



## Medical Reserve Corps FY18 State Highlights: Massachusetts



## A Snapshot: Massachusetts MRC Unit Activities

- After two students at the University of Massachusetts Amherst were diagnosed with invasive meningococcal disease serogroup B, Hampshire County MRC (Northampton, MA) volunteers supported a large-scale meningitis B vaccination clinic on campus.
- In response to gas explosions in Northern Massachusetts, five local MRC units—the Greater River Valley MRC (Andover, MA), Upper Merrimack Valley MRC (Westford, MA), Mystic Valley MRC (Medford, MA), North Shore-Cape Anne Emergency Preparedness Coalition MRC (Peabody, MA), and Topsfield Regional MRC (Topsfield, MA)—provided medical care at evacuation shelters, behavioral health support at claim centers, and charging stations for those without power.
- The Boston MRC (Boston, MA) supported assistance centers in the Greater Boston Area set-up to assist evacuees from Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria. MRC volunteers helped with translation, donation sorting, data entry, and call center support.
- Cape Cod MRC (Barnstable, MA) volunteers provided medical and mental health support at emergency shelters after winter storms.

For further information, visit <u>www.mamedicalreservecorps.org</u> and <u>https://mrc.hhs.gov</u>.

## Fiscal Year 2018 Activities & Impact

Massachusetts MRC units participated in 1,792 total activities, contributing to one or more of the following impact areas:\*



responses to local emergencies



activities that trained or exercised MRC members to improve response capability



activities that improved community preparedness or resilience



activities that developed or strengthened the MRC unit



activities in which MRC members strengthened local public health

activities that served



an at-risk/vulnerable population



activities that supported non-emergency community events

\*Note: Because one activity can influence several impact areas, the total number of activities will not necessarily match the number of impact areas reflected above.



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