

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) program was officially launched as a national, community-based initiative in September 2003. The MRC was formed in response to President Bush's 2002 State of the Union Address, in which he asked all Americans to volunteer in support of their country. It is a partner program with Citizen Corps, a national network of volunteers dedicated to ensuring hometown security.

Other Citizen Corps programs include Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Fire Corps, Neighborhood Watch, and Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS). Citizen Corps is part of the USA Freedom Corps; which promotes volunteerism and service nationwide. Other USA Freedom Corps programs include Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, and Senior Corps.

MRC volunteers include non-medical, medical, public health and mental health professionals such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, emergency medical technicians, dentists, veterinarians, epidemiologists, infectious disease specialists, administrative assistants, machinists, retired military personnel, security officers, etc.

Volunteers of the Marin Medical Reserve Corps. (MMRC) are offered training opportunities that are specifically geared towards natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and field experience. Trainings include personal preparedness, Incident Command Structure, First Aid/CPR, Weather-Related Disasters and Sheltering, BDLS/CDLS, and Mass Vaccinations or Medical Dispensing.

Many lessons were learned after September 11, 2001 as well as after Hurricane Katrina. The response from the medical community was enormous. However, without any prior training in emergency response, and no mechanism for credentials to be checked on-site, many volunteers were turned away. The time for volunteers to become involved in emergency response is now – before an incident occurs.



Marin Medical Reserve Corps.

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Strengthening Public
Health Infrastructure
and Improving
Emergency Preparedness

WHAT CAN MRC VOLUNTEERS DO?

Support local public health initiatives through enhancing public health preparedness, while advancing the priorities of the Surgeon General.

Assist local hospitals and health departments with surge personnel needs.

Participate in emergency exercises and community disaster drills.

Train with local emergency response partners.

And more...

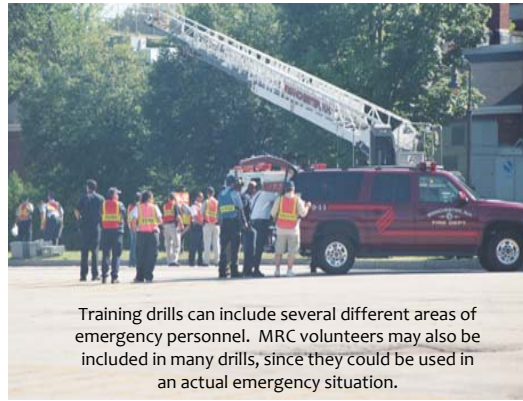
For further information visit our website at www.MarinMRC.org.

The Mission of the Marin Medical Reserve Corps is to recruit, train, deploy, and retain volunteer health professionals and others who will contribute their skills and expertise in response to threats of terrorism, public health emergencies, and other community needs.



“The Medical Reserve Corps is one way that health professionals can volunteer during large-scale emergencies, such as an influenza epidemic, a chemical spill, or an act of terrorism. MRC volunteers also work to improve the overall health and well-being of their neighborhoods and communities.”

Tommy G. Thompson
Former Secretary
U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services



Training drills can include several different areas of emergency personnel. MRC volunteers may also be included in many drills, since they could be used in an actual emergency situation.

HOW DO I APPLY TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER?

Fill out an application and return it to
899 Northgate Drive, Suite 104
San Rafael, Ca. 94903, or (fax) 415-499-3747.

Applications for membership are available online at www.MarinMRC.org or by calling 415 473-6756.

Your application will inform us of your desired level of participation as well as your availability.

There are core competency trainings that we require all volunteers to complete, as well as additional trainings available for those interested. Once a volunteer has successfully completed the core trainings, they are cleared for participation in activation and drills.

Updates regarding meetings, trainings, events, etc. will be sent via e-mail. Information regarding training opportunities, personal preparation tools, safety, etc. are also posted on our website at www.MarinMRC.org.

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