



Emergency Preparedness Program Chart

Through various opportunities for involvement, HOSA members can play an important role in the Emergency Preparedness efforts of their schools and communities. The options are many, and the benefit to the community can be the greatest benefit of all – helping to save lives.

Take time to look at the events in HOSA's Emergency Preparedness category of competitive events. The great news is – options exist for all HOSA members, regardless of your years in Health Science education or emergency response training. The Emergency Preparedness events include events for both individuals and teams.

There are a number of agencies, both non-profit and government agencies, who cooperate to provide emergency response and disease relief in communities throughout this country. Take a few minutes to analyze the chart below, and then determine how your HOSA chapter can get involved with existing agencies to become partners in emergency preparedness.

Emergency Preparedness Programs		
<i>Program</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Website</i>
<p>Citizen Corps</p> 	<p>The Citizen Corps is a part of the Department of Homeland Security and a partner with FEMA. It consists of local councils whose goal is to get emergency preparedness programs and other activities started in the local community, in an effort to promote volunteer service activities that support homeland security and community safety.</p> <p>There are a number of programs that are part of the Citizen Corps, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ready.gov • PandemicFlu.gov • CERT • MRC 	<p>http://www.citizencorps.gov</p>
<p>Ready.gov</p> 	<p>A campaign sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to encourage preparedness in an emergency. Ready America focuses on individuals and families, Ready Business has a business focus, and Ready Kids is geared toward children in grades 4 and 5.</p>	<p>www.ready.gov</p>



<p>Emergency Management Institute</p> 	<p>Sponsored by FEMA, the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) is based in Maryland and includes on-site as well as independent study courses. The self-paced courses are designed for people who have emergency management responsibilities and the general public. All are offered free-of-charge to those who qualify for enrollment.</p>	<p>http://www.training.fema.gov/IS/</p>
<p>CERT Community Emergency Response Team</p> 	<p>CERT is a training program that prepares people to help themselves, their families and their neighbors in the event of a disaster in their community. Through CERT, citizens can learn about disaster preparedness and receive training in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. With this training, volunteers can provide critical support by giving immediate assistance to victims before emergency first responders arrive on scene.</p>	<p>http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/index.shtm</p>
<p>MRC Medical Reserve Corps</p> 	<p>MRC strives to improve the health and safety of communities across the country by organizing and utilizing public health, medical and other volunteers who want to donate their time and expertise to prepare for and respond to emergencies.</p>	<p>http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov/</p>
<p>PandemicFlu.gov</p> 	<p>The PandemicFlu.gov website is a government clearinghouse for information about pandemic flu and avian flu. It includes historical information, current news, planning & response, and research activities.</p>	<p>http://pandemicflu.gov</p>
<p>American Red Cross</p> 	<p>The American Red Cross is the nation's premier voluntary emergency response organization. In addition to domestic disaster relief, the American Red Cross offers compassionate services in five other areas: community services that help the needy; support and comfort for military members and their families; the collection, processing and distribution of lifesaving blood and blood products; educational programs that promote health and safety; and international relief and development programs.</p>	<p>http://www.redcross.org</p>

