



# CANYON COUNTY SHERIFF



## CITIZEN CORPS & VOLUNTEERS

**Canyon County has many different opportunities for citizens to serve each other and learn valuable skills.**

[Citizen Corps](#) asks you to embrace the personal responsibility to be prepared; to get training in first aid and emergency skills; and to volunteer to support local emergency responders, disaster relief, and community safety.

[Corporation for National & Community Service](#) is a volunteering in America resource website.

[Medical Reserve Corps](#) is dedicated to establishing teams of local volunteer medical and public health professionals to contribute their skills and expertise throughout the year as well as during times of community need. Contact [Southwest District Health](#) for further information on this program at 208-455-5324.

[Neighborhood Watch](#) is a crime prevention program that stresses education and common sense. It teaches citizens how to help themselves by identifying and reporting suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. In addition, it provides citizens with the opportunity to make their neighborhoods safer and improve the quality of life. Neighborhood Watch groups typically focus on observation and awareness as a means of preventing crime and employ strategies that range from simply promoting social interaction and "watching out for each other" to active patrols by groups of citizens. To find out more about Neighborhood watch, contact your local law enforcement agency, [Nampa PD](#) at 208-468-5571, [Caldwell PD](#) at 208-455-3115 and the Canyon County Sheriffs Office at 208-454-7531.

The [VIPS](#) Program provides support and resources for agencies interested in developing or enhancing a volunteer program and for citizens who wish to volunteer their time and skills with a community law enforcement agency. The program's ultimate goal is to enhance the capacity of state and local law enforcement to utilize volunteers. Contact [Nampa PD](#) for further information on this program at 208-468-5643.

The Community Emergency Response Team ([CERT](#)) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. Contact Canyon County Emergency Management for further information on this program at 208-454-7271.

[Fire Corps](#) - Community members can make a difference for their local fire and EMS department. Fire Corps helps departments build more capacity by connecting them to community volunteers who can assist in a variety of non-emergency roles. Contact Middleton Fire Department for further information on this program at 208-585-6650.

For further information on any of these programs, feel free to contact the Canyon County Sheriff's Office - Emergency Management section at 208-454-7271.

