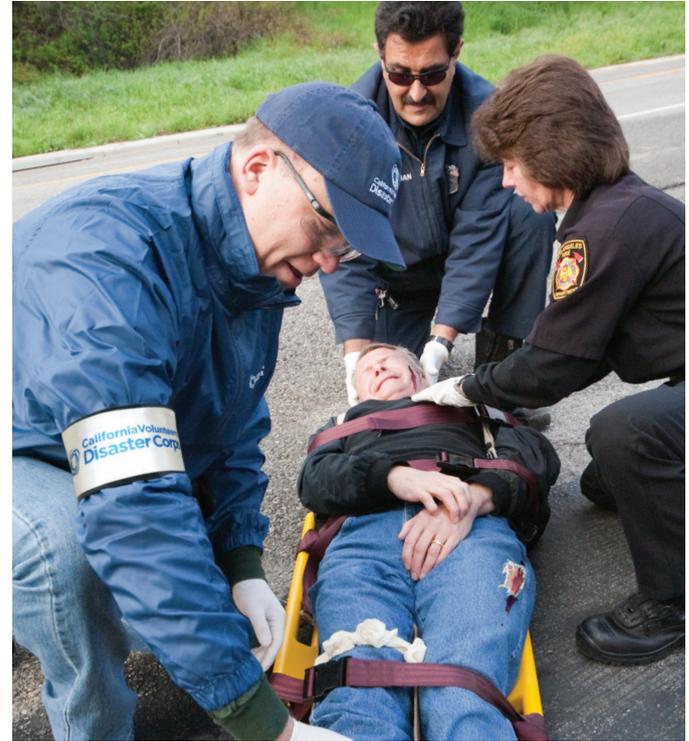
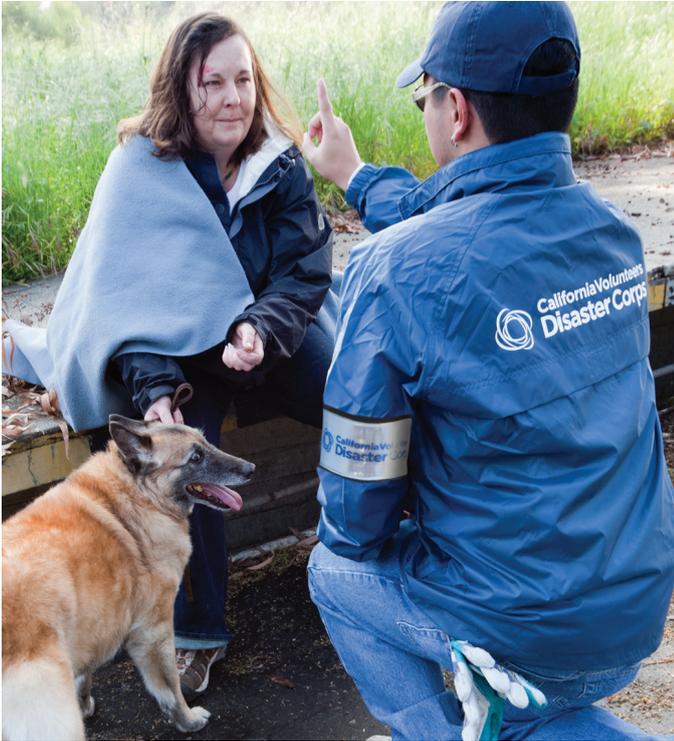


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## Ready to Respond



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**The CaliforniaVolunteers Disaster Corps** is a first-in-the-nation effort to professionalize, standardize and coordinate highly trained disaster volunteers statewide. This program will harness the power and passion of Californians to ensure our communities are safer, stronger and more resilient. CaliforniaVolunteers developed the Disaster Corps program and the Disaster Volunteer Resource Inventory (DVRI) in partnership with California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) to integrate volunteer resources into the state's emergency management system.

### What is CaliforniaVolunteers Disaster Corps?

- A cadre of 1,000 government-affiliated volunteers that meet Disaster Corps training, typing, certification, and security screening guidelines.
- Disaster Corps volunteers represent a mutual aid resource that can be utilized statewide.
- All program participants will have received a Department of Justice/FBI background check and First Aid/CPR training.
- Disaster Corps volunteers will be registered by their local government organization under the Disaster Service Worker Volunteer Program, which provides worker's compensation coverage for volunteers.

### Disaster Volunteer Resource Inventory (DVRI)

In order to better coordinate the wide variety of trained volunteers in times of disaster, CaliforniaVolunteers developed the Disaster Volunteer Resource Inventory, a web-based IT tool to coordinate and support public, private, and non-profit volunteer programs. The DVRI will enable volunteer programs to more effectively manage their volunteer resources. The DVRI can maintain individual contact information, as well as training history, deployment history and availability, credentialing information, language skills and other pertinent information.



### Background of Disaster Corps

In the aftermath of the 2007 Southern California Wildfires and Cosco Busan Oil Spill thousands of disaster volunteers poured into affected areas to assist with evacuations, sheltering, clean-up and a host of other activities supporting response operations. Governor Schwarzenegger recognized a need to more effectively integrate and coordinate disaster volunteer efforts in all phases of emergency management, from disaster preparedness and extending through disaster response and recovery. Currently, disaster volunteer resources are not integrated into the State Emergency Plan and are spread across a multitude of different organizations and programs, varying in function and mission.

In February 2008, Governor Schwarzenegger appointed Karen Baker to serve as the nation's first Secretary of Service and Volunteering. He charged Baker and her office, CaliforniaVolunteers, with developing a framework to help integrate volunteers into the state's emergency management system.

The Disaster Corps initiative has been built collaboratively from the ground up through public-private partnerships and with a wide range of subject matter experts including CalEMA and representatives from all levels of government, local emergency managers, state agency volunteer coordinators, and leaders in non-governmental volunteer programs.