

Encourage your family and friends to join the DC-MRC to volunteer

"In an Emergency you want to know there are people you can depend on. That is why Delaware County created the **Medical Reserve Corps or MRC** to register and train volunteers to serve in local, state and national emergencies. MRC is seeking medical and non-medical volunteers to join its ranks. To volunteer contact the **Delaware General Health District** at (740) 203-2081 or log onto www.delawarehealth.org/DC-MRC.html."

What is next?

- **Contact DC-MRC (lux@delawarehealth.org)**
- **Register on State Website www.serveohio.org**
- **Get Trained (online)**
- **Get MRC Badges**
- **Attend Orientation Session**
- **Background checks**



September 2008
wind storm
damage in Ohio



"The Medical Reserve Corps is one way that health professionals can volunteer during large scale emergencies, such as an influenza epidemic, a chemical spill, or an act of terrorism."

Tommy Thompson
Secretary
U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services



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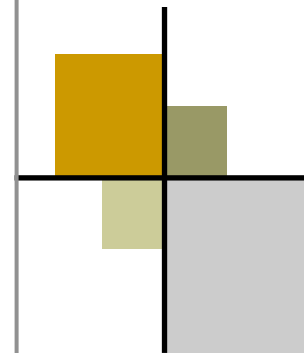


DC-MRC



VOLUNTEER

**In a public health
emergency...**



The Delaware General Health District operates in accordance
with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The Medical Reserve Corps mission on a national level is simple -- to help communities be better prepared to deal with disaster



What is the Medical Reserve Corps ?

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Program was officially launched as a national, community-based movement in July 2002. It was formed in response to President Bush's call to all Americans to offer volunteer service in their communities.

Why join MRC?

Major emergencies and disasters involving injury or disease to large numbers of people can overwhelm full-time emergency response personnel within the first 12 to 72 hours. Volunteers can provide an important "surge" capacity during these critical early hours and supplement medical and health personnel shortages.

The MRC helps fill these gaps with volunteers who have been organized, trained, assigned and pre-credentialed **to assist where their expertise is best applied.**

What Do Volunteers Do?

Activities in which volunteers can expect to be involved vary greatly depending on the situation at hand, the training and experience of the volunteer.

There are many different types of activities volunteers may consider:

- **Mass Immunization/Prophylaxis Site (MIPS)** - In the event of a biological outbreak the state and county health departments will be responsible for setting up dispensing clinics across the state to provide the public with life-saving medications or vaccines.
- **Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Warehouse** - In the event of a biological outbreak a warehouse needs to be set up to breakdown life-saving medical supplies and transport them to MIPS locations and/or hospitals.
- **Disaster Site** - Assist with search and rescue, provide medical expertise in way of triage and mental health, assist with security by way of traffic and crowd control and run errands. You must be physically capable of handling the stress and exertion you will encounter at a disaster site.
- **Public Health Initiatives** - Assist with health department programs such as flu shots, Back-to-School Immunizations, epidemiology, surveys, public education, health fairs, and more.

Who can volunteer?

- **Physicians**
- **Physician Assistants**
- **Nurses**
- **Dentists/Dental Techs**
- **Pharmacists/ Pharmacy Techs**
- **EMT's**
- **Veterinarians**
- **Mental Health Professionals**
- **All Other Interested Citizens**

What is the DC-MRC's Mission?

The Delaware County Medical Reserve Corps, operates with community partners within the Delaware County Citizens Corps Council. Its mission is to provide assistance in time of need and at the request of local healthcare and health service agencies and the local chapter of the American Red Cross to better protect and promote the health of all who live, work, and attend school in our county.

