



Medical Reserve Corps

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

MRC Monthly Report: February 2018

Monthly at a Glance



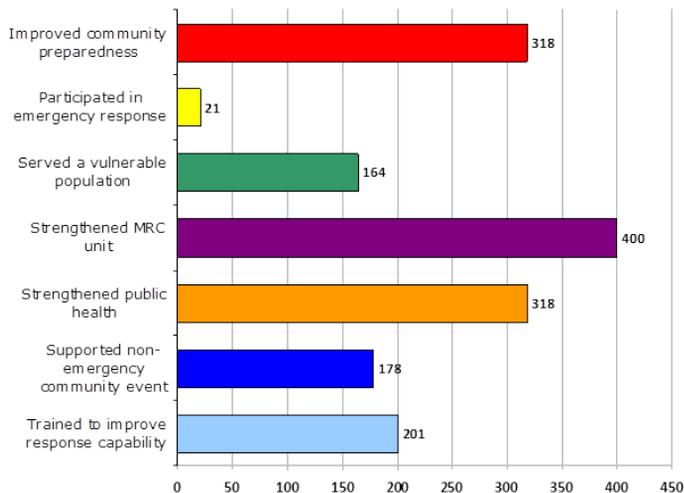
931 MRC units

193,414 volunteers

New Orleans MRC (LA) volunteers worked with the American Red Cross and New Orleans EMS to staff first aid stations along Mardi Gras parade routes — the team assisted approximately 600 individuals and provided hands-on care to 111 patients, 37 of whom were transported to hospitals



607 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

- ★ **Sacramento MRC (CA)** hosted an active shooter training for 32 MRC volunteers and 14 guests, including nurses from area hospitals and Sacramento Healthcare Coalition members.
- ★ **Naugatuck Valley MRC (CT)** hosted its fourth *Narcan & Opioids Community Training* held at a local hospital as part of the unit's Naugatuck Valley Overdose Prevention & Education (N.O.P.E.) campaign. After the training, kits that included nasal naloxone, gloves, a face shield, sanitizer, and first aid supplies were distributed to attendees.
- ★ **Egyptian MRC (IL)** participated in a medical countermeasures (Strategic National Stockpile) virtual tabletop exercise hosted by the Emergency Management Institute.
- ★ After a local pediatric flu-related death, **Hudson Regional Health Commission MRC (NJ)** helped administer flu vaccinations for children at a local school. MRC volunteers, along with Public Health nurses, vaccinated approximately 200 students in grades 1st – 8th.
- ★ Seven MRC nurses from the **Franklin County and Columbus MRC (OH)** helped staff an American Red Cross shelter from February 1 – February 4 to assist those affected by a large apartment complex fire.
- ★ Medical and non-medical volunteers from the **Philadelphia MRC (PA)** helped staff three Philadelphia Fire Department EMS medical tents set up along the Philadelphia Eagles' Super Bowl parade route.
- ★ **MRC of Puerto Rico (PR)** volunteers supported eight flu vaccination clinics located in multiple municipalities in response to widespread flu activity on the island.
- ★ **Sullivan County Health Department MRC (TN)** participated in a regional healthcare facility functional exercise involving a scenario where a local hospital had to evacuate its facility and use the Regional Medical Communications Center to coordinate patient transport.
- ★ **Snohomish County MRC (WA)** supported a cold weather shelter for homeless individuals from February 9 – February 25.

Strengthening the MRC Network

- ★ The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) selected 80 MRC units to receive Challenge Awards for innovative projects that are aligned with national health initiatives and are also significant at the local level. The awards (available in three funding categories – \$2,500; \$7,500; \$12,500) are supported by a cooperative agreement with the MRC Program.
- ★ As part of the program's monthly Well Check Webinar series, MRC staff hosted a webinar on February 6, entitled "MRC Sustainability: Demonstrating Your MRC's Value." During the webinar, local MRC unit leaders shared creative initiatives, best practices, and lessons learned with the greater MRC network.
- ★ MRC program staff and regional liaisons hosted an *MRC New Leader Orientation* on February 8. The quarterly orientation, which is intended for unit leaders who are new to their positions, provided program overview information, as well as resources, tools, and technical assistance available. The goal of the orientation is to help unit leaders build strong and sustainable MRC programs.
- ★ Region 9 MRC Liaison (AZ, CA, HI, NV, Guam, American Samoa, CNMI, FSMI, RMI, Palau) hosted a meeting for Northern California MRC unit leaders, the California MRC State Coordinator, and the MRC Los Angeles unit leader to discuss participation in recent responses, lessons learned for future responses, and first steps to creating a Northern California MRC Alliance.

Enhancing Connectivity with MRC Partners

- ★ On February 20, MRC leadership participated in the HOSA-Future Health Professionals Monthly Ideas Meeting to discuss topics of youth engagement in public health, emergency preparedness, and other areas of health and science.
- ★ Region 2 MRC Liaison (NJ, NY, PR, 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 6 MRC Liaison (AR, LA, NM, OK, TX) attended FEMA's Region 6 Regional Interagency Steering Committee (RISC) meeting.
- ★ Region 8 MRC Liaison (CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY) participated in a Colorado Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) site visit where topics discussed included the Colorado MRC and various initiatives underway such as community inclusion projects focused on those with access and functional needs.
- ★ Region 10 MRC Liaison (AK, ID, OR, WA) participated in the annual regional ASPR Federal Partners Meeting. Partners in attendance included those from HHS' Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP), National Disaster Medical System (NDMS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) – among others.



Pictured: The state of New Mexico held its 2018 Annual Volunteer Summit on Feb. 9-11. The Summit included various trainings, drills, and an awards banquet to recognize units and volunteers.