Homeland Security and Citizen Corps… Today's Essential USPS Engagement

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Primary HS Missions

- Support USCG's AWW Program
- Advocate Citizen Corps Initiatives

Why USPS Involvement?

- Strengthen Government Commitment
- Expand Recreational Boating Presence
- Bolster Civic Service Relationships

America's Waterway Watch

- USCG Program Administered by USCGAUX
- Primary Purpose –
  - Keep Our Waterways Safe and Secure

AMERICA'S WATERWAY WATCH

AWW Mandates

- Be Vigilant
- Report Suspicious Activity
- Call 877-24WATCH

americaswaterwatch.gov
(updated June 2012)

- Examples of Suspicious Activity
- Reporting Procedures
- Downloadable Signage

Citizen Corps Overview

- Branch of FEMA
- 2,500+ Councils Serving 288+ Million People
- Consortium of Govt/Community Leaders

- USPS/CC Affiliate Agreement at 2009 AM
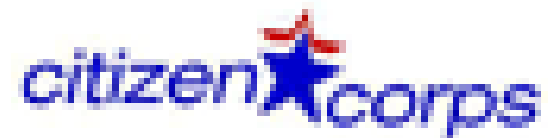- USPS Only Boating-Related CC Partner

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Citizen Corps Mission

- *To harness the power* of every individual through education, training, and volunteer service *to make communities safer*, stronger, and better prepared *to respond to the threats* of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds.

www.citizencorps.gov

- Links to Local Councils
- CC and FEMA News Updates
- Volunteer Opportunities

- Employ "Engagement Opportunity" Tactics
- Maintain D/S Contact with OEMs or OECs

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Citizen Corps Youth Program

▶ Intention to Assist with Disaster Preparation, Response and Recovery Activities

▶ NOT Paramilitary Training….

www.ready.gov

- Preparedness Notifications
- Host of Publications
- Access to Training Programs

- Get a Kit
- Make a Plan
- Be Informed

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Prepare. Plan. Stay Informed. .

What You Can Do....

▶ Be Prepared

▶ Train in First Aid and Emergencies

▶ Volunteer/Support Local Emergency Efforts

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USPS-Provided Guidance

- Coordinate with D/HS/Os and D/L/Os
- Operations Manual D/S Descriptions

- Squadron Emergency Response Assistance Team (SERAT)
- Storm Central Blog on USPS Home Page

- New Initiatives From Y-O-U....