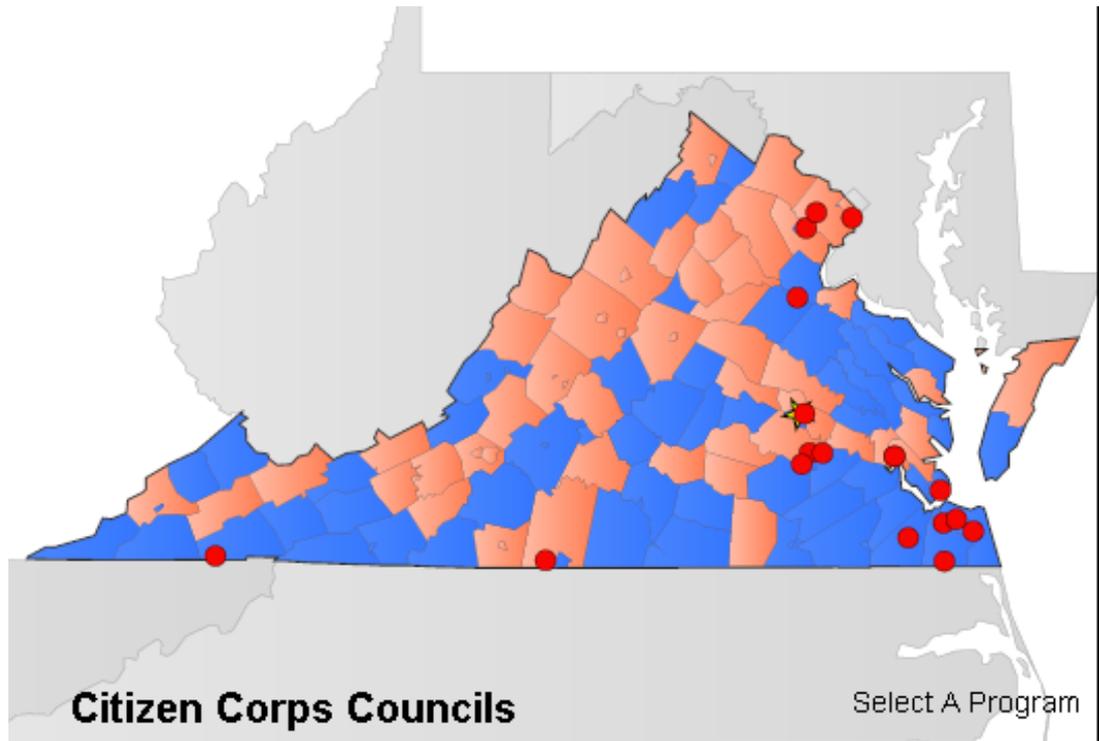
- **2 Local CERT Programs**
- **1 Local Citizen Corps Council**
- **178 Neighborhood Watch Programs**
- **No official VIPS or MRC Programs**
- **No Official Fire Corps Program**

## **TODAY**

- **55 local Citizen Corps Councils**
- **CERT- 13,000 individuals trained with 7,100 active members**
- **Neighborhood Watch- 668 programs (179 registered on National Citizen Corps website)**
- **VIPS- 40 local and 1 state program**
- **MRC-25 programs**
- **Fire Corps–31 registered fire departments**

