



STATE OF WISCONSIN

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS

DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



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Seeking applicants to promote emergency preparedness

Are you interested in serving part-time in emergency management and helping to promote community emergency preparedness? Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) is now accepting applications for the ReadyWisconsin –AmeriCorps Disaster Preparedness Program.

The project aims to increase community emergency readiness by delivering preparedness training to organizations and businesses and by recruiting and training local volunteers who can help with response and recovery activities during disasters.

WEM has openings for 20 part-time AmeriCorps positions to be located across the state from September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015. AmeriCorps, often referred to as a domestic Peace Corps, places individuals who make a commitment to serving their communities. Members receive a modest living allowance and earn an educational award granted upon the successful completion of their terms of service.

One AmeriCorps member will serve in the Wisconsin Emergency Management central office in Madison and one AmeriCorps member will serve in the Wisconsin Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) office also located in Madison. Eighteen AmeriCorps members will serve with experienced emergency management directors and emergency volunteer organizations in their host communities, working on these and other projects as well as participating in training and actual emergency response/recovery operations as they occur. The 2014-2015 host communities include the Bayfield County, Brown County, City of Milwaukee, Clark County, Dane County, Eau Claire County, Fond du Lac County, La Crosse County, Milwaukee County, Price County, Richland County, Sawyer County, and Waukesha County.

For additional information and to apply for ReadyWisconsin AmeriCorps opportunities please go to <http://ready.wi.gov/AmeriCorps/application.asp>