

Volunteers Building Strong, Healthy, and Prepared Communities



How can the MRC benefit CRI?

The MRC program provides the structure necessary to deploy medical and public health personnel in response to an emergency, as it identifies **specific, trained, and credentialed personnel** available and ready to respond to emergencies.

Partnering with a local MRC or starting an MRC can optimize emergency planning and volunteer integration into existing systems and plans, including pre-screening volunteers for greater operational efficiencies during actual emergencies.

MRC volunteers can participate in mass prophylaxis, vaccination exercises and community disaster drills.

MRC volunteers can help in the dispensing of life saving pharmaceuticals and medical supplies in the event of a large-scale public health emergency.

MRC volunteers supplement existing local emergency and public health resources.

How is the MRC organized?

At the national level, the MRC program is run by the MRC Program Office, which is headquartered in the Office of the U.S. Surgeon General.

The MRC Program Office oversees activities of 10 MRC Regional Coordinators, who collaborate with national-, state-, and local-level emergency preparedness and response and medical and healthcare personnel.

At the local level, each MRC unit is led by an MRC Unit Coordinator, who matches community needs—for emergency medical response and public health initiatives—with volunteer capabilities.

Each MRC unit is organized and trained to address a wide range of challenges from public health education to disaster response.

Who are MRC volunteers?

MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians, and epidemiologists. Other community members, such as interpreters, chaplains, office workers, and legal advisors, can fill other vital support positions.

How do I locate an MRC unit in my community?

As of April, 2007, there are 654 registered MRC units and approximately 123,000 MRC volunteers nationwide. To find an MRC unit near your community, please visit www.medicalreservecorps.gov/FindMRC.asp.

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a community-based, civilian, volunteer program that helps build the public health infrastructure of communities nationwide

The Pandemic and All Hazards Preparedness Act, signed into law by President Bush in 2006, officially authorizes the Medical Reserve Corps

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