



Medical Reserve Corps

Volunteers Building Strong, Healthy, and Prepared Communities

Medical Reserve Corps Monthly Report: April 2018

Monthly at a Glance



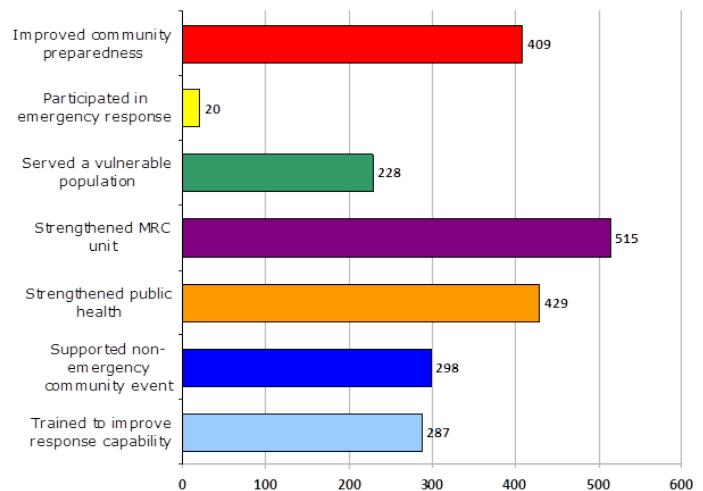
917 MRC units

191,484 volunteers

Southwest Virginia MRC (VA) volunteers assisted with 18 *National Prescription Drug Takeback Day* events throughout their local community, resulting in the collection of more than **2,250 pounds** of old and unused prescription drugs



787 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

- ★ **City of Cupertino MRC (CA)**, along with CERT volunteers, participated in shelter training, which covered planning, opening, and operating a shelter if/when needed.
- ★ **MRC of Morgan County (IN)** helped staff a shelter after local residents were displaced due to flooding.
- ★ At the 2018 Boston Marathon, **Boston MRC (MA)** volunteers assisted with family reunification and injured runner tracking along the course and at the finish line. **Newton MRC (MA)** volunteers also helped staff a warming shelter opened along the marathon route for runners, spectators, and volunteers. Weather on marathon day included heavy rain, high winds, and cold temperatures.
- ★ **MRC of Southern Nevada (NV)** nurse volunteers provided first aid support at a community event that offered services to the local homeless and at-risk population.
- ★ **Hudson Regional Health Commission MRC (NJ)** volunteers participated in an Urban Area Security Initiative active shooter full-scale exercise.
- ★ **Onslow County MRC (NC)** held "Stop the Bleed" training for 27 community members.
- ★ **Madison County MRC (TN)** assisted the **Shelby County Health Department MRC (TN)** in establishing a mobile field hospital and medical communications for the MLK50 event in Memphis, TN, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. More than 10,000 visitors attended the event.

Strengthening the MRC Network and Enhancing Connectivity with Partners

- ★ The MRC Program announced the release of its 2017 *Hurricane Season Reports*, which detail MRC network activity during Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. In total, approximately 100 MRC units contributed more than 100,000 volunteer service hours preparing for and responding to the storms. The full reports are posted to the [MRC website](#).
- ★ The MRC Program hosted the 2018 MRC Recognition Awards on April 3, as part of a special MRC Well Check Webinar and Twitter presentation. This annual awards program honors MRC units, volunteers, leaders, housing organizations, and partners who go above and beyond every day to further the MRC mission. Recipients were named in 12 award categories; a short description of each category and awardee is available on the [MRC website](#).
- ★ MRC leadership and the Region 10 MRC Liaison (AK, ID, OR, WA) presented at the Oregon Preparedness Meeting in Sunriver, OR, from April 2-5.
- ★ On April 16, the Region 1 MRC Liaison (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT) supported the Emergency Operations Center for the Boston Marathon.
- ★ Members of the MRC Program Office as well as the Region 2 (NJ, NY, PR, VI) and Region 6 (AR, LA, NM, OK, TX) MRC Liaisons attended and presented on behalf of the MRC Program at the Preparedness Summit in Atlanta, GA, from April 17-20. Program Office presentations, which featured MRC state coordinator and unit leader guest presenters, included:
 - ★ *Blindfolded and Pedaling Backwards Through Wind, Rain, and Rising Waters: Medical Reserve Corps Activations During the Catastrophic 2017 Hurricane Season*
 - ★ *A Valuable Resource Right in Your Backyard: How Health Care Coalitions Are Collaborating with Local Volunteers to Enhance Emergency Response and Build Community Resilience*
- ★ MRC staff attended the 2018 TRAIN Learning Network Annual Meeting in Arlington, VA, from April 23-26.



Pictured: (Left) Monroe County MRC (MI) volunteers shared emergency preparedness and outreach information at an Earth Day event held at Monroe County Community College; (Center) A South-Central Missouri MRC (MO) volunteer taught CPR to 15 local health department employees; (Right) Lake County MRC (OH) volunteers conducted blood pressure checks at the Lakeland Community College Health and Wellness Fair

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