Medical Reserve Corps

Volunteers Building Strong, Healthy, and Prepared Communities

Medical Reserve Corps Monthly Report: November 2019

Monthly at a Glance

844 MRC units
178,895 volunteers

MRC units devoted more than 900 hours to vaccination activities, including flu and hepatitis A vaccinations.

713 MRC activities reported

- Improved community preparedness: 410
- Participated in emergency response: 16
- Served a vulnerable population: 286
- Strengthened MRC unit: 476
- Strengthened public health: 267
- Supported non-emergency community event: 201
- Trained to improve response capability: 294

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.

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- The Snohomish County Medical Reserve Corps (WA) staffed a cold weather shelter for nine nights to provide shelter to 34 guests.
- In response to a hepatitis A exposure, Somerset County Medical Reserve Corps (NJ) volunteers helped administer hepatitis A vaccinations at three clinics held by the Somerset County Department of Health. Volunteers with the Hunterdon County Medical Reserve Corps (NJ) also assisted at the vaccination clinics. In addition, other MRC units across the country responded to hepatitis A outbreaks, including the Upstate Public Health Reserve Corps (SC), the Maricopa County Public Health Medical Reserve Corps (AZ), the Medical Reserve Corps of Hennepin County (MN), the Medical Reserve Corps of Eastern Washington (WA), and the Medical Reserve Corps of Boulder County (CO).
- After a tornado struck Delaware County, Pennsylvania, the Delaware County Medical Reserve Corps (PA) established a reception center for evacuees from impacted areas in Thornbury and Edgemont Townships.
- The Sawyer County MRC (WI) helped find and rescue several missing hikers and hunters.
- The Manasota Medical Reserve Corps (FL) provided medical support for the annual Tidewell Hospice Turkey Trot 5K Race.
As part of the program’s monthly Well Check Webinar series, MRC staff hosted a webinar on November 5 that focused on strategic planning and building a roadmap for MRC units, including samples, tips, and promising practices from two experienced unit leaders and an MRC Regional Liaison. A recording is archived on the MRC website.

The Region 1 (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT) MRC Liaison attended the Regional Disaster Health Response System New Hampshire State review and intake meeting on November 15 in Concord, New Hampshire.

The Region 3 (DC, DE, MD, PA, VA, and WV) MRC Liaison participated in the National Capital Region Medical Reserve Corps Regional Meeting and provided technical assistance and resources as requested.

The Region 5 (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, and WI) MRC Liaison attended the MRC Association of Cook County’s Strategic Planning Meeting with the Illinois State MRC Coordinator.

The Region 6 (AR, LA, NM, OK, and TX) MRC Liaison attended Region 6 strategic planning meetings organized by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), discussing opportunities for collaboration between MRC units and federal agencies.

The Region 9 (AZ, CA, HI, NV, Guam, American Samoa, CNMI, FSMI, RMI, and Palau) MRC Liaison helped plan for an ASPR Region 9 full-scale exercise in 2020.

Pictured: During a fire department “house burn” training exercise, the Southeast Nebraska Medical Reserve Corps (NE) supported firefighter rehab.

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