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## Peace Corps

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*The Peace Corps is an independent agency within the executive branch of the United States government. Over 400 older Americans currently serve as Peace Corps volunteers around the world, many as married couples. Individuals work in many skill areas, but are primarily involved with education and business.*

There are currently eleven Peace Corps regional recruiting offices throughout the U.S.

The President of the United States appoints the Peace Corps Director and Deputy Director, and the appointments must be confirmed by the U.S. Senate. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is charged with general oversight of the activities and programs of the Peace Corps, and the House Committee on International Relations serves a similar function.

The Peace Corps' annual budget is determined each year by the congressional budget and appropriations process, and is part of the foreign operations budget. The Peace Corps' annual budget for fiscal year 2003 was \$295 million.

President Bush has devoted the highest level of funding to the Peace Corps than at any time in the history of the agency. Generally, the Peace Corps budget is about one percent of the foreign operations budget.

The Peace Corps recently ran a classified ad in the Wall Street Journal for Country Directors, indicating that there are current opportunities for those with "senior level executive experience."

**SCORE**

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**2****SCORE****The Service Corps of  
Retired Executives**

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*SCORE is a way for retirees with business management experience to assist entrepreneurs and small businesses throughout the U.S.*

The SCORE Association, headquartered in Washington DC, is a nonprofit association dedicated to entrepreneurial education and the formation, growth and success of small businesses nationwide. 10,500 retired and working volunteers provide free business counseling and advice as a public service. SCORE offers 'Ask SCORE' email advice online.

A resource partner with the Small Business Administration, SCORE volunteers serve as "Counselors to America's Small Business." Local chapters provide free counseling and low-cost workshops in their communities. SCORE assists approximately 300,000 entrepreneurs annually.

Working with 389 local chapters, SCORE reaches small business owners across the country—from Maine to Hawaii. SCORE chapters serve as a local connection to small business know-how. Through free, small business counseling and support services, SCORE volunteers help keep businesses going and growing.

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## **Citizen Corps**

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*Citizen Corps is an opportunity for retirees to serve their communities in areas including crime prevention and emergency response, particularly in connection with FEMA.*

Citizen Corps, a vital component of USA Freedom Corps, was created to help coordinate volunteer activities that will make our communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to any emergency situation. It provides opportunities for people to participate in a range of measures to make their families, their homes, and their communities safer from the threats of crime, terrorism, and disasters of all kinds.

Citizen Corps programs build on the successful efforts that are in place in many communities around the Country to prevent crime and respond to emergencies. Programs that started through local innovation are the foundation for Citizen Corps and this national approach to citizen participation in community safety.

Citizen Corps is coordinated nationally by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. In this capacity, FEMA works closely with other Federal entities, state and local governments, first responders and emergency managers, the volunteer community, and the White House Office of the USA Freedom Corps.

Citizen Corps programs include: Neighborhood Watch, Volunteers in Police Service, Medical Reserve Corps, and Citizen Corps Councils.

**Fire Corps**

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*A new USA Freedom Corps initiative provides opportunities to work as a volunteer to help your local fire department.*

Fire Corps is a recent Citizen Corps (part of USA Freedom Corps) initiative to support Fire Departments throughout the Country. It is a partnership among the National Volunteer Fire Council, the International Association of Fire Chiefs Volunteer Combination & Officers Section, and the International Association of Fire Fighters.

The mission of Fire Corps is to enhance the ability of fire departments to utilize citizen advocates and provide individuals with opportunities to support their local fire departments with their time and talent.

Its goal is to support and supplement volunteer, combination, and career fire departments through the use of citizen advocates for non-operational related activities.

Fire service input to the program is provided through the Fire Corps National Advisory Committee, which gives strategic direction and important feedback from the field to Fire Corps.

The program was launched in December of 2004, so many local fire departments have yet to become involved with the program. For information on how you can become involved, and help your local fire department become participants, contact the website above.

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## RSVP

### Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

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*RSVP volunteers work in their communities in areas such as mentoring, teaching English as a second language and teaching business skills.*

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is a project of the Senior Corps program. Volunteers serve in a diverse range of nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and faith-based groups.

Among other activities, they mentor at-risk youth, organize Neighborhood Watch programs, test drinking water for contaminants, teach English to immigrants, and lend their business skills to community groups that provide critical social services. Approximately 500,000 volunteers serve an average of four hours a week at an estimated 65,000 local organizations.

RSVP is open to people age fifty-five and over. Local organizations, both public and private, receive grants to sponsor and operate RSVP projects in their community. These projects recruit seniors to serve from a few hours a month to almost full time, though the average commitment is four hours a week.

Most volunteers are paired with local community and faith based organizations that are already helping to meet community needs. RSVP volunteers are not paid, but sponsoring organizations may reimburse them for some costs incurred during service.

RSVP provides appropriate volunteer insurance coverage, and volunteers receive pre-service orientation and in-service training from the agency or organization where they are placed.