



Medical Reserve Corps

Volunteers Building Strong, Healthy, and Prepared Communities

Medical Reserve Corps Monthly Report: September 2018

Monthly at a Glance



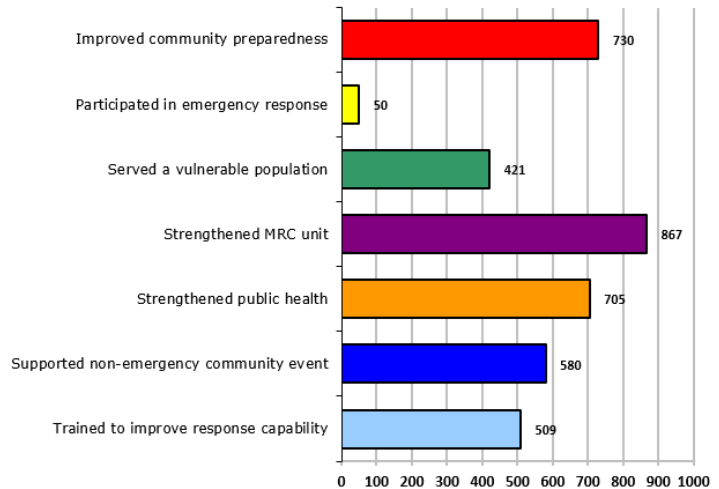
889 MRC units

188,184 volunteers

Over **130** MRC volunteers participated in activities related to Hurricane Florence, including staffing medical needs shelters, an animal evacuation hub, and mobile disaster hospitals, as well as supporting an Emergency Operations Center.



1,374 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

- ★ In response to gas explosions in Northern Massachusetts, five local MRC units—the **Greater River Valley MRC (MA)**, the **Upper Merrimack Valley MRC (MA)**, the **Mystic Valley MRC (MA)**, the **North Shore-Cape Anne Emergency Preparedness Coalition MRC (MA)**, and the **Topsfield Regional MRC (MA)**—provided medical care at evacuation shelters and behavioral health support at claim centers.
- ★ Multiple MRC units responded to Hurricane Florence, including the following:
 - ★ The **Capital MRC (NC)** deployed at least 40 volunteers to three state medical support shelters, one general population shelter, and two mobile disaster hospitals.
 - ★ **Pee Dee Public Health Reserve Corps (SC)** volunteers supported access and functional needs shelters and the regional coordination center in the Pee Dee region.
 - ★ Volunteers from the **Portsmouth Health District MRC (VA)**, the **Henrico and Chickahominy MRC (VA)**, the **Southeastern Healthcare Preparedness Region MRC (NC)**, and the **Alexandria MRC (VA)** deployed to North Carolina to assist with shelter operations, while **Choctaw Nation MRC (OK)** volunteers deployed to North Carolina to support the Bladen County Emergency Operations Center.
- ★ The **MRC of Southern Arizona (AZ)**, the **Fairfield Easton MRC (CT)**, the **Delaware Veterinary MRC (DE)**, the **Georgia Veterinary MRC (GA)**, the **Midlands Public Health Reserve Corps (SC)**, the **Virginia Beach MRC (VA)**, the **Three Rivers MRC (VA)**, and other MRC units also carried out activities relating to Hurricane Florence.
- ★ In response to Tropical Storm Olivia, the **Oahu MRC (HI)** deployed to help with health services in shelters.

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 September 11 focused on MRC involvement in emergency responses. A recording is archived on the [MRC website](#).
- ★ The Region 1 (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT) MRC Liaison attended the New Hampshire statewide MRC meeting, fielding programmatic questions and providing information on the MRC national program.
- ★ The Region 2 (NJ, NY, PR, and VI) MRC Liaison served as a presenter on the FEMA Region II webinar for national preparedness month, discussing the Region 2 MRC program.
- ★ With the Region 4 (AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN) MRC Liaison position vacant, the Region 3 (DC, DE, MD, PA, VA, and WV) MRC Liaison and the Region 8 (CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, and WY) MRC Liaison monitored and reported the efforts of MRC units in the South as they responded to Hurricane Florence.
- ★ The Region 5 (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, and WI) MRC Liaison presented at the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Training Summit on the importance of building relationships between MRC units and emergency managers.
- ★ The Region 6 (AR, LA, NM, OK, and TX) MRC Liaison met with HHS colleagues, representatives of Grambling University, Louisiana clergy, and Louisiana State Health Department staff to discuss unmet needs in the northern portion of the state and the potential for developing MRC units there.
- ★ The Region 7 (IA, KS, MO, and NE) MRC Liaison participated in the Missouri Citizen Corps Council Committee conference call on September 27, 2018.
- ★ The Region 8 (CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, and WY) MRC Liaison met with the Region 8 Area Red Cross Nurse Manager, the Colorado Department of Health, and the Rocky Mountain MRC to discuss expanding medical shelter operations/training to all MRC units in Colorado.
- ★ The Region 9 (AZ, CA, HI, NV, Guam, American Samoa, CNMI, FSMI, RMI, and Palau) MRC Liaison monitored preparedness activities in Hawaii relating to Hurricane Olivia.
- ★ The Region 10 (AK, ID, OR, and WA) MRC Liaison provided an overview of the MRC program to several counties in the Olympic Peninsula of WA to promote the potential development of new MRC units.



Pictured: (Left) North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper posed with Virginia MRC volunteers (and others) who were supporting shelters in North Carolina after Hurricane Florence; **(Right)** MRC volunteers from New Jersey assisted at a shelter in North Carolina after Hurricane Florence.

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