



# Medical Reserve Corps

Volunteers Building Strong, Healthy, and Prepared Communities

## Medical Reserve Corps Monthly Report: November 2018

### Monthly at a Glance



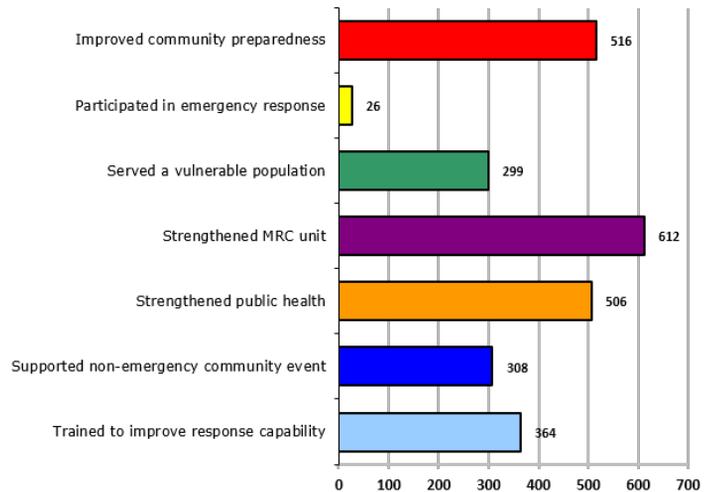
**891** MRC units

**189,011** volunteers

More than **445** MRC members volunteered over **7,640** hours in response to the Camp Fire in California.



### 922 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

- ★ Several MRC units responded to the Camp Fire in Butte County, California:
  - ★ The **Contra Costa County MRC (CA)** deployed a team to provide medical care to evacuees in a general population American Red Cross (ARC) shelter. The shelter had a Norovirus outbreak and several evacuees with chronic medical needs.
  - ★ Over 360 members of the **California Veterinary MRC (CA)** deployed to provide care at animal shelters.
  - ★ Members of the **UC Davis Veterinary Emergency Response Team MRC (CA)** participated in search and rescue for animals affected by the fire and provided fairground sheltering and wellness checks for the animals.
  - ★ The **Sacramento MRC (CA)** helped with shelter operations.
- ★ In response to Hurricane Michael, **Okaloosa - Walton MRC (FL)** volunteers distributed aid, supported the local Emergency Operations Center and a functional and access needs shelter, and gathered supplies to send to affected counties.
- ★ **Upper Valley MRC (NH)** volunteers responded to Winter Storm Bruno by monitoring the medical care of community members at an ARC warming shelter that was set up for those who had lost power and heat in their homes.

## 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 November 6 focused on ASPR TRACIE (Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange), including specific topic collections and resources that may be of interest to the MRC network. A recording is archived on the [MRC website](#).
- ★ The Region 1 (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT) MRC Liaison attended the MA Quarterly State MRC Advisory meeting and provided a national program brief.
- ★ The Region 2 (NJ, NY, PR, and VI) MRC Liaison participated in the after-action debrief related to NJ's statewide training summit for MRC volunteers. The Liaison identified pitfalls and sought corrective actions for future programming.
- ★ The Region 5 (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, and WI) MRC Liaison held several meetings with the National Guard Regional Medical Officer to discuss collaboration and presenting at the next MRC meeting.
- ★ The Region 6 (AR, LA, NM, OK, and TX) MRC Liaison attended a regional meeting with ASPR leadership and state representatives of the hospital preparedness program to discuss how MRC volunteers can respond through Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) requests to disasters across the country. The meeting participants also discussed other potential volunteer opportunities for MRC members.
- ★ The Region 9 (AZ, CA, HI, NV, Guam, American Samoa, CNMI, FSMI, RMI, and Palau) MRC Liaison continued to work with the State of California on Camp Fire volunteer opportunities.
- ★ The Region 10 (AK, ID, OR, and WA) MRC Liaison participated in the regional ASPR coordination calls, including calls discussing the November earthquake in Alaska; some discussions focused on utilizing volunteers to fulfill Alaska's EMAC request.



**Pictured: (Left)** Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands - CNMI MRC volunteers conducted a CASPER (Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response) after Typhoon Yutu on November 3; **(Center)** New Orleans MRC (LA) members provided flu shots at Joe Brown Park in New Orleans; **(Right)** NYC MRC (NY) volunteers participated in a full-scale medical surge exercise at Mount Sinai West in New York City.

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