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Marin Medical Reserve Corps Receives National Recognition

San Rafael, CA - For the third year in a row, the Marin Medical Reserve Corps, Unit 263, has received national recognition from the Surgeon General's office. This year, the Marin MRC will receive the Surgeon General's Office of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps (OCVMRC) Ambassador Award. The award is given to honor an **MRC unit** that has successfully carried out activities and initiatives over the past year that meet the Surgeon General's Priorities for Public Health, including improving health literacy, increasing disease prevention, eliminating health disparities, and improving public health preparedness.

Nominated by Marin's Health and Human Services director, Dr. Larry Meredith, the Marin MRC was lauded for its support for local public health infrastructure, public health preparedness planning, training and exercising with community partner agencies. "Each year the organization sets a new record for the number of volunteer hours contributed and the number of clients served. In over 40 individual events during 2010, MMRC volunteers provided direct service to 4000 individuals – an estimated 4% of Marin's safety net population," noted Dr. Meredith.

Kudos to Brian Waterbury, Program Manager for the Marin MRC and to all the Marin MRC volunteers; they had also received the OCVMRC awards in 2009 and 2010. Since awards have only been given for the past three years, the Marin MRC has achieved national acknowledgement since the inception of the awards.

For more information or to volunteer for the MMRC, please contact Brian Waterbury, Program Manager at (415) 473-6756 or visit the MMRC website at www.marinmrc.org.

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