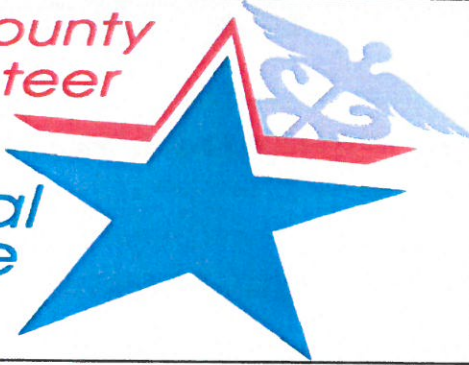


NEWSLETTER OF THE FULTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS

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THE MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS (MRC) IS A COMMUNITY-BASED, CIVILIAN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM THAT HELPS BUILD THE PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE OF COMMUNITIES NATIONWIDE. EACH MRC UNIT IS ORGANIZED AND TRAINED TO ADDRESS A WIDE RANGE OF CHALLENGES FROM PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION TO DISASTER RESPONSE.

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FULTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS. THIS IS YOUR FORUM TO BRING FORTH NEW IDEAS, HAPPENINGS, CONCERNS, AND TASKS ACCOMPLISHED. YOUR DEDICATION TO YOUR COMMUNITY IS PATRIOTIC AND DESERVING OF A GENUINE "THANK YOU."

MEETING OF THE FCVMRC:

I NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU! WHEN IS A GOOD TIME FOR US TO GET TOGETHER AS A GROUP? WE HAVE A LOT OF FLEXIBILITY ON OUR LOCATION AND TIME TO MEET, SO PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT WORKS BEST FOR YOU. THE PLAN IS FOR THIS GROUP TO MEET ONCE A QUARTER FOR INFORMATION, TRAINING, AND GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER.

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WHAT CAN MRC VOLUNTEERS DO?

SUPPORT LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH, WHILE ADVANCING THE PRIORITIES OF THE U.S. SURGEON GENERAL BY:

✓ 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!

THE 2014 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH THEME IS: "BE DISASTER AWARE, TAKE ACTION TO PREPARE"

NPM WEEKLY THEMES:

WEEK 1 - *How To...* RECONNECT WITH FAMILY AFTER A DISASTER.

WEEK 2 - *Know How To* PLAN FOR SPECIFIC NEEDS BEFORE A DISASTER.

WEEK 3 - *How To...* BUILD AN EMERGENCY KIT.

WEEK 4 & 5 - *How To...* PRACTICE FOR AN EMERGENCY.

Go to www.ready.gov/september for more information

HERE'S WHAT OTHER MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS HAVE BEEN DOING

Washington MRC Units Respond to the Oso Mudslide

On March 22, a massive mudslide buried the town of Oso, WA, a rural community in Snohomish County, 50 miles north of Seattle.



A total of 66 Snohomish County MRC volunteers responded to the disaster during the initial response period March 22 through April 8. Approximately 40 MRC volunteers replied to the request for assistance immediately, including some volunteers who had not been active in recent months and some who had not even heard the news. Snohomish County MRC supported a variety of response activities, including answering over 1,000 calls in the emergency call center, which was open 24 hours a day for the first six days.

Volunteers also provided psychological relief to responders, community members, and families; assisted at the Emergency Operations Center; and supported a clinic that became isolated because the mudslide closed a large section of the highway.

Lake County MRC Veterinary Response Team Trains Volunteers to Work with Animals in Disasters

After receiving a Competitive Capacity Building Award from NACCHO in 2012, the Lake County MRC (OH) created the Veterinary Response Team (VRT) to train members to aid animals during a disaster.

*Fall 2013 VRT Training
CPR on a dog*



Florida MRC Units Test Skills during "Key Lime RAD" Exercise

The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM), in collaboration with the Florida Department of Health (FDOH), three MRC units, and 16 other local, state, and federal response partners, recently hosted the "Key Lime RAD" Radiological Exercise at the Murray E. Nelson Government Center in Key Largo, FL.

Disaster Preparedness Expo: Prepare for Tomorrow, Today is the Day Before

May 10, 2014

Bloomington— Over the past few months members of the McLean County Association for Home & Community Education have been coordinating their annual community disaster preparedness expo titled Disaster Preparedness: Prepare for Tomorrow, Today is the Day Before. This free community event presented both indoor and outdoor exhibits of emergency response vehicles, information and local responder booths, displays, door prizes, children's games and many other activities. The expo also had special programming including a blood drive, puppet show and a featured speaker Eddy Weiss of Chansing4Life.org on severe weather and severe weather safety.

MCHD MRC volunteers hosted an informational booth promoting local emergency preparedness services including the [McLean County Functional Needs Registry](#) and the [IDOT Yellow Dot Program](#). The volunteers were kept busy as children and their families came by to participate in two emergency preparedness activities. Children of all ages practiced dialing their phone number on a tapped out hopscotch and then practiced mapping out escape routes for their homes. Children who visited all activity stations at the expo were entered into a drawing.

Work Day in Washington, IL for Tornado Clean Up

April 26, 2014

Washington – In celebration of National Volunteer Week six MCHD MRC volunteers partnered with Bethany Community Church for a tornado recovery workday in Washington, IL. MCHD MRC volunteers met at the health department in Bloomington early Saturday morning and drove to Washington where they were joined by two Tazewell County MRC volunteers. Once at the church they underwent a volunteer orientation and safety brief. They then were assigned as a team to do debris removal at a nearby creek. The volunteers enjoyed their hard day of work and look forward to doing another type of work day during National Volunteer Week next spring.



***TOGETHER. WE CAN DO MANY WONDERFUL THINGS FOR THE
RESIDENTS OF OUR COUNTY.
ALONE. THE TASK IS TOO LARGE.
JOIN. BECOME A PART OF THE FULTON COUNTY VOLUNTEER
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