



# Medical Reserve Corps

*Volunteers Building Strong, Healthy, and Prepared Communities*

## Medical Reserve Corps Quarterly Report: FY2019 Quarter 2 (January 1 – March 31, 2019)

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a national network of local volunteers with a mission to strengthen public health; reduce vulnerabilities; improve emergency preparedness, response, and recovery capabilities; and build community resilience. MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals and other community members interested in improving the health and safety of their local jurisdictions.

### MRC: This Quarter By the Numbers



**867** MRC units  
**185,175** volunteers



**0** new MRC units registered  
**18** MRC units de-registered



MRC units in Alabama and Mississippi devoted more than **2,100** hours to emergency responses related to tornados.



MRC members from 11 states volunteered more than **5,000** hours in response to emergencies related to winter weather.



Over 140 MRC members responded to flooding emergencies in Nebraska, Iowa, and Mississippi, volunteering more than **1,000** hours.



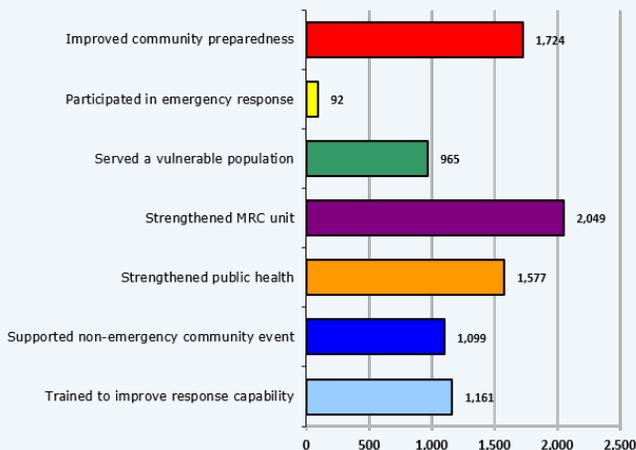
MRC volunteers devoted more than **2,100** hours to emergency responses to measles outbreaks in Washington and New York.

## MRC: At Work in our Communities

This quarter, **485 MRC units** reported a total of **3,013 activities**.

- **92** emergency-related
- **2,921** non-emergency

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



### Emergency and/or Response-Related Activities

- ★ Members of the **Albuquerque Healthcare Coalition MRC (NM)** provided medical assistance and language translation services at clinics set up to assess migrants' health.
- ★ In response to the Camp Fire in California, members of the **Sacramento MRC (CA)** provided medical care to people at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds shelter in Chico, California. In addition, medical volunteers with the **Contra Costa MRC (CA)** cared for evacuees in a clinic at a general population shelter maintained by the American Red Cross.
- ★ Medical volunteers with the **Santa Cruz County Medical Reserve Corps of California (CA)** deployed to shelters in response to the Camp Fire and provided medical assistance. The **UC Davis Veterinary Emergency Response Team MRC (CA)** also responded to the Camp Fire, providing vaccinations and preventive care to unclaimed pets and stray cats and dogs so that the animals have a greater chance of being adopted.
- ★ After a rainstorm caused the mandatory evacuation of the Thomas Fire burn scar areas in California, the **Santa Barbara County MRC (CA)** staffed an emergency call center at an emergency operations center.
- ★ After a winter storm caused power outages affecting 200,000 people, the **Kent County MRC (MI)** assisted in an emergency operations center and at warming shelters in the county. The **Ottawa County MRC (MI)** and the **Montcalm-Ionia MRC (MI)** also assisted with the response. In addition, the **Muskegon County MRC (MI)** opened shelters in response to several apartment buildings having no heat during the cold conditions.
- ★ In response to cold weather conditions, physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, and paramedics with the **Multnomah County MRC (OR)** performed basic medical triage at warming centers in Multnomah County, Oregon.
- ★ In response to Winter Storm Ryan and the significant snow accumulations it caused, volunteers with the **Marion County MRC (OR)** used a track-mounted utility vehicle called a MULE to move through the snow-covered streets and check on home-bound individuals in a remote area.
- ★ The **Snohomish County Medical Reserve Corps (WA)** operated a cold weather shelter for many nights in January, February, and March. Other MRC units that operated cold weather shelters included the **Stafford County Medical Reserve Corps (NH)**, the **Carroll County MRC (NH)**, the **Rutland- Addison County Medical Reserve Corps (VT)**, the **Chittenden County Medical Reserve Corps (VT)**, the **Hendricks County MRC (IN)**, the **New Orleans MRC (LA)**, and the **Eau Claire County Medical Reserve Corps (WI)**.

