



## 2A. MAKE YOUR VOLUNTEERING GROUP AN APPEALING PLACE TO BE

### MYTH VS. FACT

What could you do to make your group a more appealing place to be?

What are some of the myths about volunteering in your service group that you think people in your community might believe? Ask your members if there are any they have heard!

Here are some common myths that we have found in our research and what the facts are:

| MYTH  | FACT   |
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| You need to be physically strong to contribute to the emergency services.   | Some volunteering roles require physical strength, but there are many ways you can contribute, even if you're not physically fit and strong. For example, you could do radio operations, recovery efforts, or maps and navigation. |
| You need to be available at any time to volunteer with the emergency services.                                      | Call-outs can happen at any time, but you don't have to attend every call-out to contribute.   |
| You must be able to drive heavy vehicles to be a volunteer with the emergency services.                             | If you have specialised skills, they could be useful, but we can also train you in any way necessary.  |
| You must be comfortable with working at heights or with danger to be able to volunteer with the emergency services. | Safety is very important for us. We allow our volunteers the opportunity and experience to be challenged, but you don't have to participate in activities that make you feel uncomfortable.  |





Can you think of other common myths? Write these down, then write a script you and your volunteers can use to bust these myths!

Ask your group members for other ideas of myths and facts. Maybe they have heard some myths from their friends or family.

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