



# MRC In Touch

Volunteers Building Strong, Healthy, and Prepared Communities

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## Featured Article

### Opioids and the Ongoing MRC Response



MRC units across the country continue to respond to the opioid epidemic. Many of their efforts were reported in a NACCHO Fact Sheet released last fall, [MRC Response to the Opioid Epidemic](#). This month we are featuring recent and continuing successes in this arena, namely two naloxone training and access projects developed by the LaSalle County, IL MRC Unit #1552 and Rhodes Island DMAT/MRC Unit #148. [Read More](#)

## MRC/NACCHO Connection

### Resource of the Month: NACCHO Capacity Building Toolkit

NACCHO in collaboration with the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), and the Administration for Community Living, recently launched the [Capacity-Building Toolkit for Including Aging and Disability Networks in Emergency Planning](#).

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### Creating Training Plans on MRC TRAIN in 3 Easy Steps

MRC units can use the MRC TRAIN platform to monitor volunteer progress in customized training plans, which can include unit trainings in addition to training opportunities from other providers available on the TRAIN Learning Network, such as MRC, NACCHO, and CDC. Creating a training plan can be accomplished in three simple steps. [Read More](#)

### Applications for the 2019 National Health Security Award Now Open!

NACCHO and the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) are pleased to announce the fourth annual National Health Security (NSW) Award! This award recognizes local health departments that have demonstrated significant accomplishments in implementing health security-related initiatives within their jurisdictions.

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## Media Coverage

[Tulsa County Medical Reserve Corps Sets Standard For Animal Rescue](#)

**NHS Award winners will receive a travel scholarship to be recognized at the 2019 NACCHO Annual in Orlando, Florida.** [Read More](#)

[La Salle County's Naloxone program exceeds expectations](#)

## Volunteer Recognition: Shooting Stars Program

The Shooting Stars Recognition Program was created in the winter of 2018 when an MRC volunteer from the Southwest Virginia MRC suggested a recognition program to highlight volunteers who participate in non-emergency events. Building on the idea, unit coordinator, Kristina Morris, built the program to include opportunities for training and to encourage participation in quarterly communication checks. [Read More](#)

## Announcements

### ASPR FAQ: Controlled Substances and Emergency Response

ASPR, in collaboration with Healthcare Ready, has released a fact sheet on [Controlled Substances and Emergency Response](#). The document aims to provide guidance during disasters; detail potential challenges for patients, healthcare providers, and emergency managers; and, highlight opportunities for solutions and targeted planning. [Read More](#)

### The Exchange Issue 8.0: Supporting Hospital Surge

Issue 8.0 of The Exchange, [Supporting Hospital Surge - Meeting Patient and Staff Needs](#), is now available! This issue covers information about hospital support services. This issue follows the release of the [National Health Security Strategy](#) and highlights plans for healthcare practitioners and SMEs from the hospital nutrition, blood, and pharmacy fields. [Read More](#)

## Conferences

### [Vector Control Summit](#)

April 16-18, 2019  
Pittsburgh, PA

### [2019 Preparedness Summit](#)

March 26-29, 2019  
St. Louis, MO

### [NACCHO Annual](#)

July 9-11, 2019  
Orlando, FL

## Webinars

### ■ [Tickborne Diseases: A CDC Update](#)

Tuesday, April 9, 2019  
2:00pm - 3:15pm EST

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