



Following the tragic events that occurred on Sep. 11, 2001, state and local government officials increased opportunities for citizens to become an integral part of protecting the homeland and supporting local first responders.

In Jan. 2002, the President of the United States launched Citizen Corps, to capture the spirit of service that emerged throughout our communities following the terrorist attacks and to help answer two key questions being asked by citizens, "What can I do?" and "How can I help?".

Citizen Corps was created to help coordinate volunteer activities that will make our communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to any emergency situation. It provides opportunities for people to participate in a range of measures to make their families, their homes, and their communities safer from the threats of crime, terrorism, and disasters of all kinds.

In 95% of all emergencies, bystanders or victims themselves are the first to provide emergency assistance or to perform a rescue.

The Livingston Parish Citizen Corps is proud to sponsor these programs. Join one today!



## Livingston Teen Community Emergency Response Team (Teen CERT)

Teen CERT is a training program that prepares teens to help themselves, their families, and their school in the event of a disaster. The program has three main goals. First, it will seek to provide students with a knowledge base on the effects of natural and man-made disasters and their emotional, social, and economic impacts. Secondly, it will aim to build decision-making and problem solving skills and strategies to help students make informed decisions regarding readiness, response & recovery and mitigation efforts to reduce loss of life and property. Lastly, an integral part of the Teen CERT program will be to provide students with hands-on training using reality-driven drills and exercises.

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