

Are you ready?

Why Volunteer?

Volunteering provides:

- ◊ A chance to help your community during both "Blue Skies" and in the time of crisis
- ◊ Essential support to the Emergency Operation Center
- ◊ An opportunity to use your own talents and abilities for a common purpose
- ◊ The satisfaction of helping others
- ◊ An opportunity to broaden your social network
- ◊ A way to learn a new skill
- ◊ Interaction with others
- ◊ A sense of purpose
- ◊ An opportunity to create new relationships
- ◊ A means to work with others who share a common interest
- ◊ A chance to make a difference



Volunteering in Ottawa County

Anyone can submit a volunteer application to Ottawa County Emergency Management. To apply, there is no special training needed. If your application is approved after a background check, we will provide opportunities for the training required for the individual team(s) that you become a part of.

Please contact us for more information on any of the volunteer teams or to sign up to be a part of those who make a difference.

Ottawa County Volunteers are a specialized, dedicated group of individuals who seek to make a difference in their community by being prepared to assist local agencies when disaster strikes and to help educate others in the community on how to be prepared. .

OTTAWA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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To volunteer or for more information contact:
emvolunteer@miottawa.org



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Ottawa County Volunteer Opportunities



Ottawa County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

volunteers include both medical professionals and others who want to donate their time and expertise to promote healthy living throughout the year and to prepare for and respond to emergencies. OC MRC volunteers supplement existing local emergency and public health resources.

Contact: OttawaMRC@gmail.com



Both CERT and MRC are a part of the Citizen Corps Group



Ottawa County Traffic Team (OCTT) is comprised of trained volunteers who are deployed to assist with directing traffic at parades, races and other special events. Their mission is to *"Ensure the safe movement of vehicles and pedestrians at planned events and major emergencies"*.



SKYWARN is a team of volunteers that are trained to observe, report and work with Ottawa County Emergency Management during severe weather. Communication is achieved via amateur radio.



Ottawa County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

(CERT) is made up of volunteers that have been trained in the CERT Program.

CERT training educates people about how to prepare themselves for, and respond to, a disaster in their own community. It provides basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can also assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an incident when professional responders may not be immediately available to help

Ottawa County CERT members support Ottawa County Emergency Management and other emergency response agencies by taking an active role in emergency preparedness projects and events in their community. They also help year-round with neighborhood exercises, preparedness outreach and more. .

CERT Basic Training requires an 8 week commitment (one night per week). Public classes are offered in the Spring and Fall.

Contact: oc.cert.cc@gmail.com

"The greatest good for the greatest number of people"



Ottawa County Emergency Communications (OCEC)

members are licensed amateur radio operators who volunteer their time, skill and equipment to serve the public by providing emergency communication during times of disaster, exercises, search and rescue operations, severe weather and special events.



Ottawa County Search and Rescue (SAR)

team consists of dedicated individuals ready to assist first responders with locating a missing person. These volunteers are highly trained in grid search techniques and field first aid enabling them to locate and assist someone until professional help arrives.



Ottawa County Canteen

is a team of volunteers who are poised to respond to scenes of long duration, such as house fires or standoffs where they provide hydration, food and respite care to first responders and any others on scene. They provide comfort and medically monitor them also. Canteen supports the other Ottawa County Volunteer Teams and Emergency Management at drills and exercises.