

## **Citizen Corps-USPS Affiliate Agreement**

Statement of Affiliation  
Between

the Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency and The United States Power Squadrons.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the United States Power Squadrons (USPS) view community safety and emergency preparedness as a top priority for their respective organizations and for the American people. As such, our organizations have come together in partnership to provide mutual support for Citizen Corps.

Under the direction of the DHS/FEMA Community Preparedness Division, Citizen Corps is FEMA's nationwide grassroots strategy to achieve increased community safety, preparedness, and resilience. Citizen Corps brings government and community leaders together to involve citizens and organizations in all-hazards emergency planning, preparedness, prevention, mitigation, response and recovery. Citizen Corps Affiliates include federally sponsored programs and national non-profit organizations that support collaborative preparedness planning, public education and outreach, training opportunities, and volunteer programs.

The United States Power Squadrons (USPS), organized in 1914, is a non profit, educational organization dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in seamanship, navigation and related subjects. USPS has 45,000 members organized into 450 squadrons across the country and in US territories. USPS squadron activities involve USPS members in three primary objectives: community service, continuing education, and enjoying the friendship and camaraderie of our fellow members. USPS is America's largest non-profit boating organization and has been honored by three US presidents for its civic contributions.

Together, FEMA and USPS agree to work in collaborative partnership to:

- Raise awareness among USPS members about appropriate actions to take regarding disaster preparedness and response, public health issues, life supporting first aid, and volunteer service;
- Promote participation of USPS District and Squadron leadership on State and local Citizen Corps Councils to support community-based, multi-sector preparedness planning for all-hazards;
- Promote participation in "America's Waterway Watch" and "Waterway Awareness" programs;
- Assist in promoting education, training and exercises, and volunteer service opportunities that support first responders, disaster relief, and community safety, to

include support for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training and other safety courses;

- Publicly acknowledge the affiliation of Citizen Corps and the USPS, which may to include website links, co-logos on publications and references in printed materials;
- Coordinate respective national activities, including participation in National Preparedness Month, to further shared goals; and
- Mutually inform one another of national activities conducted in support of Citizen Corps and provide reports summarizing those activities.

On this 5th day of December 2008, all parties enter into this agreement in good faith and agree to pursue this effort as stated. Modifications may be made at any time with the written approval of both parties, and all terms and conditions will be reviewed and re-established in three years.

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