



General explanations and information for the public



Volunteering in times of emergency:

The civilian apparatus in the home front has tremendous significance in dealing with emergencies, especially in providing quick and life-saving assistance, in cases requiring intervention and treatment of the affected population. To that end, the municipality of Ashdod operates an array of volunteers who have been trained to provide assistance to municipal forces and missions as the need arises.

Volunteering in routine, helping in an emergency

The Ashdod municipality operates an array of volunteers throughout the year in a variety of fields. As part of its operations, the municipality makes sure to train people from the volunteer community for aid missions in emergencies. Recruitment and training of volunteers, as well as locating volunteers and allocating tasks to volunteers for their tasks are done through the Department of Community and Volunteer Resources in the Ashdod Municipality.

Emergency volunteers come from all sectors of society. The volunteers include skilled professionals who work in their fields in routine (doctors, teachers, social workers, psychologists, engineers and technicians, drivers, electricians, plumbers...) The volunteers include people whose field of work is not relevant to emergencies but have received relevant training (such as: clerks who have been trained to give first aid). What they all have in common is that they give of their time to the community and are willing to turn up whenever they are called on to volunteer.

Emergency volunteers assist the neighborhood administration, the municipal security division, Hotline 106, the welfare and care units for the elderly, the population at large, the education system, and dozens of other organizations and emergency frameworks. Special teams are trained to assist rescue services and administer first aid.

The contribution of volunteers to community resilience

The stronger the home front functions in emergencies, the greater the resilience in the face of enemy threats or natural disasters. The more volunteers there are the greater our level of emergency preparedness, our endurance will be stronger and our community resilience will make it easier for us all to overcome crises more easily. Therefore, early assessments, locating, training, and integrating volunteers into aid missions and proper management of the emergency volunteer home front reduces the number of casualties, reduces damages, and enables a quick and efficient return to routine.

How to volunteer and where to register?

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