Number of Approved Councils (County/Local/Tribal): **55**

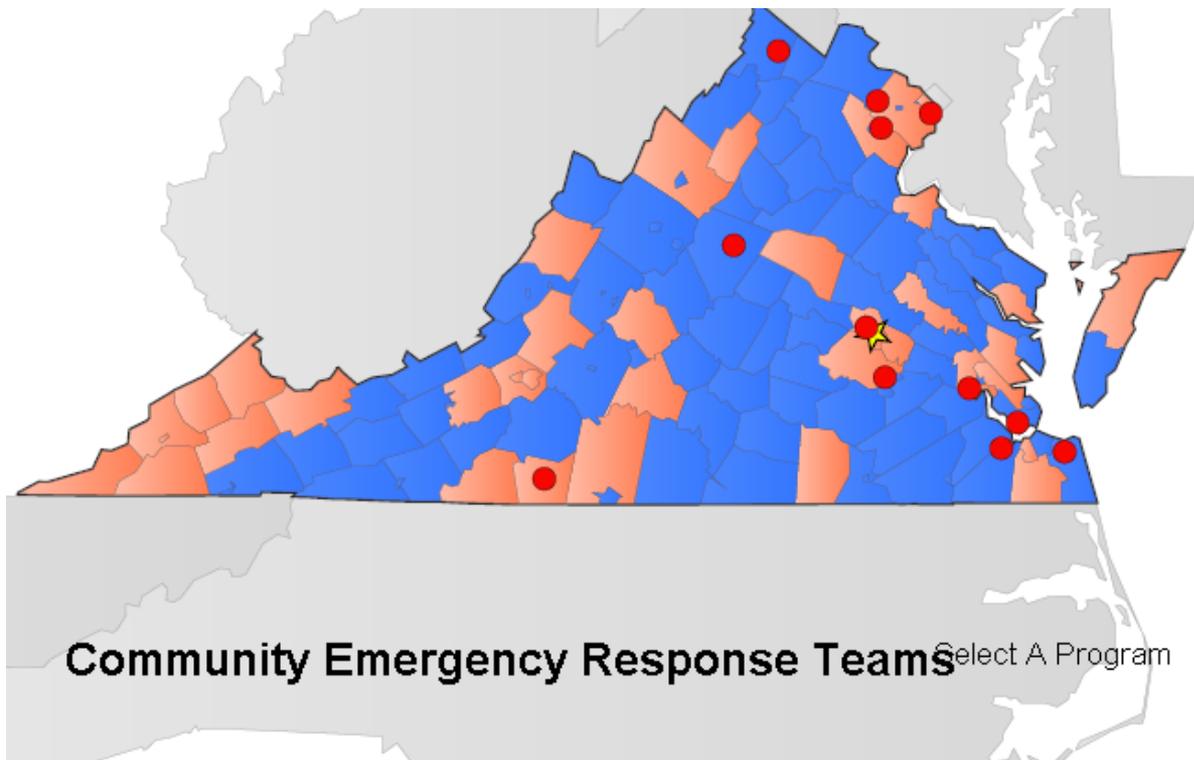
Population Served by County/Local Citizen Corps Councils according to year 2000 Census figures: **6,476,287**  
(85% of total state population)



Jurisdiction Key

	Statewide
	Countywide
	Local
	Tribal

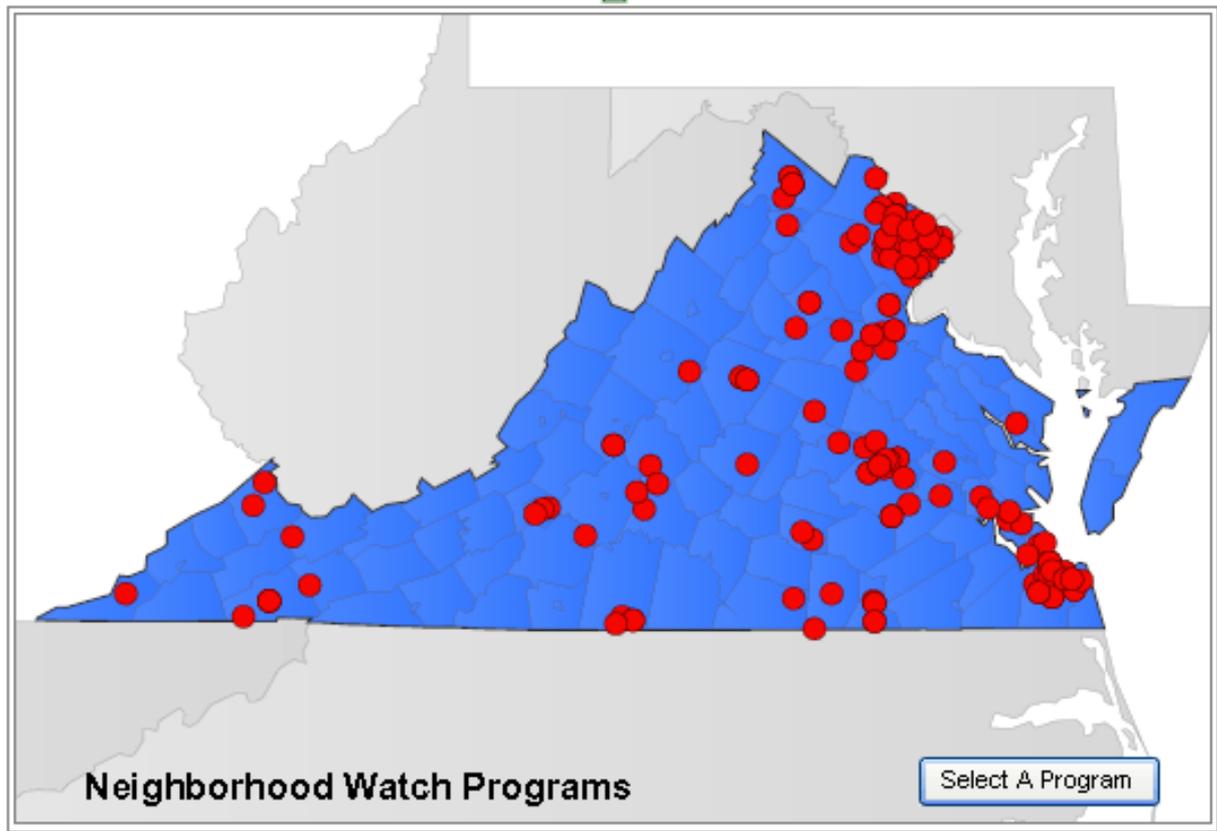
## Community Emergency Response Teams - 42



