



“The civilian, volunteer Medical Reserve Corps serves as a wonderful example of true American patriotism. Through the work and service provided in towns, cities, and counties across the United States, MRC volunteers are making an immediate and lasting effect on the health and safety of their neighbors—and the Nation.”

Rear Admiral Kenneth P. Moritsugu, Acting Surgeon General

United States Public Health Service

The Medical Reserve Corps Program Office is based in the Office of the United States Surgeon General. It functions as a clearinghouse for information and best practices to help communities establish, implement and maintain MRC units across the nation. The MRC Program Office hosts a website, sponsors an annual leadership conference, provides technical assistance and coordinates with local, state, regional and national organizations and agencies to help communities achieve their local visions for public health and emergency preparedness.

MRC Regional Coordinators, stationed nationwide in the 10 HHS Regional Offices, also facilitate and encourage coordination between MRC units.

The Maine Township Regional Medical Reserve Corps was established To create an organization of volunteers that are drawn from the ranks of active and retired professional healthcare providers of all disciplines, first responders, EMT's and others that have a stake or significant interest in healthcare through non-professional entities that could augment and support active response protocols in times of major emergencies and or disasters.

The Maine Township Regional MRC is a cooperative effort of the Des Plaines, Park Ridge, Niles, Morton Grove, Lincolnwood, Rosemont and unincorporated Maine Township communities.

For additional information or to volunteer, please contact our office below or your local health department/community nurse.



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**Strengthening the Public
Health Infrastructure and
Improving Emergency
Preparedness**



About the Medical Reserve Corps

◆ 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** is a specialized component of Citizen Corps, a national network of volunteers dedicated to ensuring hometown security. Citizen Corps, along with the Corporation for National and Community Service, and the Peace Corps are all part of the President's USA Freedom Corps, which promotes volunteerism and service throughout the nation.

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

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

The goals of the Maine Township Regional MRC is to recruit from all levels of the healthcare industry and associations, those people willing to volunteer their time in case of an emergency or disaster.

To create an operational network that would assist specialized healthcare operations such as pharmaceutical distribution points, augment emergency operations, work with first responders for mass casualty incidents, shelter coverage, etc. During times of non-emergency assist with disaster preparedness displays, public/health education and recruitment for the RMRC and Citizen Corps programs.

There are three levels of participation in the Regional Medical Reserve Corps.

They are:

Active - for those that want to become very involved in their community.

Limited - For those that do not have as much time but want additional training as well.

Emergency - For those that wish to be utilized only during times of emergencies or disasters

Training to volunteers will be provided in the area of emergency management/disaster preparedness especially as it applies to the ICS systems and NIMS including CERT training.

What Can MRC Volunteers Do?

Support local public health initiatives and the goals of the Department of Health and Human Services' Healthy People 2010, while advancing the priorities of the Surgeon General:

- ◆ Promoting disease prevention
- ◆ Improving health literacy
- ◆ Eliminating health disparities
- ◆ Enhancing public health preparedness

Assist local hospitals and health departments with surge personnel needs.

Participate in mass prophylaxis and vaccination exercises and community disaster drills.

Train with local emergency response partners.

and more

