

**LEPC / CCC's
VISION STATEMENT**

By striving to meet specified goals stated in the strategic plan, Chesapeake LEPC / CCC's is an integral partner in emergency preparedness and response.

**The Five Goals of the Strategic
Plan are:**

1. Develop, improve, maintain, and test emergency plans.
2. Ensure emergency preparedness information is user-friendly and available.
3. Encourage regional emergency preparedness cooperation.
4. Partner with stakeholders
5. Raise public awareness.

If you would like additional information about your LEPC / CCC and would like to attend one of our regularly scheduled meeting, please feel free to contact us.

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Planning Committee /
Citizen Corp Council**

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LOCAL

EMERGENCY

PLANNING

COMMITTEE —

CITIZEN

CORPS

COUNCIL

**To promote a disaster ~ resistant
community by developing and
maintaining an emergency
preparedness and response process
that will protect local and regional
health, safety and the
environment.**





Residents of Chesapeake Should Know That...

- ▶ The Chesapeake LEPC was established in 1988. In 2002 the LEPC accepted the responsibility of the Citizen Corps Council in response to President Bush's directive for communities to be more involved.
- ▶ Your LEPC / CCC is composed of members appointed by the Chesapeake City Council for a term of six years.
- ▶ LEPC / CCC's are required to review local emergency management plans annually, maintain a list of all hazardous substances and materials in the city and identify the facilities in which the chemicals are housed.
- ▶ LEPC / CCC's are required to provide public education, training and volunteer opportunities to communities for family safety.
- ▶ Much of an LEPC / CCC's work is accomplished with little or no money. Committee members often donate their time and other resources. Local business and agencies are also known to contribute their services.

The LEPC is a product of federal legislation that was passed in the wake of the Bhopal disaster in India, where thousands of people died because of an accident involving hazardous materials.

To prevent similar occurrence in our communities, in 1986 Congress passed a law that establishes requirements for businesses and for federal, state and local governments regarding emergency planning and community right to know.

LEPC's are links between citizens, industry and the government. Because LEPC's are most familiar with the hazards in their own community, and because local citizens tend to be the first responders in an emergency, LEPC's are in the best position to assist local governments in developing emergency plans.

The role of an LEPC is to form a partnership with local governments and industries as a resource for enhancing hazardous materials preparedness. Membership comes from the local area, representing various organizations, agencies, departments, facilities and other groups within the district.

LEPC / CCC volunteer opportunities:

The Citizen Corps Affiliate Program expands the resources and materials available to states and local communities by partnering with Programs and Organizations that offer resources for public education, outreach, and training; represent volunteers interested in helping to make their community safer; or offer volunteer service opportunities to support first responders, disaster relief activities, and community safety efforts.

Securing our safety and freedom requires that we all work together. Every American has a critical role to play. What can you do to help? Volunteer now for Citizen Corps!

You, too, can become a member of your LEPC / CCC.

LEPC / CCC Member

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Member

Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Member

Fire Corps Member

Volunteer In Police Service (VIPS)
