2023 Handbook Revision Highlights

October 25, 2023

Dear CCDC Volunteers,

DES and the CCDC Advisory Board have updated the CCDC Handbook with some clarifications.

1.

Eligibility

Citizen Corps volunteers agree to be available, to the extent they are able, within Two (2) Active Categories; "Active Deployable," and "Active Non-Deployable". Active Deployable Volunteers must be able to work under stressful conditions and be prepared to respond with little notice. Citizen Corps encourages members to discuss their participation with their families and employers before they are activated. It is also recommended that you prepare your family and employer for your absence during an emergency. Active Non-Deployable Volunteers may attend education and meetings ONLY.

Minimum requirements for **Active Deployable** volunteers are:

- Citizen of the United States or legal resident,
- At least 18 years old and physically, emotionally, and mentally able to respond to disasters and other emergencies (**NOTE**: *Volunteers over the age of 80 may not deploy to mission locations, but are invited to attend trainings, serve as trainers, subject matter experts, and volunteer with mission activities that are based in their own home. These volunteers are considered Active, Non-Deployable.*)
- Register and maintain your current information in two online platforms.
    - Serv.PA.gov
    - Galaxy (by Galaxy Digital)
- Obtain a PATCH Criminal Background Check *(Updated every two years)*
- If applicable, maintain current professional licensure information in serv.pa.gov
- Attendance at the Orientation and Handbook training.
- Successful Completion of NIMS 100.

Minimum requirements for **Active Non-Deployable** volunteers are:

- Citizen of the United States or legal resident.
- At least 18 years old.
- Register and maintain your current information in two online platforms.
    - Serv.PA.gov
    - Galaxy (by Galaxy Digital)
- Obtain a PATCH Criminal Background Check *(Updated every two years)*
- Attendance at the Orientation and Handbook training.

Active Non-Deployable volunteers are NOT able to attend public facing events (Missions or Outreach events).

All other Volunteers are considered Inactive until they have completed the above requirements and fall into either the Active Deployable, or Active Non-Deployable Categories.

The Citizen Corps Volunteer Management Coordinator and CCDC Leadership Team will keep volunteers informed of upcoming events, activities, opportunities and needs, training, and other pertinent information.

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Some subgroups of the Citizen Corps have additional training and other requirements that must be completed to be considered a full member which you will learn about later.

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2.

Mass Testing/Medical Countermeasures (MCM) Clinics

In the event of an infectious disease outbreak or other public health threat that impacts a high percentage of County residents, the county may establish emergency mass testing or MCM PODs (Points of Dispensing).

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