

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is excited to announce the finalists for *The National Citizen Corps Achievement Awards—Celebrating Resilient Communities* for 2009. These awards recognize innovative practices and achievements of Citizen Corps Councils across the nation that are making our communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to manage any emergency situation. The finalists exemplify excellence in community emergency planning, foster successful public-private partnerships, prioritize collaboration, demonstrate creative and innovative local problem solving, and implement sound programs that can be modeled for use by other communities.

FEMA Administrator W. Craig Fugate, National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) Incoming President David Maxwell, and International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) President Russ Decker will announce the final award winners in each category at a ceremony during the [2009 National Conference on Community Preparedness \(NCCP\)](#) on August 11th, 2009, in Arlington, VA.

We want to thank all the jurisdictions who submitted award applications. It was a challenging process to narrow down the field as all the submissions we received demonstrated impressive success in working towards community resilience.

Congratulations to all the finalists!

Outstanding State/Territory Citizen Corps Initiatives Award

- Arizona State Citizen Corps Council
- Illinois Citizen Corps Council
- New Jersey State Citizen Corps Council
- Ohio Citizen Corps Council

Outstanding Tribal Citizen Corps Council Award

- United Tribes Technical College Citizen Corps Council (ND)

Outstanding Citizen Corps Council Award (Serving a population under 1.5 million)

- Denton County Citizen Corps Council (TX)
- Fresno Citizen Corps Council (CA)
- Citizen Corps Monterey County (CA)
- San Ramon Valley Emergency Preparedness Citizen Corps Council (CA)

Outstanding Citizen Corps Council Award (Serving a population over 1.5 million)

- Arizona Central Region Citizen Corps Council (AZ)
- New York City Citizen Corps Council (NY)
- Sacramento Region Citizen Corps Council (CA)
- Southeast Florida Regional Citizen Corps Task Force (FL)

Collaborative Preparedness Planning Award

- Contra Costa County Citizen Corps (CA)
- Cottonwood Heights Citizen Corps (UT)
- Douglas County Citizen Corps Council (KS)
- San Francisco Citizen Corps Council (CA)

Preparing the Public Award

- Bradford County Citizen Corps (PA)
- Escambia County Citizen Corps Council (FL)
- Farmington Hills / Farmington Citizen Corps Council (MI)
- Nassau County Citizen Corps Council (NY)

Preparing Community Organizations Award

- Adams County Citizen Corps Council (IL)
- Independence / Eastern Jackson County Citizen Corps (MO)
- Duval County / Jacksonville Citizen Corps (FL)
- Detroit / Wayne County Citizen Corps (MI)

Volunteer Integration Award

- Cuyahoga County Citizen Corps (OH)
- Harris County Citizen Corps Council (TX)
- Northwest Fire's Citizen Corps Council (AZ)
- Rowlett Citizen Corps Council (TX)

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The National Office of Citizen Corps
FEMA Community Preparedness Division