

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 43
ESTABLISHMENT OF STATEWIDE CITIZEN
CORPS COUNCIL

WHEREAS, this Administration continues to be committed to encouraging all people, organizations, agencies, businesses, faith groups, and institutions in North Carolina to help solve our most critical problems by volunteering their time, effort, energy and service in times of prosperity as well as in emergencies or disasters; and

WHEREAS, the need for homeland security, community health and public safety have increased and have led to the need to call upon the compassion and spirit of all people in North Carolina to help solve many of the problems facing their communities; and

WHEREAS, it is the standing reputation of this Administration to discover and to encourage new community service leaders, to promote individuals, organizations, and institutions that serve as outstanding examples of a commitment to serving others, and to convince all people in North Carolina that a successful life includes serving others; and

WHEREAS, significant issues facing the nation and state continue to be addressed by the collaborative efforts of committed people volunteering their time and talents through volunteer centers, national service programs, schools, community organizations, government agencies, businesses, labor groups, and a host of other community and state efforts, and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has established a comprehensive, intricate and effective community-based and community-driven infrastructure for state-sponsored national and community service through the North Carolina Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service and its public-and private-sector partnering organizations; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety has established a comprehensive, intricate and effective Division of Emergency Management with a state and local infrastructure committed to enhancing the quality of life in North Carolina by assisting people to effectively prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate against all hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service and the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public are partnering agencies in Citizen Corps in North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of North Carolina, IT IS ORDERED:

Section 1. Definitions

A. “North Carolina Citizen Corps” means the North Carolina initiative created under the federal USA Freedom Corps program.

B. “North Carolina Citizen Corps Council” (“Council”) means the body created within the Office of the Governor that will foster collaboration.

C. “North Carolina Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service” (Commission”) means the entity established by Executive Order # 48 issued by Governor James B. Hunt on 12 May 1994.

D. “USA Freedom Corps” means the federal interagency initiative created under the terms of Executive Order 13254 of January 29, 2002, (67 CFT 4869) and the Citizen Service Act of 2002, a legislative proposal submitted to the United States Congress by President George W. Bush.

Section 2. North Carolina Citizen Corps Council

A. Consistent with the provisions of Executive Order 13254 and any act of Congress enacted to implement Executive Order 13254, the North Carolina Citizen Corps Council is created as a body that will foster collaboration in a statewide volunteer effort focused on homeland security, disaster preparedness and response, public health, and public safety.

B. The Council is not intended as an advisory or governing body, nor to set state policy.

C. The Council shall consist of the leadership of appropriate collaborative organizations and/or agencies necessary to promote volunteerism focused on homeland security, disaster preparation and response, public health and public safety by promoting Citizen Corps programs and activities.

D. Members of the Council shall serve by invitation of the Governor of the State of North Carolina.

E. When there is a change in leadership of a Council member organization/ agency, the new leadership of the organization/agency will become a replacement member of the Council.

Section 3. Activities of the Council

A. The Council shall identify opportunities for local, tribal and state organizations to collaborate to accomplish the shared goals of the Citizen Corps programs.

B. The Council shall assist with the establishment of an implementation plan to develop and support local Citizen Corps Councils.

C. The Council shall assist in the development of initiatives to promote public awareness and community service in coordination with existing Citizen Corps programs including, but not limited to, Volunteers in Police Service, Neighborhood Watch, Medical Reserve Corps, and Community Emergency Response Teams.

D. The Council shall develop and disseminate messages on safety and emergency preparedness that will be effective in engaging communities and individuals in Citizen Corps.

E. The Council shall serve as a catalyst for engaging others within their areas of expertise to promote the Citizen Corps mission and programs.

F. The Council shall promote the USA Freedom Corps initiative in North Carolina.

Section 4. Operations of the Council

A. The Governor shall designate one (1) member of the Council to serve as Chairperson.

B. The Council may promulgate bylaws, not inconsistent with law and with this Order, governing its organization, operation and procedure.

C. Members of the Council may delegate their membership responsibility to a designee only if the designee has authoritative powers to act on behalf of, and made decisions for, the organization/agency.

D. A majority of the serving members constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting. The Council shall act by a majority vote of its serving members.

E. The Council shall meet at the call of the Chairperson and as may be provided in the bylaws of the Council. Meetings of the Council may be held at any location within the State

of North Carolina. The Council shall meet at least once per quarter year. Meetings may be in person or via conference call.

F. The Council may establish committees, subcommittees, and ad hoc committees as appropriate to ensure the success of Citizen Corps in North Carolina.

G. Members of the Council shall serve without compensation. Members of the Council may receive reimbursement for necessary travel and related travel expenses according to relevant statutes, rules, and procedures of the North Carolina Office of Management and Budget.

H. The Council shall be staffed by the Director of Citizen Corps in North Carolina (the Deputy Executive Director of the Commission).

I. Subject to applicable laws, the Council may receive monies from any source, public or private, including but not limited to, gifts, grants, donations of monies and government appropriations. These monies will be managed by the Director of Citizen Corps.

This Order is effective immediately.

Done in Raleigh, North Carolina, this 30th day of January, 2003.

Governor

ATTEST:

Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State