



Shelby County Office of Preparedness

Office of Preparedness Recruiting During National Volunteer Week

"Unselfish and noble actions are the most radiant pages in the biography of souls." David Thomas

The Shelby County Office of Preparedness (SCOP) honors their volunteers, SCOP and Shelby Cares Reserves, during National Volunteer Week, April 13 – 18, 2015, and is looking for more!

Director Dale Lane stated, "The Office of Preparedness has a hard-working 10-person staff, working diligently year-round to keep our county ready and spread the message of preparedness. Our Reserves allow us to stretch our staff - gives us extra hands and feet to accomplish our goals. We are looking to add enthusiastic, interested citizens to our team. If you have the heart to volunteer, join us as a Reserve."

Reserves must be at least 18 years of age, a citizen of Shelby County, and have reliable transportation. There are two unique opportunities to volunteer with the Office of Preparedness. They are:

Shelby Cares Reserves: During hurricane season, June to November, those living in coastal areas may be displaced by mandatory evacuations. These evacuees head inland to urban areas, such as Shelby County, Tennessee. The faith-based sheltering initiative, Shelby Cares, will be ready to house these evacuees until the storm has passed. **Shelby Cares Reserves** are trained to assist the Office of Preparedness staff in operating and maintaining the day-to-day business of housing, feeding, and caring for evacuees. Shelby Cares Reserves are asked to volunteer 4 hours per shift if called in to a shelter. If interested, please email Terry Donald at terry.donald@shelbycountyttn.gov and an application will be sent to you.

SCOP Reserves: The Shelby County Office of Preparedness **Reserves** support the staff as Community Emergency Response Team instructors, give preparedness presentations to the public, attend community events to hand out preparedness literature, and provide emergency communication as Ham Radio operators. Reserves may be called in to assist in the Emergency Operations Center or elsewhere in the community during a disaster. Reserves are asked to volunteer 4 hours a month and attend a meeting. If interested, please email Eugene Jones at Eugene.jones@shelbycountyttn.gov and an application will be sent to you.

Once the completed application has been received, it will be sent to the Shelby County Sheriff's Office for a background check, followed by an interview with the agency. For more information, please call 901.222.6700.

We look forward to growing the Reserve SCOP team in 2015!

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