## Emergency and/or Response-Related Activities (continued)

- ★ The **PROJECT H.E.L.P. USA MRC (AL)** provided a variety of medical services in response to an F4 tornado in Lee County, Alabama. MRC volunteers triaged tornado victims, provided first aid, and verified and replaced medication. The **Black Belt MRC - Macon and Bullock County, AL (AL)** also responded to the tornado, assisting the county sheriff's office and local emergency management agencies with debris cleanup. In addition, the **PROJECT H.E.L.P. USA MRC (AL)** responded to the Elmore County F2 tornadoes in Wetumpka and Eclectic, Alabama.
- ★ The crisis counseling team with the **Mississippi Behavioral Health MRC (MS)** provided mental health counseling at shelters to individuals affected by a tornado in Lowndes County, Mississippi.
- ★ In response to flooding in the Omaha, Nebraska, area, the **Southeast Nebraska Medical Reserve Corps (NE)** provided first aid, including psychological care, at two shelters in the greater Omaha area, and the **Eastern Nebraska/Western Iowa Medical Reserve Corps (NE)** provided shelter assistance in Nebraska.
- ★ In response to flooding in North Iowa, the **North Iowa CERT & MRC (IA)** pre-deployed shelter trailers to sites, delivered sandbags to communities, prepared for possible evacuation of several apartment complexes, supported an emergency operations center, and delivered pumps to communities.
- ★ The **Knox County MRC (KY)** helped identify shelters for individuals displaced by flooding.
- ★ The **Pierce County Medical Reserve Corps (WA)**, the **Thurston County Medical Reserve Corps (WA)**, the **Snohomish County Medical Reserve Corps (WA)**, and the **Medical Reserve Corps of Eastern Washington (WA)** helped Clark County, Washington, respond to the measles outbreak. MRC volunteers assisted with surveillance, case investigation, and contact investigations.
- ★ In response to a measles outbreak in New York, the **Orange County Medical Reserve Corps (NY)** sent one Spanish translator and two immunizers to deliver MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine to a non-English speaking group of custodial workers assigned to a convalescent home. The MRC staff helped immunize 40 people at the point of dispensing.
- ★ Working with the Florida Department of Health, the **Southwest Florida MRC (FL)** provided hepatitis A and influenza vaccinations to high-risk populations.
- ★ The **Nassau County Department of Health Medical Reserve Corps (NY)** helped with a vaccination point of dispensing for the public who were potentially exposed to hepatitis A. Volunteers assisted in administering vaccine and immune globulin over a two-day period. The volunteers also provided mental health support.

## Non-Emergency / Steady State Activities

- ★ The **Medical Reserve Corps of Puerto Rico (PR)** participated in a chemical decontamination response full-scale exercise.
- ★ The **East Central Health District MRC (GA)** supported a Strategic National Stockpile point-of-dispensing exercise in Jefferson County, Georgia.
- ★ During the State of the Union at the U.S. Capitol, the **George Washington University Medical Faculty Associates MRC (DC)** was on standby at the request of the D.C. Fire and Emergency Management Services in case there was a medical emergency.
- ★ The **Montgomery County MRC (TX)** exercised their ability to respond to bioterrorism by setting up a point of dispensing at a local high school and measuring how quickly they were able to dispense medication.
- ★ Members of the **MRC Los Angeles (CA)** trained for responding to pandemic influenza, learning the procedures for addressing challenging situations during deployments.

## Non-Emergency / Steady State Activities (continued)

- ★ The **New Orleans Medical Reserve Corps (LA)** staffed basic first aid stations along Mardi Gras parade routes for 10 days to reduce calls to emergency medical services and hospital transports.
- ★ Members of the **Denton County Medical Reserve Corps (TX)** participated in a training on emergency responses to domestic biological incidents, learning appropriate response actions and containment measures.
- ★ The **Ottawa County Medical Reserve Corps (MI)** participated in a two-day training on medical preparedness and response for bombing incidents.
- ★ The **University of Georgia Medical Reserve Corps (GA)** took part in a wilderness first aid course that provided the knowledge and skills necessary to safely respond to and treat common injuries and illnesses experienced by individuals in the backcountry or when individuals are separated from immediate care by time, distance, or circumstances.
- ★ Volunteers with the **Kent County MRC (DE)** received training in shelter operations, learning the type of care to be provided and medical protocols.
- ★ The **Manasota Medical Reserve Corps (FL)** assisted Manatee County emergency medical services with medical care at the fourth annual Bradenton Area River Regatta in Palmetto and Bradenton, Florida.
- ★ Volunteers with **Anne Arundel County MD Responds (MD)** participated in the U.S. Naval Academy full-scale active shooter exercise in Annapolis, Maryland, which involved triaging and transporting “victims” to local hospitals.
- ★ The **Clark County MRC (OH)** took part in the West Central Ohio Regional Radiological Exercise, which involved a hypothetical scenario positing that a 15-kiloton improvised nuclear device had exploded in Indianapolis, Indiana. The training provided needed education on radiation exposures and treatments as well as how to set up and run a community reception center.



### Reminder for the MRC Network

The next Well Check Webinar is scheduled for 2 p.m. EST on June 4 and will focus on points of dispensing and mass vaccination clinics.

During a mass-casualty incident drill, the Berkeley MRC (CA) responded to a hypothetical scenario involving an earthquake on the University of California Berkeley Campus and numerous injured victims in a parking garage. MRC members triaged and transported other members, who role played as victims, to the treatment area.