### Jurisdiction Key

-  Statewide
-  Countywide
-  Local
-  Tribal

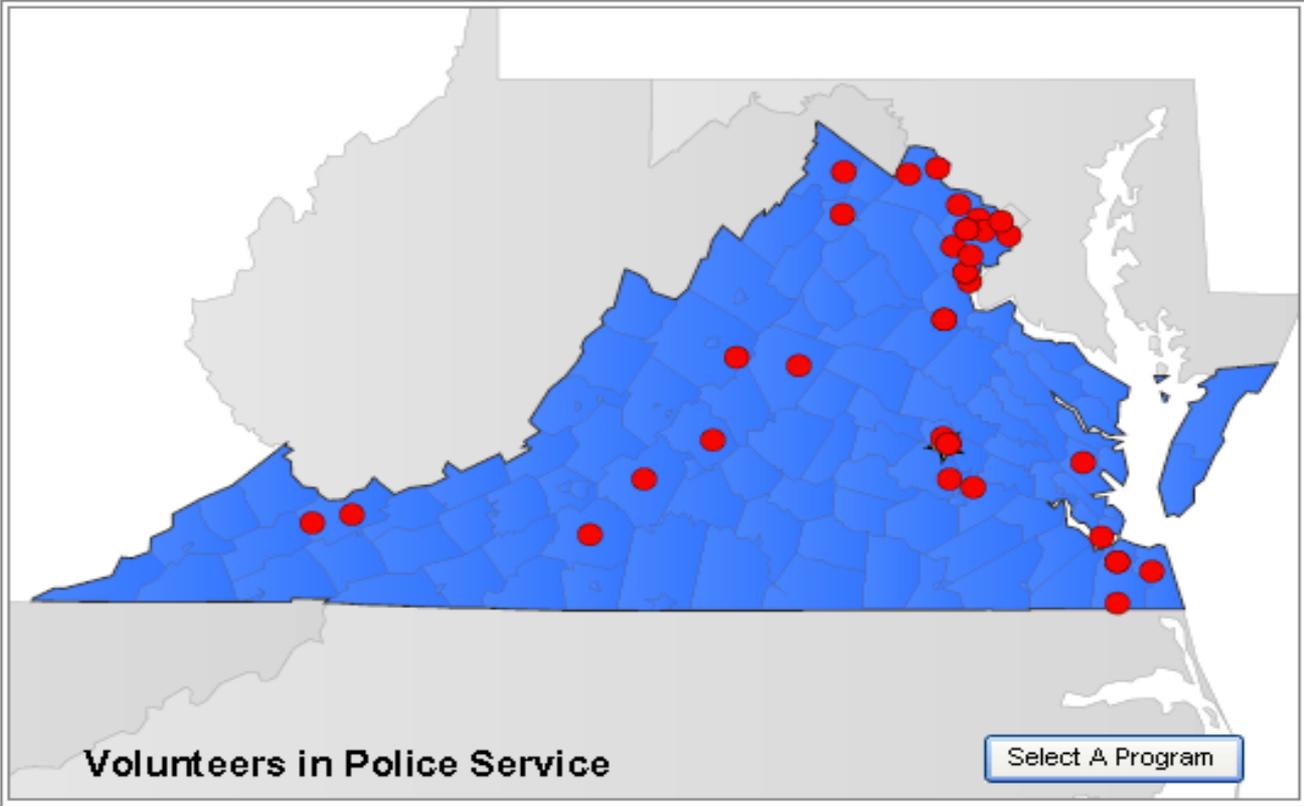
## Neighborhood Watch Programs – 668 (179 registered)



