



Bridgeport Needs Some Helping Hands

City of Bridgeport
Office of Emergency Management &
Homeland Security
581 North Washington Avenue
Bridgeport, Ct. 06604

How Much Time Is Required?

Upon completing the necessary paperwork, a background check will be conducted and a training date for the track you selected established.

During the year, reserve corps members will be asked to attend one meeting or participate in a two-hour training/refreshers course. You will also be asked to update your contact information semi-annually, or as it changes.

When Will I/We Be Called?

If a large-scale natural or human-caused emergency or disaster is forecasted or occurs in Bridgeport that exceeds the available resources, we will activate the Bridgeport Emergency Reserve Corps.

How Do I/We Get Started?

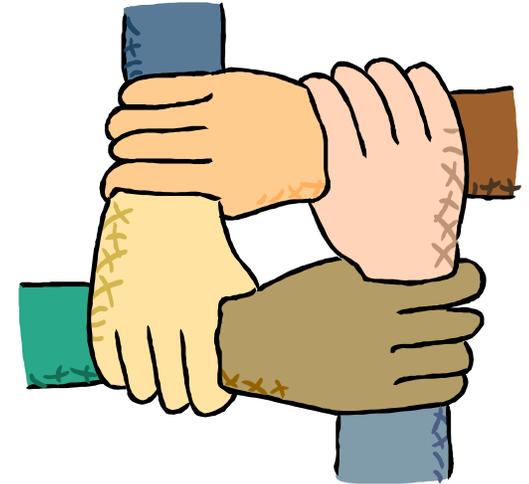
Individuals

- Complete and submit the General Information Form attached
- Complete a Reserve Corps Application which will be sent to you upon receipt of the General Information Form
- Complete a mandatory background check
- Complete the initial emergency response training and subsequent track training

Groups

- Organize a group of at least 12 members and identify a group contact person
- Complete and submit the General Information Form attached. Select the track in which your group would like to receive training.
- Complete a Group Reserve Corps Application which will be sent to you upon receipt of the General Information Form.
- Complete mandatory background checks.
- Complete the initial emergency response training and subsequent track training.

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BRIDGEPORT EMERGENCY RESERVE CORPS

Bill Finch, Mayor

Scott Appleby, OEMHS Director



INTRODUCING THE BRIDGEPORT EMERGENCY RESERVE CORPS PROGRAM!

Often, during an emergency, many people are ready and willing to offer their help. The challenge is matching volunteers with the proper skills and training to assist in areas to which they are best suited and most needed—usually on a moment’s notice.



Volunteer Services

Volunteers Needed!
(No Experience Necessary)

Bridgeport residents 18 and older

The Bridgeport Emergency Reserve Corps Program is designed to build an organized volunteer reserve

of individuals and groups, train them in advance and call upon them to assist when a disaster or serious emergency exceeds normal city resources.

What Kinds of Emergencies?

Hurricanes • Floods • Ice Storms
Power Outages • Transportation
Accidents • Disease Outbreaks • Acts of
Terrorism • Special Events

Who Can Volunteer?

- Bridgeport residents 18 and older
- Businesses, large and small
- Community organizations, neighborhood associations, civic and social clubs
- Religious groups and organizations
- Licensed health and mental health professionals
- Anyone willing to help



WHAT KIND OF TRAINING IS REQUIRED AND PROVIDED?

You must complete a three-hour basic training in the self selected track listed below. This training will provide an overview of the emergency reserve corps program and the Incident Command System; how the city will respond to an emergency and the role of reserve corps members.

Select one of three specialty tracks
And complete a three-hour training workshop for that track:

1) People

- Provide impacted residents with:
- information and resources
 - translation services
 - assistance in managing spontaneous volunteers

2) Places

- help set up Bridgeport’s emergency disaster shelters
(general, supportive care and pets)
- Provide support at feeding sites and recovery centers
(preparing and serving meals)
- Assist at evacuation staging points

3) Things

- Support logistics of the response and recovery activities, including:
- distribution of commodities and/or medication (receiving, sorting, and distributing bulk food, water, medicines, clothing, bedding, cleanup and other necessities)

General Information Form

Please send me more information and an application for the Bridgeport Emergency Reserve Corps.

Name _____
 Company/Group _____
 Address _____
 Home Phone _____
 Work Phone _____
 Cell Phone _____
 E-Mail _____

Selected Track — please circle one

People	Place	Things
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The following skills are not required, but could be helpful for certain tasks. Please check all that apply to you.

- Computer Skills
- Telephone Operator Skills
- Bilingual or Multi-Lingual
- Trade Certificate or Experience
- Retired from Emergency Services
- Childcare Specialist
- Medical Professional
- Experience working with animals

Your contact information will be stored in a secure database maintained by the Bridgeport Office of Emergency Management & Homeland Security.

Please return this form via mail, fax, or e-mail to the following address:

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 Click on City Departments then Emergency management

