

Join the  
"Don't be Scared,  
be Prepared!"  
Campaign



Meet Squiggy, the scared

### The Youth CDE

### Mission Statement

To prepare the youth  
of Central Maryland  
for an emergency dis-  
aster through fun,  
hands-on presenta-  
tions, service-  
learning projects and  
outreach.



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Presents



**Preparing  
Youth for  
Disasters!**

## What Youth CDE is all about...



Every year, about 65 people die inside their Maryland home as a result of a fire and about 12 of these deaths are children under the age of 15. If these children would have known about fire safety, maybe their lives could have been saved. A disaster can strike at any moment, so it's very important for young adults to know what to do.

As an active member of the community, all of the resources needed to successfully participate in this program are at your finger tips.

### It is up to you to make it happen!

Steps to get started:

1. Contact Youth CDE Coordinator (youthcde@arc-cmc.org or call 410-624-2000 x 2028)
2. Attend a Youth CDE Presenter's training.
3. Sign up for an event.
4. Put together a Youth CDE presentation.

Here are some sample events we have done in the past:

- **Bear Creek Elementary "Don't Be Scared, Be Prepared!" Presentation.**
- **Carroll County Are you ready? Expo**
- **John Hopkins University Red Cross Corps**
- **Kids Fest 7**

### Youth CDE Benefits:

This program will promote your **creativity, leadership, and communication skills**, while at the same time helping to save lives.

### Disasters can strike at any moment! Do you know what to do?

Visit our website for more information on what to do:



[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

[www.redcross-cmd.org/](http://www.redcross-cmd.org/)

### Here are some examples of Maryland Disasters:

**Ice storm:** In the years 1993/1994/1999 a winter storm of freezing ice and rain hit Maryland and about 110,000 homes were out of power for several hours due to knocked down power lines caused by falling trees.

**Tornado:** During spring of 2001 and 2002, LaPlata and College Park areas were hit by a tornado. Two UMD students were killed and the town of LaPlata was destroyed.

**Hurricane:** Hurricane Isabel hit MD during the summer of 2003. Many homes were damaged.

**Floods:** Hurricane Isabel (2003) and Floyd (1999) caused major floods which destroyed many of the city's power systems.

**Terrorism Threat:** On October 2005, the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel on Interstate 895 was closed, while traffic on Interstate 95 through the Fort McHenry tunnel was limited to one lane in each direction due to a terrorism threat to blow up the tunnel. Traffic was at a complete halt for about two hours.