

## What We Are

The Pennsylvania Volunteers Inc. is a Butler County, PA, based charitable 501(c)(3) organization and affiliated directly with the County of Butler.

The Pennsylvania Volunteers' mission is to coordinate and work in concert with all local, state, and federal Emergency Management agencies as well as other professional organizations recognized by the Pennsylvania VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster).

Our vision is to channel the power of the individual through education, training, and volunteer service, uniting as a team, to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters, resulting in safer, stronger, and disaster-prepared communities.

TOGETHER  
TRAIN. RESPOND. SUPPORT.



Nationally Certified K9  
Search and Rescue Teams



American Red Cross  
SHELTER TEAM



Pennsylvania State  
VOAD Member



The Pennsylvania Volunteers are openly searching for people who are interested in being part of the greater good, helping those in need.

Whatever your area of skill, or physical condition, there is a job with us that needs your help!

Information and applications are available on the website.

Background clearances are required.

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## Benefits to Our Communities

Securing our safety and freedom requires that we all work together. Every American has a critical role to play. Major community disasters can overload the capability of emergency responders, especially during the first critical 12 to 72 hours. Our goal is to provide the community with a well-trained, readily available team of local people who know their community and can help during these critical times, before outside assistance arrives.

The Pennsylvania Volunteers have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County of Butler, Pennsylvania, addressing its unique role in community disaster work.

We serve Butler County and its residents by managing and maintaining the Butler County Volunteer Bank and the county PODs (PA Dept of Health Points of Distribution). We also serve as the Official Shelter Team for the county, using the American Red Cross's shelter protocol.

## Who are the Pennsylvania Volunteers?

We are individuals who care about our families, our neighbors, and our community. We care about others. We are your neighbors, your coworkers, your fellow churchgoers -- we are YOU!

We are trained to support Butler County first responders, citizens, and families as well as business and industry during emergencies, times of strife, or disasters.



## How do Pennsylvania Volunteers work with first responders and emergency personnel?

Through specialized training which promotes understanding and respect between the Pennsylvania Volunteers and Emergency Management, local elected officials and local law enforcement, fire companies, and ambulance departments, strong working relationships evolve and grow.

Various trainings are presented by the Pennsylvania Volunteers or one of our certified affiliate organizations, so that our volunteers will be equipped to serve as support for all residents, families, and first responder agencies.

## What are some of the Activities of the Pennsylvania Volunteers?

**Presentations** – We offer a host of preparedness presentations for all age groups. Contact us to provide a presentation tailored to your group's needs or interests.

**CERT** – The Community Emergency Response Team program educates people about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search & rescue, and disaster medical operations. Using their training, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event and can take a more active role in preparing their community.

**Sheltering** — The Pennsylvania Volunteers are the official shelter team for Butler County, PA. We work with VOAD counterparts to establish a safe place for displaced members of our community.

**Medical PODs**— In the event of an area medical emergency, the Pennsylvania Volunteers are trained and prepared to open medical distribution centers for county residents.



*We pair dogs with drones for Search & Rescue*