

Arizona State Citizen Corps Council 2010 Recognition Award

Tempe Citizen Corps Honored

The Arizona State Citizen Corps Council Recognition Award honors Citizen Corps programs that support local first responders and the community to make our communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to any emergency situation. It provides opportunities for people to participate in a range of measures to make their families, their homes, and their communities safer from the threats of crime, terrorism, and disasters of all kinds.

In 2010, the Arizona State Citizens Corps Council issued a challenge to local Citizen Corps Councils around the state titled “Reaching Up and Reaching Out.” The goal of the 2010 challenge was to invigorate local Citizen Corps Councils by bolstering collaborative and cooperative efforts between Citizen Corps Councils and the local community.

The Arizona Department of Homeland Security, in conjunction with the State Citizen Corps Council, is honoring the Tempe Citizen Corps Council for accepting and meeting the challenge through their “Partnership of Success” initiatives undertaken in their community through the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) initiatives.

The City of Tempe has embodied the mission of the challenge by “Reaching Up and Reaching Out” in many ways. With its robust CERT program, the City of Tempe Fire Department has trained more than 300 people in basic emergency preparedness principles. The City of Tempe Police Department has recruited over 140 volunteers to support its public safety functions.

With the support from the local community, the City of Tempe VIPS and CERT programs within Citizen Corps have proven to be a great asset to the community through many outreach efforts. In recognition of their outstanding achievements in community outreach and involvement, the Arizona Department of Homeland Security and the Arizona State Citizen Corps Council present the 2010 Citizen Corps Recognition Award to the City of Tempe Citizen Corps Program. Congratulations!