

## Introduction

Welcome to the Waldo County Emergency Management Agency's (EMA) Volunteer program! We are seeking interested volunteers to serve with the County Emergency Management Agency on Emergency Management and Civil Defense Volunteer duties.

Our society is becoming more and more dependent on electrical power and the Internet at the same time that the electrical grid and Internet is becoming more at risk from natural and human-caused hazards, such as earthquakes, geomagnetic storms, winter storms, tropical storms, communication systems failures, cyber incidents, electromagnetic pulse, terrorism and armed conflict.

It is very important that we, as a community are prepared to respond and recover. Our emergency management and civil defense programs rely almost entirely on volunteers.

We are looking for civil defense volunteers from the general public and from local community organizations, such as faith-based, fraternity, charitable, commerce and community service organizations.

We seek emergency management volunteers for communications, search and rescue and shelter management. Volunteers with emergency management, firefighting, law enforcement, emergency medical services, medical, public health, military, communications, public relations and affairs, safety, and geospatial information systems are highly desired.

Volunteering with the County EMA does require some regular involvement and commitment. Time commitment is usually around a couple hours a month. Training, safety equipment, and operational equipment will be provided by the County Emergency Management Office. Many of the training courses are offered online and may be accomplished at your convenience. Licenses and certifications may need to be completed by applicants prior to assignment to some positions.

Volunteers will receive no compensation. When called out for actual emergencies or while participating in training and exercise events, volunteers will be covered for Liability and Workers Compensation by the State of Maine.

As a Volunteer, you will be representing the County of Waldo. Dress and appearance must be presentable. Honest, friendly and courteous attitudes to other volunteers and the public are a must. Background checks may be completed on volunteers.

If you are interested in joining, please complete the "*Application to Join and Participate as an Emergency Management Volunteer*" form and send the form to the County EMA office for processing.

The Waldo County EMA reserves the right to deny acceptance of any volunteer if the application is not completed completely and truthfully, if a background check verifies any criminal history or if improper behavior is demonstrated.

Thank you for considering this volunteer opportunity!