



# Medical Reserve Corps

Volunteers Building Strong, Healthy, and Prepared Communities

## Medical Reserve Corps Monthly Report: July 2018

### Monthly at a Glance



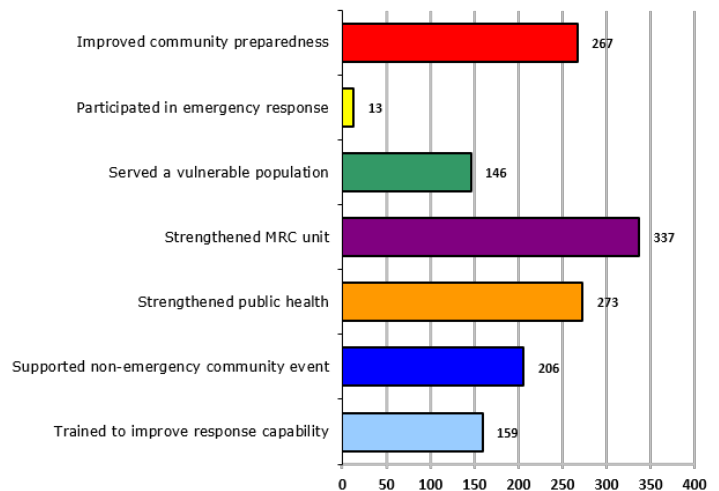
**910** MRC units

**190,905** volunteers

MRC units collectively devoted over 505 hours to providing first aid and medical care at Fourth of July celebrations.



### 523 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

- ★ The **Manasota MRC (FL)** provided emergency medical rehabilitation to over forty firefighters who were responding to a large fire in biodiesel storage tank.
- ★ The **Allentown Volunteer MRC (PA)** devoted over 25 hours to assisting with a free summer lunch program at the Allentown Health Bureau for anyone 18 or younger. 100% of students in the Allentown School District qualify for free lunches during the school year, so the program helps meet the needs of these students during the summer.
- ★ The **Rhode Island MRC (RI)** helped set up and operate a field hospital at the Bristol Fourth of July parade, treating 50 patients.
- ★ 138 members of the **Texas State Guard Medical Brigade MRC (TX)** volunteered 9,862 hours in assisting with Operation Lone Star, which is a large-scale public health exercise and medical service delivery event for thousands of medically underserved members of the Rio Grande Valley community. Volunteers assisted with thousands of immunizations, diabetes screenings, basic optometry, and dental and physical exams.
- ★ The **Eastern Shore MRC (VA)**, in partnership with the NASA/Wallops Flight Facility Visitor Center, the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, the Assateague Island National Seashore, and the Delmarva Space Science Foundation, provided a first aid unit at the Astronomy & Night Sky Summer Series on July 13. In addition, volunteers passed out insect repellent, ZIKA kits, tick removal kits, and drug deactivation packets to the public.

## 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 July 10 on the topic of rural MRCs and their success stories. A recording is archived on the [MRC website](#).
- ★ The MRC Program led the ASPR/HOSA Public Health Leadership Scholars Seminar in Washington, DC, on July 9-13, 2018.
- ★ MRC Program Director Esmeralda Pereira was the speaker for the MRC State Coordinator Webinar on Thursday, July 19.
- ★ The Region 2 (NJ, NY, PR, and VI) MRC Liaison participated in the United Nations' Volunteerism and Community Resilience meeting and report launch.
- ★ The Region 3 (DC, DE, MD, PA, VA, and WV) MRC liaison participated in a discussion with the Illinois Dept. of Health and the Chicago Dept. of health regarding how the [emPower](#) system can be used during an emergency.
- ★ The Region 4 (AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN) MRC Liaison participated in the Unified Planning Coalition Meeting with Emergency Support Function #8 state and federal partners in St. Augustine, FL. The liaison also discussed ways the MRC can support the mission of the Hospital Preparedness Program.
- ★ The Region 5 (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, and WI) MRC Liaison hosted the quarterly Region 5 MRC meeting and participated in the Ohio quarterly state meeting.
- ★ The Region 8 (CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, and WY) MRC Liaison met with the Colorado Hospital Association and ASPR partners to promote MRC engagement.
- ★ The Region 9 (AZ, CA, HI, NV, Guam, American Samoa, CNMI, FSMI, RMI, and Palau) MRC Liaison had a face-to-face meeting with the new State Coordinator for Nevada.
- ★ The Region 10 (AK, ID, OR, and WA) MRC Liaison participated in the Oregon State MRC meeting, providing guidance to transitioning unit leaders.



**Pictured: (Upper Left)** The Eastern Shore MRC (VA) provided a first aid unit at the Astronomy & Night Sky Summer Series on July 13; **(Lower Left)** the Orleans County NY Valor MRC (NY) brought Hahn the Preparedness Hound to the local concerts in the park series; **(Right)** Manasota MRC (FL) volunteers provided medical rehabilitation to firefighters battling a fire in a biodiesel storage tank.

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