

## **Giving Your Best When Your Community Is In Greatest Need**

Your willingness to volunteer your skills and knowledge is what the Medical Reserve Corps is all about. It starts with individuals like you – people who care enough to pool their resources when emergencies hit close to home.

The MRC allows experienced health care providers, mental health professionals, and non-medical personnel to volunteer their expertise in times of need.

During an emergency, volunteers might be called on to enhance existing medical emergency response programs. This may include working at:

- Mass vaccination/prophylaxis sites
- Disaster shelters
- National Strategic Stockpile site
- Field treatment sites
- Hospitals and other healthcare facilities providing surge capacity support
- Community Based Care sites (healthcare facilities are destroyed or overwhelmed due to a disaster or public health emergency)

Volunteers may also be needed for other tasks, depending on the specific needs of the disaster or public health emergency.

Between emergencies, interested volunteers support public health and disaster preparedness education as well as team recruitment by attending community events and staffing an MRC information table or giving presentations. Some volunteers assist in training team members and by serving on committees to help keep the team organized.

## **Why wait?**

**Make a difference today!**



**WE ARE!**

Joining the Medical Reserve Corps provides *you* with an opportunity to make a meaningful impact in *your* community by lending *your* expertise and assistance at a time when it is most needed.

### **Some benefits of joining**

All volunteers can receive comprehensive orientation and training and will have opportunities to:

- Receive emergency preparedness information as well as personal disaster equipment and supplies
- Receive disaster and emergency response training
- Receive free professional Continuing Education Units (CEU/CME) for selected trainings
- Stay up-to-date on pressing public health issues with briefings provided by Dutchess County Dept of Health
- Become a part of a group committed to protecting the public's health
- Network with other professionals
- Develop new skills/practice old ones
- Participate in hands-on disaster drills and exercises
- Participating in a group that has made a difference in our community

## **Dutchess County Medical Reserve Corps**



**Community Volunteers:**

**Capable  
Competent  
Credentialed**

**Be a local hero....  
Join today**



## What is the Medical Reserve Corps?

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a national initiative that is a community based organized group of healthcare professionals as well as essential nonmedical personnel who can serve as volunteers during a health emergency. Volunteers perform duties that match their skills, backgrounds, interests and expertise.

## What is the mission of the MRC?

The Medical Reserve Corps of Dutchess County (DCMRC) will assist local medical and emergency service professionals and facilities in any incident within our community. Our goals are:

- To develop a capable, competent and credentialed supplemental workforce that is available to assist our community partners in any incident.
- To develop teams capable of responding to the communities need in a large-scale incident.
- To deliver a competency based education program that incorporates the MRC Core Competencies.
- To be a community recognized resource by our response partners.
- To deliver the Public Health literacy message of personal and family preparedness to the community.

## The MRC accomplishes this by:

- Recruiting, pre-credentialing and training health care professionals and nonmedical support personnel.
- Involving volunteers in response drills and exercises.
- Working with other disaster response agencies including the American Red Cross, Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response, & Dutchess County Department of Health.
- Linking interested MRC members with local public health initiatives and education campaigns for ongoing community engagement.

## Why should you join the MRC?

Joining the MRC provides you with an opportunity to make a meaningful impact in your community by lending your expertise and assistance at a time when it is most needed.

**You** can make a difference!

Having qualified, trained volunteers prior to an event allows Dutchess County to be better prepared to respond quickly, efficiently and effectively during a time of disaster or large scale medical emergency.



## Why wait?

**Make a difference today!**

**Visit our website at**

**<http://www.dutchessny.gov/MRC>**

or

**Contact the MRC Coordinator:**

**Email: [dcmrc@dutchessny.gov](mailto:dcmrc@dutchessny.gov)**

**Phone: 845-486-2080**

## Who can volunteer?

**ANYONE!** Our Team is made up of both medical and non-medical volunteers who are employed, retired and self employed. In a disaster there is a job for everyone! Training is provided to prepare you to help in any sized emergent incident.

### Medical Volunteers:

- Physicians & Physician Assistants
- Dentists & Dental Assistants
- Nurses (includes nurse practitioners, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and nurse assistants)
- Psychologists, counselors and other mental health professionals
- Pharmacists & Pharmacy technicians
- Phlebotomists
- Paramedics & Emergency Medical Technicians
- Veterinarians & Vet Assistants
- Funeral Directors and Morticians
- Epidemiologists
- Nutritionists
- X-Ray/Imaging Technicians

### Nonmedical Volunteers:

- Clerical and data entry
- Clergy
- Teachers, school administrators & teaching assistants
- Information Technology
- Translators
- Bus and truck drivers
- Contractors/Maintenance workers
- Office managers and supervisors
- Executives
- Sales, public relations and marketing
- Lawyers and paralegals
- Accountants
- Police/Security
- Dieticians/cooks/kitchen staff
- Human Resources
- Warehousing and logistics
- Stay at home parents
- Retail staff