Jurisdiction Key

- Statewide
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- Local
- Tribal

Volunteers in Police Service - 40



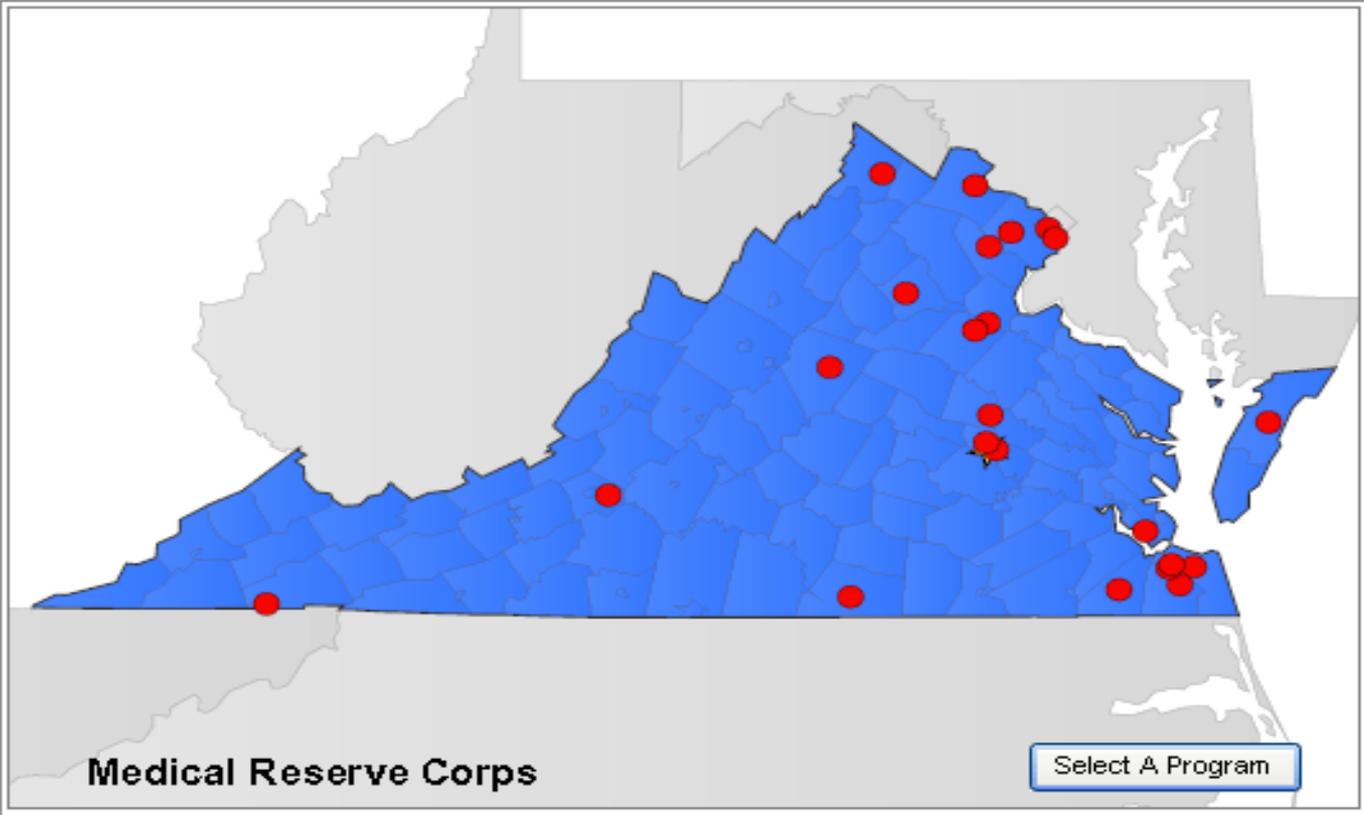
Volunteers in Police Service

Select A Program

Jurisdiction Key

- Statewide
- Countywide
- Local
- Tribal

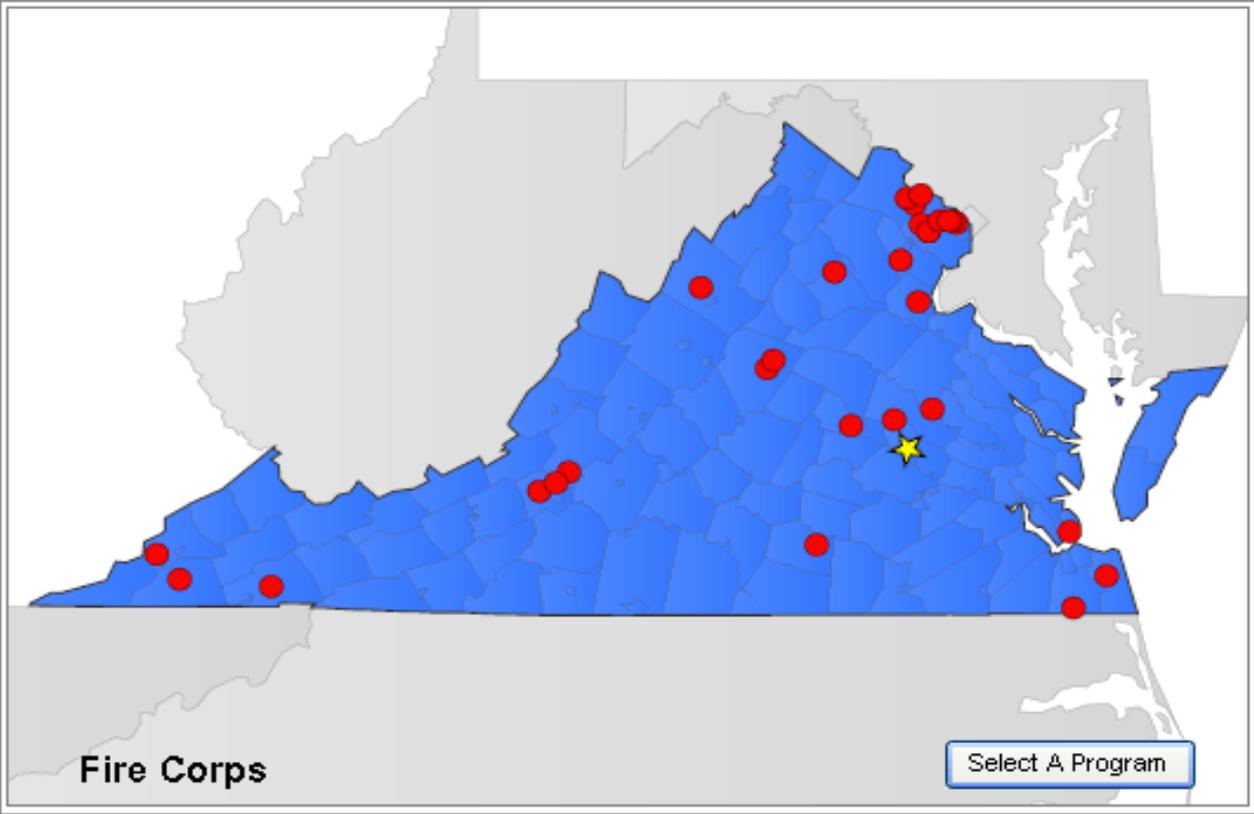
# Medical Reserve Corps - 25



Jurisdiction Key

- Statewide
- Countywide
- Local
- Tribal

# Fire Corps - 31



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Jurisdiction Key

- Statewide
- Countywide
- Local
- Tribal

# Grant Funding Overview

FY Grant	CERT & Citizen Corps Programs	NCR UASI Funding for CERT & CCP	MRC Funding
2002	\$478,948		
2003	\$433,306		\$600,000
2004	\$781,000		\$600,000
2004*	\$474,000		
2005	\$303,685		\$600,000
2006	\$434,038	\$484,831*	
2006*	\$400,000		
2007	<u>\$328,817</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,633,794</b>		<b>\$1,800,000*</b>

