



# Medical Reserve Corps

*Volunteers Building Strong, Healthy, and Prepared Communities*

## Medical Reserve Corps Monthly Report: July 2019

### Monthly at a Glance



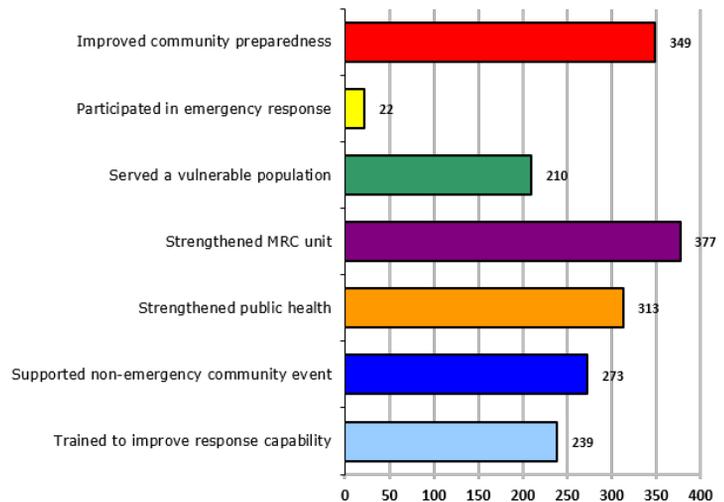
**854** MRC units

**179,842** volunteers

MRC volunteers devoted more than **200** hours to emergency responses relating to severe weather.



### 621 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

- ★ Medical volunteers with the **Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps (MA)** assisted with emergency shelter operations after tornadoes touched down and caused widespread power outages.
- ★ In response to Tropical Storm Barry, members of the **New Orleans Medical Reserve Corps (LA)** staffed a call center and shelter.
- ★ After a severe lightning storm, the **Ottawa County Medical Reserve Corps (MI)** deployed with the Community Emergency Response Team to assist in tree limb and debris removal. In addition, the **Newaygo County MRC (MI)** activated an emergency operations center in response to the power outages caused by the thunderstorms.
- ★ Volunteers with the **Hendricks County Medical Reserve Corp (IN)** staffed a cooling center established in response to an excessive heat warning. Other MRC units that established cooling centers in July included the **Upper Merrimack Valley Medical Reserve Corps (MA)** and the **Town of East Longmeadow Medical Reserve Corps (MA)**.
- ★ Rapid deployment team members of the **Allentown Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps (PA)** deployed to a family reunification center after a hazardous materials spill forced the evacuation of a day care center.
- ★ Members of the **New Mexico State Defense MRC (NM)** completed training in emergency field first aid and trauma care and learned about search and rescue.

## 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 9 that focused on MRC unit best practices in establishing community partnerships. A recording is archived on the [MRC website](#).
- ★ The Region 3 (DC, DE, MD, PA, VA, and WV) MRC Liaison met with the Pennsylvania MRC State Coordinator in Philadelphia to provide technical assistance and learn more about Pennsylvania's MRC units.
- ★ The Region 4 (AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN) MRC Liaison attended a Region IV Emergency Support Function #8 meeting in Tennessee.
- ★ The Region 6 (AR, LA, NM, OK, and TX) MRC Liaison discussed with the Arkansas MRC State Coordinator the potential development of three new MRC units to support responses in Arkansas.
- ★ The Region 8 (CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, and WY) MRC Liaison attended a meeting with the Colorado Department of Homeland Security, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, the Colorado Department of Human Services, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency on community inclusion strategies and how to integrate all members of a community, including those with access and functional needs, into emergency planning.
- ★ The Region 9 (AZ, CA, HI, NV, Guam, American Samoa, CNMI, FSMI, RMI, and Palau) MRC Liaison participated in a conference call with MRC units in Hawaii to discuss their upcoming participation in the Stop Flu at School vaccination program.
- ★ The Region 10 (AK, ID, OR, and WA) MRC Liaison met with the Oregon MRC State Coordinator to discuss the status of new and transitioning units.



**Pictured: (above)** The Southeast Nebraska Medical Reserve Corps (NE) provided first aid at a Fourth of July celebration in Seward, Nebraska, where they treated several community members for heat-related illnesses.

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