



# CARROLL COUNTY OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY SUPPORT SERVICES EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

*"A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, A GREAT PLACE TO WORK, A GREAT PLACE TO PLAY"*

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## Carroll County Citizen Corps Council & Local Emergency Planning Committee

### Who We Are

The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) was formed out of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA). This law established requirements for Federal, state and local governments and industry regarding emergency planning and "Community Right-to-Know" reporting on hazardous and toxic materials. Similar to the LEPC, Citizen Corps was created to help local jurisdictions coordinate volunteer activities which make communities safer, stronger and more resilient to any emergency. It also affords opportunities for the public to participate in a wide range of practices to make their families, homes and business safer from any threat; natural or manmade. Two notable examples of this are the Community Emergency Resource Team (CERT). The Citizen Corps program and LEPC share four (4) principles which serve as a guide to protect communities.

- **Collaboration:** Government must collaborate with community leaders from all sectors for effective planning and capacity building.
- **Integration:** Non-government assets and resources must be fully integrated in government plans, preparations and disaster response.
- **Personal / Organizational Preparedness:** Everyone must be fully aware, trained and practiced on how to prevent, protect, mitigate, prepare for and respond to all threats and hazards.
- **Volunteer Service:** Citizen activism and volunteer service provides ongoing support for community safety and critical surge capacity in response and recovery.

### How We Serve You

This is an excellent opportunity for representatives from local businesses, faith-based and non-profit agencies, as well as citizens of the county to have a voice in emergency preparedness and planning activities within Carroll County.

### Public Meetings

Meetings are held monthly, traditionally the first Wednesday of the month, at the County Office Building Room 105. The meetings begin at 1:00pm and last approximately an hour and a half. If you have any questions, please refer to the letterhead for the appropriate contact information.