

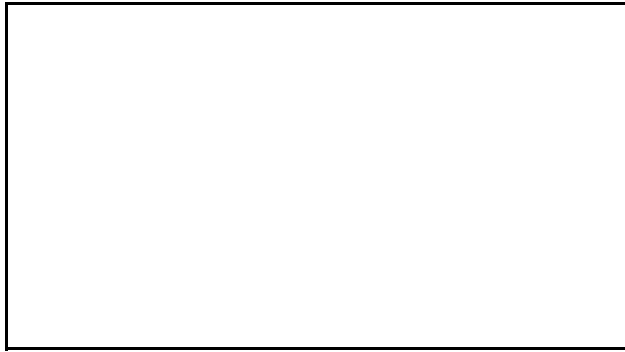


How will it work?

1. **Volunteers will register with the EVR supplying contact information and skills, abilities, and work placement preferences lists. You will be screened for safety reasons and placed on standby.**
2. **When needed, local agencies will request a contingent of volunteers by providing EVR staff with a volunteer job request similar to a job description.**
3. **EVR database software will generate a list of appropriately skilled volunteers who will be contacted for referral to the requesting agency/duty.**
4. **EVR staff will create ID badges for referred volunteers.**
5. **The agency will provide referred volunteers with training and supervision to do their volunteer assignment safely and effectively.**

Who are the Emergency Volunteer Registry (EVR) Partners?

- Peterborough County-City Health Unit
- Peterborough Regional Health Centre
- City of Peterborough
- County of Peterborough



The Emergency Volunteer Registry
is part of
Community Information Services
of
United Way
of Peterborough & District,
who also manages the Peterborough
County portion of fourinfo.com
and produces the
Community Information Handbook
(the "Blue Book").

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EVR

PEOPLE LIKE YOU

Emergency Volunteer Registry

Emergency • Disaster • Pandemic

What is an emergency?

Emergencies are immediate or impending situations that pose a risk to:

- Life
- Property (including the environment, social infrastructure, or economy).

Emergencies can include things like:

- Flu pandemics or SARS
- Natural disasters – fires, floods, ice, wind
- Tragic events – bombings, explosions, chemical spills.

How will we respond to emergencies?

Large scale emergencies generate a huge need for volunteer support with a wide range of skills and abilities from every walk of life – people like you.

Volunteer recruitment along with rapid, safe, and effective volunteer deployment are crucial to effective emergency response.

What is the Emergency Volunteer Registry (EVR)?

The **EVR** is a vital county-wide volunteer readiness database and referral system.

- Sourcing and distributing community volunteers in an emergency
- The key contact and screening point for those who want to volunteer
- The EVR does not include monitoring or managing volunteers
- EVR services will not replace those offered by groups like OVERT and OCEAP
- In all cases, at the time of deployment, volunteers will retain their right to

refuse a suggested assignment and/or request a different assignment.

Who started the EVR?

Since 2003, United Way of Peterborough & District, in partnership with the City and County of Peterborough, has been providing community volunteer and information services.

In 2005-2006, community partners and the Peterborough Interagency Pandemic Influenza Planning Team came together to find a way to coordinate volunteer workers during a large-scale emergency or disaster.

The choice was clear—emergency volunteer management was a natural extension of United Way's existing Volunteers Connect program. And so the EVR became a unique community partnership and project that doesn't exist anywhere else. Local United Way innovation and leadership in emergency volunteer management is now being sought-out by other United Ways, United Way Ontario, and United Way Canada.

**PEOPLE
LIKE
YOU**



People like you can volunteer!

Volunteers with every kind of skill and desire to assist are needed. Impacts of an emergency are so numerous and varied that all abilities and skill sets are required. ***Yes, you are needed!***

How do I volunteer?

- Complete a registration form with the Emergency Volunteer Registry (EVR). This is available on-line at www.uwpeterborough.ca and www.peterborough.ca as well as at United Way, 277 Stewart Street, Peterborough.
- Attend a scheduled intake interview that will include signing a Release of Information form and an EVR Police Record Check form.
- Your photograph will be taken for a Photo ID Badge that will be issued at the time of your deployment.
- You will be contacted annually to update your information.
- Security of your information is a high priority—paper files are kept under lock and key and the database itself is encrypted.

What are the benefits of the Emergency Volunteer Registry (EVR)?

- Coordinated central recruitment and deployment of emergency volunteers
- Immediate access to appropriately skilled volunteers by agencies and partners that need them
- Volunteers are assigned by priority of need
- Confusion and uncertainty about how to help are effectively eliminated
- Just in time referrals—a quick and easy referral system to monitor where volunteers are at all times