\*State Homeland Security Grant supplement

**Grand Total**

**\$6,403,456**

## Prepared Youth...

- **Roanoke Valley Citizen Corps** trained 80 Craig County Middle School students in CERT, CPR and First Aid during 2006, and now Roanoke City schools are asking to have CERT training for all of their 9<sup>th</sup> graders. *The City of Colonial Heights* offers a CERT program for their high school EMT students.
- **Page County** has a “Youth” C.E.R.T. program for county Cub Scouts ages 7 to 11 years old. Designed and delivered by emergency coordinator Gene P. Stewart the sessions include: Family Disaster Plans, Community Preparedness, Dealing with Disasters and Terrorism (Do Something!), Fire Safety & First Aid Tools and Weather Emergencies.
- **Virginia’s Teen & Campus CERT Programs began this summer.** Two Train-the-Trainer sessions were offered to select trainers from across the state. Teen CERT is now being started in Portsmouth and Danville completed its first Campus CERT training.



## Prepared Communities ...

- **James City County's "Disaster Ready Neighborhood" Program** emphasizes Safe neighborhoods. Neighborhoods meet readiness criteria, including a neighborhood CERT team. One Disaster Ready Neighborhood – Fords Colony – identified radio communication teams and prepositioned generators and other supplies.
- **Hampton's Citizen Corps** Volleyball Court mitigation project meets a need and provides ongoing training.
- **Arlington's Citizen Corps Council** piloted a regional Outdoor Emergency Warning System installed in the NCR. Hundreds of hours were spent securing funding for the project .
- **Prince William County** 's CERT Animal Committee developed a "Pets in Disaster" brochure. In the **Roanoke Valley**, advance graduate CERT volunteers developed Pet Shelter Program plans for local emergency managers.

**PENINSULA MRC  
SPONSORS ANNUAL  
VOLUNTEER TRAINING  
DAY**





## Awareness...

- **160 Citizens attended *Richmond City*'s** first "Survivor Day" this year. Part of Richmond Ready – a city wide effort to ensure that planning, preparedness, response, recovery & mitigation are actions that involve citizens, the free training session provides citizens with a better understanding of what to do when everything goes wrong. The day included a 4 hours of training and a free family survivor kit.
- ***VDOT CERT* celebrated its 3 year anniversary** this summer! The program expanded last year from its Richmond Headquarters to 2 satellite offices.
- To prepare the local business community for disasters, ***James City County Citizen Corps*** sponsors an annual one-day **Regional Business Preparedness Seminar**, where Peninsula businesses learn the basics for business disaster survival.



## Recovery...

- In early March 2006 when over **200 acres burned in Gloucester County**, local **CERT** teams were deployed to help with spontaneous volunteers, direct traffic and provide rehab services for firefighters.
- **When the Dan River flooded on January 1st of 2007**, *Danville City* CERT teams were activated to assist with shelter operations and other emergency management missions.
- **Chesapeake CERT and MRC volunteers proved vital** when they assisted during a TB public health incident, performing administrative duties and transporting and screening patients.
- **Following 2004 storms**, *Virginia's CC groups* assisted with **response & recovery efforts**, working in EOCs and shelters, conducting damage assessments and assisting federal recovery efforts.



**Portsmouth Canine Search & Rescue CERT Team**

## ACCOLADES...

- **Danville Community Emergency Response Team** received the ***2007 Presidential Volunteer Service Award*** for its thousands of hours of volunteer service. They were honored with a presentation at a national venue.
- **Jim Davis, Citizen Corps & CERT Coordinator for Pittsylvania County**, earned the ***Alan Clive Spirit and Service Award*** for his work with at risk citizens. He received the award at the 2007 National Hurricane Conference.
- **Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council's "Faith Community 'Make a Home Emergency Supply Kit' Campaign"** won an International MarCom Gold Award. It was one of over 4,600 entries.





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