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GIVE BURNSVILLE FIRST RESPONDERS A HAND, JOIN MOBILE VOLUNTEER NETWORK

When the lights and sirens of public safety vehicles arrive at a scene, first responders run to help those involved. But who is helping the first responders stay safe so they can do their jobs? It is the men and women of Burnsville's Mobile Volunteer Network (MVN).

MVN is a group of community members of all ages and backgrounds who are trained to assist police and fire during emergencies and at special events. The group is highly respected and appreciated by Burnsville's police and fire chiefs.

"MVN is an extremely valuable resource," said Burnsville Police Chief Erik Gieseke. "It is a force multiplier, and an important asset when our department responds to critical incidents."

Burnsville Fire Chief BJ Jungmann adds, "MVN volunteers allow our public safety responders to focus on their primary mission. The group is an integral part of large-scale public safety response."

Volunteers Needed - No Experience Required

All a volunteer needs is a desire to help and be willing to commit approximately 20 hours annually for training and events. Training is provided at no cost and is taught by public safety professionals.

Training includes:

- Traffic Control
- Crowd Control
- Basic First Aid
- Setting Up Emergency Shelters
- Mission Person/Object Search

Qualifications:

- 18 years of age or older
- Ability to follow verbal and written directions
- Good people skills
- Ability to attend two to four city-sponsored trainings annually
- Assist with minimum of two events per year

For more information or to apply for MVN visit www.burnsvillemn.gov/volunteer or call 952-895-4575.

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