



# Medical Reserve Corps

*Volunteers Building Strong, Healthy, and Prepared Communities*

## Medical Reserve Corps Monthly Report: October 2018

### Monthly at a Glance



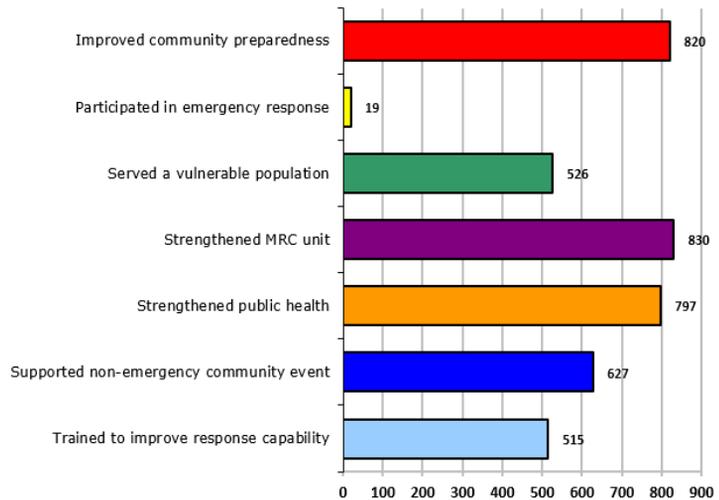
**889** MRC units

**188,378** volunteers

MRC volunteers devoted more than **675** hours responding to emergencies relating to Hurricanes Florence, Michael, and Rosa.



### 1,331 MRC activities reported



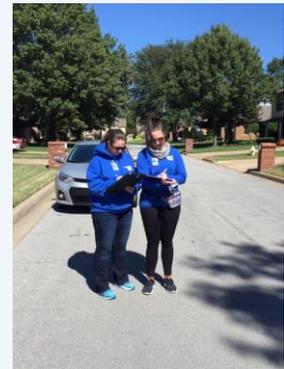
*The number of activities notes the number of unique entries by MRC unit leaders for the current month. MRC unit leaders also select impact areas for each activity, which may include multiple categories. Thus, the numbers in the bar chart may not equal the total number of activities.*

### MRC: Building Strong, Healthy, and Prepared Communities

- ★ A number of MRC units responded to hurricanes:
  - ★ A nurse with the **MRC of Southern Arizona (AZ)** responded to an American Red Cross (ARC) request for support in a shelter established for evacuees from Hurricane Rosa flooding in Arizona.
  - ★ The **Delaware Veterinary MRC (DE)** provided care for cats displaced from a Jacksonville, Florida, shelter by Hurricane Michael.
  - ★ In response to Hurricane Florence, volunteers with the **Lawrence County MRC (KY)**, the **Northeast CT MRC (CT)**, and the **South Central NH MRC (NH)** deployed to North Carolina to assist at an ARC shelter.
- ★ The **Delaware County MRC (PA)** contacted victims of flooding to help them with recovery efforts.
- ★ The **ALCO MRC (CA)** participated in a state-wide tabletop exercise that simulated the response to an emerging infectious disease. The exercise tested the medical surge capacity and how it would benefit pediatric and vulnerable populations, responder health and safety, and information sharing.
- ★ The **Sawyer County MRC (WI)** participated in several emergency search-and-rescue operations.
- ★ Several MRC units were on standby for emergency responses, including the **Pinellas County MRC (FL)**, the **University of Georgia MRC (GA)**, and the **Portage County MRC (OH)**.

## 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 October 2 focused on disaster behavioral health programs, resources, and available training and technical assistance. A recording is archived on the [MRC website](#).
- ★ The Region 1 (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT) MRC Liaison attended the Connecticut Semi-Annual MRC Advisory meeting, where she assisted with developing a statewide MRC strategic plan.
- ★ The Region 2 (NJ, NY, PR, and VI) MRC Liaison supported the development and execution of the NJ MRC's October statewide training.
- ★ The Region 3 (DC, DE, MD, PA, VA, and WV) MRC Liaison attended the Delaware County MRC (PA) Volunteer Recognition Award Dinner, where awards were given for service, appreciation, and Volunteer of the Year.
- ★ The Region 5 (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, and WI) MRC Liaison participated in a discussion hosted by ASPR to assist the WI state Health Dept. as they plan for recovery efforts due to severe flooding and storms.
- ★ The Region 6 (AR, LA, NM, OK, and TX) MRC Liaison attended the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Regional Interagency Steering Committee Meeting in Denton, TX, to highlight MRC engagement in Region 6.
- ★ The Region 8 (CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, and WY) MRC Liaison talked with the new Utah Citizen Corps coordinator, who plans to support growth and promotion of the MRC in Utah.
- ★ The Region 9 (AZ, CA, HI, NV, Guam, American Samoa, CNMI, FSMI, RMI, and Palau) MRC Liaison provided technical assistance to Mendocino County on potentially developing an MRC unit.
- ★ The Region 10 (AK, ID, OR, and WA) MRC Liaison attended and participated in the Hale Borealis Forum, where she discussed with senior leadership the feasibility of forming new MRC units in Alaska and learned about promising practices from the emergency management community.



**Pictured: (Left)** Members of the Cabell-Wayne MRC (WV) assisted at a local flu vaccination event; **(Center)** a volunteer with the Oklahoma MRC played the role of a patient requiring decontamination in a scenario simulating the response to an airplane runway crash at Lawton-Fort Sill Regional Airport; **(Right)** volunteers with the Oklahoma Region 7 – Tulsa County MRC (OK) conducted household surveys in Tulsa County, OK, to determine the county's preparedness, which will help future response efforts.

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