



# Medical Reserve Corps

Volunteers Building Strong, Healthy, and Prepared Communities

## Medical Reserve Corps Monthly Report: August 2018

### Monthly at a Glance

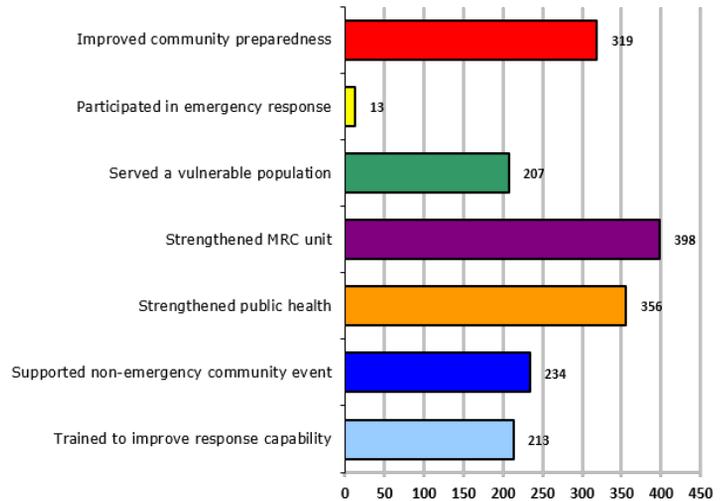


**906** MRC units

**190,270** volunteers

MRC units collectively devoted over **365 hours** to National Night Out activities, including distributing insect repellent, sunscreen, and emergency preparedness information. National Night Out, which takes place the first Tuesday in August, is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.

### 641 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

- ★ Between August 4 and August 9, members of the **ALCO MRC (CA)**, the **Berkeley MRC (CA)**, and the **Sacramento MRC (CA)** helped operate shelters for victims of the Mendocino Complex Fire, assisting with breathing treatments and other medical needs.
- ★ Members of the **San Francisco Fire Department Civilian Volunteer MRC (CA)** received training in psychological first aid techniques that will enable them to support survivors in disaster, administer self-care, and support volunteer team members.
- ★ Volunteers with the **Kauai MRC (HI)** and the **Maui County Health Volunteers (HI)** provided medical assistance at evacuation shelters set up in response to Hurricane Lane.
- ★ **Pee Dee Public Health Reserve Corps (SC)** volunteers assisted with a measles vaccination clinic in Horry County, SC, established in response to a potential measles case. Five medical and two non-medical volunteers helped operate the clinic and translate for some members of the affected population.
- ★ Volunteers with the **Chattanooga-Hamilton County Health Department (TN)** ran a hepatitis A vaccination clinic, providing vaccinations to homeless individuals.
- ★ Members of the **Weber-Morgan MRC (UT)** responded to the Avon Fire by providing medical support at an evacuation shelter.

## Strengthening the MRC Network and Enhancing Connectivity with Partners

- ★ As part of the program's monthly Well Check Webinar series, MRC staff hosted a webinar on August 7 focused on success stories at large, urban MRCs. A recording is archived on the [MRC website](#).
- ★ MRC Program Director Esmeralda Pereira attended the Oklahoma MRC Volunteer Workshop in Oklahoma City in early August.
- ★ The Region 1 (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT) and Region 3 (DC, DE, MD, PA, VA, and WV) MRC Liaisons facilitated the new leader webinar.
- ★ The Region 2 (NJ, NY, PR, and VI) MRC Liaison supported the development of the NJ MRC's October statewide training.
- ★ The Region 4 (AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN) MRC Liaison provided MRC website training resources to unit leaders.
- ★ The Region 5 (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, and WI) MRC Liaison attended the American Red Cross Disaster Preparedness Summit.
- ★ The Region 6 (AR, LA, NM, OK, and TX) MRC Liaison attended the ASPR Regional Incident Support Teams (RIST) training with ASPR personnel on August 14 at the Mission Support Center to understand the ASPR liaison role during a disaster.
- ★ The Region 7 (IA, KS, MO, and NE) MRC Liaison participated in a conference call with local and state officials on the redevelopment of a regional MRC unit in the Kansas City area.
- ★ The Region 8 (CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, and WY) MRC Liaison worked with the Utah MRC state coordinator to identify potential speakers for the annual Utah MRC conference, which will focus on disaster mental health.
- ★ The Region 9 (AZ, CA, HI, NV, Guam, American Samoa, CNMI, FSMI, RMI, and Palau) MRC Liaison monitored and reported the efforts of MRC units in Hawaii as they responded to Hurricane Lane.
- ★ The Region 10 (AK, ID, OR, and WA) MRC Liaison participated in a two-day regional ASPR liaison program workshop that focused on ESF-8 structure and function during a response.



**Pictured:** (Left) At a National Night Out event in Exmore on August 7, 2018, the Eastern Shore MRC (VA) distributed various preparedness items and information, including tick removal kits, Zika prevention kits, prescription drug deactivation kits, insect repellent, hand sanitizer, and hurricane guides; (Right) The Rhode Island MRC (RI) operated a field hospital at the Newport Jazz Festival from August 3 to August 5, treating patients for a variety of issues.

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