



TUSCALOOSA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

We hope viewing this website has sparked an interest in you becoming a Tuscaloosa County Emergency Management Agency Volunteer. The staff of Tuscaloosa County EMA is a combination of paid and volunteer personnel with one goal in mind: to serve the citizens of Tuscaloosa County and attempt to keep them safe from the various hazards that threaten the community. Volunteers help accomplish this lofty goal by filling an assortment of jobs within EMA.

A few of the volunteer positions available are in the following areas:

- Communications – answering telephones, staffing radio positions and relaying vital information from the field.
- Operations – managing data, GIS mapping and other information via computers and status display boards, interfacing with other agencies and organizations.
- Field Operations – trained storm spotting, performing damage assessments, shelter management and liaison with Incident Command Posts.
- Logistics – keeping track of resource requests and distribution, donations management and volunteer coordination
- Public Information – tracking media reports, writing press releases and assisting with internal Emergency Operations Center information dissemination.

A large number of EMA Volunteers are amateur radio operators and trained storm spotters. The National Weather Service provides the training for spotters twice annually. This training is free.

Volunteers are critical to EMA succeeding with its mission of mitigating, preparing for, responding to and recovering from disasters and large-scale emergencies. The job required of EMA would be impossible to accomplish without the EMA Volunteers donating hundreds of hours each year to assist their community.

Once selected, the only thing required of each volunteer is to approach their commitment to service in the same professional and dedicated manner they do to their full-time work. Be on time, honor your commitment, practice ethical behavior, abide by volunteer regulations and strive to improve your knowledge by taking advantage of continuous training opportunities.

To us, EMA Volunteers are like family; we hope you will seriously consider joining the EMA family now.

Sincerely,
David K. Hartin

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