

Volunteer Activity Ideas



- ⇒ Perform home safety checks for residents using the Fire Corps Home Safety Checklist.
- ⇒ Host a silent auction fundraiser.
- ⇒ Install smoke alarms for at-risk residents in the community.
- ⇒ Paint house numbers on curbs to increase visibility.
- ⇒ Plan a community BBQ at the department.
- ⇒ Give tours of the fire station.
- ⇒ Organize a children's one-day safety camp and have activities to promote learning of safety in all areas.
- ⇒ Promote Fire Prevention Week in October.
- ⇒ Distribute File of Life cards or magnets to the community.
- ⇒ Plan and execute fire safety skits for local schools and daycare centers.
- ⇒ Host a fundraising bake sale for the department.
- ⇒ Hang Make Me A Firefighter posters in recreation centers, senior citizen centers, gyms, and grocery stores.
- ⇒ Replace all incandescent light bulbs at the station with low-energy light bulbs.
- ⇒ Organize a haunted house to benefit the nearest burn center.
- ⇒ Distribute flyers about the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning.
- ⇒ Design a web site for the department.
- ⇒ Design a Fire Corps web page on the department's web site.



- ⇒ Create a Facebook group for the Fire Corps program.
- ⇒ Plan a regular bingo fundraising night at the department and invite the community.
- ⇒ Donate a few days and assist at a children's burn camp.
- ⇒ Hang Smoking and Home Fires posters at your local community centers, gyms, and grocery stores.
- ⇒ Host a fire station cleaning day.
- ⇒ Distribute flyers to inform citizens on how to assemble an emergency kit and formulate an evacuation plan in the event of an approaching hurricane.
- ⇒ Sell wickless candles as a department fundraiser.
- ⇒ Read well-acclaimed fire safety books to children at local elementary schools.
- ⇒ Host a CPR class for the teachers at local schools.
- ⇒ After snow falls, send a team out to clear the sidewalks at the homes of senior citizens in the community.
- ⇒ Make baskets with necessity items for fire victims.
- ⇒ Host a Babysitting Course for interested teens, including infant and child CPR and First Aid.
- ⇒ Distribute door hangers in neighborhoods, reminding residents to test their smoke alarms monthly/change the batteries.
- ⇒ Survey community members to determine who has special needs and store the information in a database so the department can quickly and efficiently assist residents in natural disasters.





- ⇒ Take ICS 100: Introduction to the Incident Command System for free online.
- ⇒ Take ICS 200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response for free online.
- ⇒ Take ICS 700.a: National Incident Management System Introduction for free online.
- ⇒ Host a department open house and show the Citizens Helping Fire and EMS video.
- ⇒ Organize a community picnic at the station and provide games for the children.
- ⇒ Design a giant “Thank You” card, signed by community members, and present to department on National First Responders Day (October 28).
- ⇒ Take photos at scheduled events or unusual calls and assemble a department scrapbook.
- ⇒ Assemble recent photographs of Fire Corps volunteers in action and send to info@firecorps.org for the national office to use in publications.
- ⇒ After receiving training, host a car seat safety day and have parents stop by the station to ensure that their car seats are properly installed and secured.
- ⇒ Create a calendar with photos from the department and sell as a fundraiser.
- ⇒ Organize a contest to have students at nearby schools submit a family fire escape plan to be entered in a drawing to have a fire truck visit their class.
- ⇒ Decorate a float for your town’s parade and distribute fire safety information.
- ⇒ Solicit local businesses for donations to be given in appreciation to department members.



- ⇒ Host a fundraising car wash.
- ⇒ Distribute Tornado Safety Tips magnets in your community.
- ⇒ Assist elderly community members with boarding up windows when a Hurricane is approaching.
- ⇒ Host a fire extinguisher training class for local teachers.
- ⇒ Provide local colleges/universities with fire safety tip flyers to post in dorms during Campus Safety Month.
- ⇒ Provide rehabilitation services for the department members during long calls.
- ⇒ Play the role of victims in the community's mock disaster drills.
- ⇒ Organize a "healthy" dessert competition for your first responders.
- ⇒ Install carbon monoxide detectors in homes in high-risk areas of your community.
- ⇒ Repaint fire hydrants to make them easier for first responders to locate.
- ⇒ When the weather starts to become hot, develop and distribute flyers about preventing and identifying heat stroke.
- ⇒ Plant trees around the station, particularly on the west side, if possible, which will help with cooling the building during hot weather.





