

## HAMPTONBURGH COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

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Prepare, Train, Volunteer

## Statement of Purpose

Our objective is to deliver the message of hometown security, motivate residents to share the responsibility for preparedness, and engage community leaders in emergency planning. The result will be well-trained citizens and leaders combining efforts to deliver a community ready to meet the challenge of a disastrous event. We aim to reach citizens of various age groups, backgrounds, and areas by connecting with their spirit of volunteerism.

## **Value Proposition**

For citizens who decide that sharing the responsibility for emergency preparedness is a priority, we offer to educate them about readiness and explain the benefits they will realize. We present a diverse program intended to enable involvement at different levels. We encourage citizens to embrace the program concepts and we pledge to sincerely value the participation of each individual.

	Basic Program	Advanced Program
Responsibilities		
Staff booths at public events and distribute informational materials		
Take a lead role within immediate neighborhoods by calling neighbors to see if they're safe and are ready in the event of an expected or actual disaster	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Encourage residents to make a disaster kit, develop a family plan, and be informed about where to seek emergency notices about disasters	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>
Help with non-emergency projects that raise awareness and improve the safety of the community	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site		$\checkmark$
Disaster recovery activities		$\checkmark$
Evacuations and traffic control		
Staffing emergency operations centers and monitoring events		
Provide emotional support to victims		
Administer first aid		$\checkmark$
Search for lost children		
Supplement staff at special events, such as parades		

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Training	3	J
Introduction to Community Emergency Response Teams (IS-317)		
Community Awareness – Get Ready Program		
CERT Program Overview		$\checkmark$
Team organization including an overview of the National Incident Management System (NIMS)	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Introduction to the Incident Command System (IS-100)		
NIMS An Introduction to the National Incident Management System (NIMS) (IS-700.a)	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
First Aid - CPR/AED certification and triage techniques		
Disaster preparedness and response skills		
Sheltering and mass care		$\checkmark$
Hazardous materials		$\checkmark$
Terrorism and weapons of mass destruction		$\checkmark$
Disaster psychology – stress and trauma		$\checkmark$
Fire prevention and safety		
Radio communications		
Light search and rescue		
Disaster medical operations		