About Me

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- When: August 2012
- How: School club
- Why: I love what I do
Youth Preparedness

FEMA YOUTH PREPAREDNESS

Children can play an important role during emergencies, and should be a part of all disaster planning, preparedness, response, and recovery efforts.
Youth Preparedness

YOUTH PREPAREDNESS MATTERS

Communities and towns should target teens through community programs or schools because:

• Youth who are trained in preparedness are more resilient in actual disasters.
• Youth are highly effective messengers for reaching and influencing parents and other adults.
• Youth who are engaged today will ensure a future generation of prepared adults.
FEMA Youth Preparedness Council

YOUTH PREPAREDNESS COUNCIL

- Opportunity to voice their opinions, experiences, ideas and solutions to help strengthen the nation’s resiliency for all types of disasters.

- Comprised of 13 diverse leaders (13 – 17 years of age) from across FEMA’s ten regions who have demonstrated a willingness to represent the youth perspective on emergency preparedness and take the message to their communities.
YOUTH PREPAREDNESS COUNCIL

Goals for the Youth Preparedness Council

- Year-Long Projects
- Regional Youth Councils
- Ambassador of Youth Preparedness
- Feedback
Here are some activities I’ve done in my community that promote preparedness:

- Teen CERT demonstrations
- Addressing
- CERT Trainer
Because youth are so important in reaching other audiences, here are some ideas about how to reach and leverage youth for message dissemination to family, friends and the community through school programs:

- School drills and safety procedures
- Student recourse officers
- School clubs
4 Outreach & Messaging

OUTSIDE OF SCHOOLS

In addition to reaching youth through their own schools, there are a variety of programs in the community that can be utilized for youth preparedness:

• Youth organizations
• Church groups
• Emergency response programs