**Milestones and Highlights from the MRC’s 20 Years of Service**

### 2002-2006
- Office of the Surgeon General (OSG) announces the MRC as a demonstration project; 42 MRC community-based units established to uphold the principles of the MRC project, as defined by OSG.
- More than 6,000 MRC volunteers from 150+ MRC units participate in Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma response and recovery efforts.
- Congress passes the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act (PAHPR), which formally authorizes the MRC and its network to support emergency response at all levels, Local, State, Tribal, Territorial, and Federal.

### 2007-2011
- Almost 50,000 MRC volunteers across 600 units respond to H1N1 outbreak. Over 2,500 separate immunization, flu prevention, and flu care activities reported.
- More than 1,500 MRC volunteers from 63 MRC units across 14 states volunteer over 30,000 hours in response to Hurricanes Ike and Gustav and Tropical Storm Hanna.

### 2012-2016
- The Waldo Canyon Fire, one of the most destructive in Colorado history, burns for a month. The MRC of El Paso County donates 1,644 hours of volunteer service.
- During the domestic Ebola response, 169 units donate more than 14,000 hours across 180 activities including suspect-case screening support, health education, call centers, and providing general surveillance support.
- MRC units prepare for and support Zika response. Puerto Rico declares a public health emergency and over 140 MRC volunteers help in community education efforts, reaching about 107,000 individuals.

### 2017-2022
- MRC volunteers in the West contribute more than 15,000 service hours responding to wildfires by providing medical support, psychological first aid, and animal rescue and care efforts.
- Over 100 units respond to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, providing 100,000+ volunteer hours at an estimated economic value of almost $4 million.
- MRC units around the country engage in response to opioid crisis, supporting prevention activities, training, HD support, and harm reduction programs to inform and aid communities affected by opioid abuse.
- Alabama and Mississippi MRC volunteers devote more than 2,000 hours in response to tornadoes.
- Over the COVID-19 pandemic’s first two years, 80% of all MRC units provide volunteers to protect health in their communities. Volunteers devote over 3.8 million hours at an estimated economic value of $132 million.

### As of 2022
- The MRC and the American National Red Cross issue a joint memorandum of understanding (MOU) to improve organizational coordination and cooperation to prepare communities for disasters.
- Congress passes the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act (PAHPRA), which continues authorization for MRC, but moves authority and responsibility to the ASPR.
- As of 2022, the MRC network includes nearly 800 units and 300,000+ volunteers.

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