

Guidance on Developing Unit Descriptions

Example #1

The XXX Medical Reserve Corps, a part of the XXX County Department of Health Services, is being developed to help XXX County, a heavily populated county located in close proximity to YYY City. XXX MRC deals with surge capacity in a local disaster, including assisting mass prophylaxis/vaccination clinics or other major public health needs. The unit is partnered with the Red Cross, VOAD, County mental health services, OEM, Citizen Corps, and other County resources to develop a coordinated response to a disaster. It is limiting recruitment to licensed health and medical personnel, including nurses, nurse practitioners, veterinarians, pharmacists, doctors, chiropractors, physician assistants, and dentists, and other community resources in the county. This unit is recruiting members for its MRC by making presentations and/or delivering brochures to its 70 municipal libraries, Citizen Corps meetings, meetings of professional organizations, mailings, health fairs, and other community gatherings. The unit has a core of about 170 volunteers and has developed a core curriculum based on the suggested MRC core competencies. These MRC volunteers will be included in exercises being planned by the County Department of Health Services. We encourage all prospective volunteers to register with the MRC by going to <http://www.mrc.countyxxx.gov>, selecting online application for XXX MRC. Please contact the XXX County MRC Coordinator shown in this listing for further information or assistance.

Example #2

The JJJ MRC unit was established by the City of JJJ and serves the City and the surrounding Tri County area. The MRC program is administered by County Emergency Management and has a board of directors who provides leadership and creates direct linkages to important community partners in the governmental, military, volunteer, faith-based, business, education, health, public safety, and emergency response sectors. This collaborative effort has resulted in a comprehensive Web site, 24-hour volunteer hotline, and initiatives to address special needs populations, manage spontaneous volunteers, add shelter capacity within the faith community, support health and fitness initiatives, and create general medical and mental health surge capacity. The JJJ MRC has recently begun to team up with the county health department to assist them in staffing their seasonal flu clinics. JJJ MRC volunteers will be building on this collaboration in the next 6 months as they launch a community based diabetes detection campaign.

Example #3

The mission of the MRC within the *HHH* County Health Department is to engage health care professionals in helping the community prepare for, respond to, and mitigate emergencies, disasters, and pressing public health needs by providing a group of readily trained and available volunteer professionals who supplement and assist local medical emergency response systems. The MRC serves a county community of 4,000 square miles, 88 incorporated cities, more than 250 additional communities, and a population of 11 million. The MRC has more than 500 medical and non-medical professionals who have acted on a desire to volunteer their time and expertise during emergencies. The MRC has promoted its mission, established its policies, procedures, and protocols regarding operations and conducted recruiting initiatives within the medical community and the community at large. The unit is preparing to provide staffing at Point of Dispensing clinics during a mass immunization/prophylaxis campaign. It's also currently active in a public health preparedness education program for individuals in schools, churches, and community organizations, instructing them on how, what, and when to prepare for a disaster.