
Good News Department

Making It Easy To Make A Difference

(NAPSA)—Making a difference can be easy if you know how to volunteer in ways that fit your schedule, interests, and talents. Fortunately, there's a much wider range of ways to volunteer than most people imagine.

For example, you don't have to be a firefighter to help your local fire department. You can sign up with Fire Corps, a national grass-roots program that enables community members to offer their time and talents to fire/EMS departments in vital non-emergency roles.

Whatever your skills, Fire Corps has a place for you. By performing such non-emergency tasks and roles, volunteers allow first responders to focus on emergency response and training.

Fire Corps volunteers can help fire/EMS departments increase the services they offer, such as enhanced fire safety education programs, giving participants a greater understanding of the fire and emergency services and helping people prepare for emergency situations.

There are many ways to contribute to a fire/EMS department's non-emergency needs, including:

- fire-prevention and life safety



There are many non-emergency roles that volunteers can perform to help fire/EMS department members work and train more efficiently.

education,

- fundraising,
- bookkeeping,
- public relations,
- data entry,
- administrative functions,
- planning and research,
- apparatus and facility maintenance, and more!

You can find a Fire Corps program near you through the Fire Corps Web site at www.firecorps.org. No program in your area? Reach out to your local department and help start one today! Visit www.firecorps.org for tools, tips, and resources for starting, marketing, and maintaining Fire Corps programs in your community.