



Medical Reserve Corps

A national network of volunteers engaging local communities to strengthen public health, emergency preparedness & response, and community resilience

MRC Monthly Report: January 2018

Monthly at a Glance



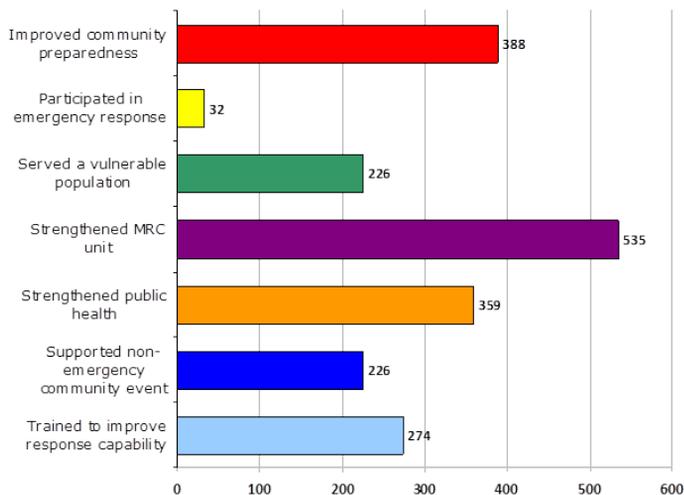
938 MRC units

194,010 volunteers

MRC units reported supporting more than 15 warming/cold weather shelters during periods of winter storms and cold temperatures throughout the South and Northeast



793 MRC activities reported



The number of activities notes the number of unique entries by MRC unit leaders for the current month. MRC unit leaders also select impact areas for each activity, which may include multiple categories. Thus, the numbers in the bar chart may not equal the total number of activities.

MRC: Building Strong, Healthy, and Prepared Communities

- ★ **MRC units across the country** participated in approximately 30 activities related to the influenza virus, including supporting flu vaccination clinics, community outreach and education, partner planning, etc.
- ★ **Mohave County MRC (AZ)** was placed on stand-by to potentially provide alternate care site support due to local hospitals reaching capacity with flu patients.
- ★ **Bay Area MRC (FL)** volunteers, along with other medical professionals, organized a free health clinic to treat basic health needs of the local homeless population. The clinic is intended to be a monthly event and is expected to grow as awareness spreads throughout the community.
- ★ **New Orleans MRC (LA)** was activated three times during January to support cold weather shelters for homeless individuals due to unusually cold/freezing temperatures. In total, MRC volunteers contributed approximately 500 service hours supporting the shelters.
- ★ **Carroll County MRC (NH)** volunteers provided telephone and administrative records support for the staff at a local hospital during a building flooding event that affected computer systems, telephone systems, and other reporting mechanisms.
- ★ **Dutchess County MRC (NY)** volunteers assisted with surveillance calls, interviews, and data input for an outbreak of norovirus linked to a local catering establishment.
- ★ **Big Country MRC (TX)** partnered with the American Red Cross, local Emergency Management, and local Fire Departments to install free smoke alarms in more than 70 homes in Nolan County as part of the national "Sound the Alarm" fire safety campaign.
- ★ After recent flooding, **Northwest Vermont MRC (VT)** assisted the local health office and partners at a Multi-Agency Resource Center set up to provide affected community members with needed resources, including information about drinking water and food safety, clean-up guidelines, and water testing kits.
- ★ **MRC of Eastern Washington (WA)** conducted naloxone administration training for 25 individuals at the Spokane County Sheriff's Department.

Strengthening the MRC Network

- ★ As part of the program's monthly Well Check Webinar series, MRC staff hosted a webinar on January 9, entitled "MRC Promising Practices in Community Preparedness and Resilience." During the webinar, local MRC unit leaders shared best practices and unit activities around preparedness and resilience programming (e.g., Until Help Arrives, Stop the Bleed, Active Bystander training).
- ★ On January 18, MRC program staff provided an MRC website demonstration for State Coordinators, including a tutorial on useful resources, tools, and reports that MRC State Coordinators are able to access, helping to facilitate increased awareness of MRC engagement within each state.
- ★ MRC Regional Liaisons hosted and/or attended various state and local MRC and coalition meetings to engage state leaders, unit coordinators, and volunteers. Examples include:
 - ★ Pennsylvania MRC Unit Leader Mtg.
 - ★ Region 4 MRC State Coordinator Mtg.
 - ★ Region 5 MRC State Mobilization and Notification Virtual Tabletop Exercise
 - ★ Region 6 MRC Unit Leader Mtg.
 - ★ Region 8 MRC Unit Leader Mtg.

Enhancing Connectivity with MRC Partners

- ★ Region 2 MRC Liaison (NJ, NY, PR, and VI) continues to actively engage with MRC units and partners on hurricane recovery efforts in both Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- ★ Region 5 MRC Liaison (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, and WI) attended FEMA's Region 5 Regional Interagency Steering Committee (RISC) meeting.
- ★ Region 5 MRC Liaison participated in the Illinois MRC Association Leadership/Board meeting.
- ★ Region 6 MRC Liaison (AR, LA, NM, OK, TX) participated in Arkansas' first statewide MRC conference hosted by the MRC State Coordinator along with the Preparedness Division Director. The conference served as an important opportunity to showcase Arkansas MRC engagement and community value.
- ★ Region 8 MRC Liaison (CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY) provided input and collaborated with Utah Emergency Management on a training to market and promote the utilization of MRC to local decision-makers and residents.



Pictured: (Left) Northwest Vermont MRC (VT) volunteers assisted community members affected by recent floods at a Multi-Agency Resource Center; **(Center and Right)** New Orleans MRC (LA) volunteers staffed three cold weather shelters for homeless individuals when other shelters reached capacity due to unusually cold/freezing temperatures

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