

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) was founded after President Bush's 2002 State of the Union Address, in which he asked all Americans to volunteer in support of their country.

MRC units are community-based and function as a way to locally organize and utilize volunteers who want to donate their time and expertise to prepare for and respond to emergencies and promote healthy living throughout the year. MRC volunteers supplement existing emergency and public health resources.



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MRC Mission: Engage volunteers to strengthen public health, emergency response and community resiliency

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is to establish teams of local volunteer medical and public health professionals who can contribute their



skills and expertise throughout the year and during times of community need.

Citizen Volunteers:

Helping our Communities,
Ready to Respond
Serving the Community of
Jefferson Parish



Medical Reserve Corp National Priorities...Meeting Local Needs

What is the Medical Reserve Corps?

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) are professional citizen volunteers willing to assist communities during public health emergencies, such as pandemic illness, natural disasters, and acts of terrorism. These volunteers are part of a group of valued potential responders who have been identified, credentialed, and trained in advance. MRC volunteers may also participate in local citizen preparedness campaigns, immunization clinics, special events, and health education.

Based on the Office of the U.S. Surgeon General, the MRC addresses local public health problems and enhances local capacity to respond to public health crises and other emergencies.

What can MRC Volunteers Do?

Support local public health, while advancing the priorities of the U.S. Surgeon General

: Promoting disease prevention

: Improving health literacy

: Enhancing public health Preparedness

MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists and veterinarians. Other community members, such as interpreters, chaplains, office workers and legal advisors, can fill other vital support positions.

Every effort will be made to match volunteers' emergency roles with their professional skills and licensure.

What kind of things do Volunteers do?

- Assistance Centers/Safe Havens/Shelters—Setup and breakdown of sites, counseling and errands.
- Administrative/Office Setting—The MRC needs assistance in tracking volunteers, setting up for programs, database entry, mailing letters and answering phones.
- 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.

- Rescue Break Site—Set up and stage the area and run errands that may be needed.

When you become a volunteer with the MRC, you join hundreds of other citizens involved in safety, security, health, and well being in their communities who are ready to make a difference when help is needed most.

VOLUNTEERING:

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 at local facilities.

The MRC helps fill these gaps with volunteers who've organized, trained, and assigned to assist where their expertise is best applied.