

SVAC network: Volunteering increasing community resilience

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ABSTRACT

Created in 2010, the Municipal Network of Servers, Volunteers and Friends of the Community aims to promote integration with government institutions and organized civil society. It favors and strengthens community participation in planned or adverse actions, in municipalities and today, in light of Federal Laws 12,608/2012 and 14,750/2023, with actions to reduce the risks of accidents and disasters and in crisis management. The Municipal Network of Servers, Volunteers and Friends of the Community has about 12,368 registered volunteers, including the Civil Protection and Defense Centers and Non-Governmental Organizations, in line with one of the seven global goals of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, that is, to direct access to hazard early warning systems and to carry out disaster risk assessments for the people by 2030. Thus, the Network, articulated and managed by the Municipal Coordination of Protection and Civil Defense, will be inducing the achievement of the proposed goal. The people, registered in the Municipal Network of Servers, Volunteers and Friends of the Community, will be able to actively participate in events such as projects, courses, training and seminars, promoted by the so-called Training Centers for Emergencies and Disasters, designed as a training tool, to prepare the population and increase their resilience in the face of accidents and disasters that arise, especially those characteristic of their regions. The methodology adopted for the creation and maintenance of groups of volunteers from the Network, to the Civil Protection and Defense Centers, will be the means of exploratory participation, where professionals from the great area of civil defense, will participate and monitor the steps of the construction of qualified professional knowledge, as a result. Seeking, then, in the view of the National Policy for Civil Protection and Defense, to produce a resilient recovery action, with the active participation of the strong and prepared community.

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