- ⇒ Make Easter baskets for the children and adults at your nearest burn hospital.
- ⇒ Staff a recruitment table/booth at your town's county fair, market days, or other event.
- ⇒ Organize a fitness challenge with prizes for your department members.
- ⇒ Write fire safety tips in chalk on the sidewalks in your community (if permission can be obtained) during Fire Safety Week (falls in October).
- ⇒ Organize an afternoon of games for children at hurricane evacuation centers.
- ⇒ Prepare a feast for the shift of first responders who have to work on Thanksgiving Day.
- ⇒ Distribute flyers in December that describe how to recognize when it is time to dispose of Christmas trees before they become a fire hazard.
- ⇒ Recognize a first responder at your department who has made improvements toward a healthier lifestyle by sharing their success story with the Heart-Healthy Firefighter Program.
- ⇒ Give the outside of the first station a new coat of paint.
- ⇒ Make hot chocolate and distribute to first responders during long calls in cold weather.
- ⇒ Collect and place recycling bins next to the trash cans at the station.
- ⇒ Host a department open house geared towards the ethnic communities in your area.
- ⇒ Organize a 5k or other short race to raise funds for the department.



- ⇒ Have someone from the department dress as Santa Claus and let your community's children come visit and have their picture taken.
- ⇒ Collect stuffed animals to give to children who lose all their toys in fires.
- ⇒ Acquire surge protectors for all the electrical outlets at your station.
- ⇒ Organize a drive to collect necessity items for people involved in natural disasters.
- ⇒ Take a course in Search & Rescue.
- ⇒ Host an Easter egg hunt for area children and fill eggs with a mixture of candy and simple safety messages.
- ⇒ Organize a Winter Blanket Drive to acquire blankets for the homeless in your city.
- ⇒ Maintain the landscaping around the fire department.
- ⇒ Prior to the holidays, distribute information about holiday safety, including the dangers of candles, dry Christmas trees, and cooking fires.
- ⇒ Collect new fire extinguishers and distribute them to homes, along with details on when and how to use them.
- ⇒ Take refreshments to first responders who are on stand-by at local events such as parades, festivals, or rodeos.



- ⇒ Host a trick-or-treating event at your fire station for neighborhood children.
- ⇒ Repaint the interior walls of the fire station.
- ⇒ Design a t-shirt or bumper sticker for community members showing their support for the fire department and sell as a fundraiser.
- ⇒ Collect donated items and host a live auction as a department fundraiser.
- ⇒ Decorate the fire station with lights during the holidays.
- ⇒ As a token of appreciation, wash all of your first responders' personal vehicles on National First Responder Day (
- ⇒ Collect dry Christmas trees at the station to dispose of safely.
- ⇒ Host a "Picture with a Firefighter Day" at the station and bring in area children to meet firefighters, have their pictures taken, and send safety information home with the caregivers.
- ⇒ Advertise the opportunity for ride-alongs for adults in your community.
- ⇒ Organize a car maintenance day when the first responders bring in their personal vehicles (that they usually respond in) to be checked out or prepped for the upcoming season.





- ⇒ After a snowfall, shovel the sidewalks and driveways at the fire station.
- ⇒ For first responders who must work on Valentine's Day, plan a special dinner banquet at the station for them and their significant others.
- ⇒ When you know of department members who are sick or injured, prepare a special dish and deliver it to their homes.
- ⇒ If you live in an area prone to wildfires, distribute pamphlets for households to learn how to landscape and design the exterior of the home to increase safety.
- ⇒ Affix or hang house numbers in a prominent location. For rural areas, this may be on a fence, mailbox, or large rock or tree near the driveway
- ⇒ Create a packet that includes safety information relevant to your area (what to do during earthquakes, wildfires, mudslides, floods, tornados, hurricanes, etc...) and distribute to realtors to share with new transplants to the region.
- ⇒ Host a children's safety day and bring in organizations and practitioners of all kinds for booths to promote health and well-being of your community's children (could include doctors, hospitals, dentists, etc.).