



WAIKATO REGION
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

GROUP



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JOIN US AND HELP YOUR COMMUNITY
WHEN IT NEEDS YOU MOST

Waikato Civil Defence Emergency Management

Keeping New Zealanders safe

What we do

While first responders are in the field and on the front line, Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) is a system that coordinates the response efforts behind the scenes.

Waikato CDEM Group works with and through our partners, to enable and support our communities before, during and after an emergency, to increase our collective resilience.



Join our trained CDEM volunteer team

Work directly with us

You can join our team of CDEM trained volunteers who are working directly with our Waikato Group Emergency Management Office (GEMO) in Hamilton. We offer a series of training and event opportunities throughout the year and like to get to know you before we work together closely in a response.

CDEM training

When working with us during a response, you are likely to take on a role in our Waikato Group Emergency Coordination Centre (GECC) in an office-based environment. The atmosphere is fast-paced and calls for a very structured and process driven approach that we will provide all the necessary training for.

Groups within the team

We also offer you options to join a group of volunteers within our team with similar interests and skills as you, such as our admin group or media and public awareness group.

This can be an opportunity for you to make lasting relationships with other volunteers, learn new skills or teach your peers some of your skills. You also have the option of taking on a leadership role within one of these groups.



Support via partner organisations

Contact your choice of community groups or volunteer groups within your tertiary organisation and ask about how you can help out during an emergency event.

Community groups

You can volunteer as part of a group within a community focused institution. These groups include Lions Club International, Rotary, Māori Wardens, Student Volunteer Army (SVA), Waikato Institute for Leadership & Sports Studies (WILSS), and Volunteering Waikato.

Tertiary organisations

If you are a faculty member or a student of Wintec or the University of Waikato, and you want to volunteer your time for the benefit of the community, you can work within groups such as University of Waikato Employability Plus Award (EPA) volunteer programme.

How does this support Waikato CDEM?

If you are a member of any of these organisations, your organisation is already part of Waikato CDEM. You do not need to join us individually. Your organisation can volunteer to help with any official CDEM response.

These community groups and tertiary organisations are also part of our Waikato Volunteer Coordination Advisory Group (VCAG) that meets regularly to maintain a close working relationship.



Join our CDEM trained volunteer team

Contact Volunteering Waikato any time to enquire about your options for joining our CDEM Trained Volunteer Team.

Every year around August-September, we release specific CDEM roles that we need skilled people to help out with.

Keep an eye out for our advertisements on Facebook and via the Volunteering Waikato website and their publications.



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