

Eastern Idaho Medical Reserve Corps

National Priorities...Meeting Local Needs

What Can MRC Volunteers Do?

Support local public health initiatives and the goals of the Department of Health and Human Services' Healthy People 2010, which advance 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...



To test part of Eastern Idaho Public Health District's Public Health Preparedness Plan, a full scale exercise simulating a mass vaccination clinic was held in Rexburg in November of 2005. In a real public health emergency, MRC volunteers would be called on to assist at clinics like this.

Who Can Volunteer?

Whether you have medical skills or simply want to contribute to public health and safety, we are looking for a variety of volunteers, including but not limited to:

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| Clergy | Clerical Staff |
| Dentists & Hygienists | EMTs |
| Epidemiologists | Interpreters |
| Legal Advisors | Mental Health Specialists |
| Nurses | Pharmacists |
| Physicians | Veterinarians |

MRC units have recently responded to several national disasters, including Hurricane Katrina. They have been successful in saving lives, and providing aid to disaster victims. A trained and functioning **MRC** is an important asset to the Eastern Idaho Public Health District region, and working with other community partners will strengthen our ability to respond to an emergency.

MRC Volunteer Training:

When you sign up as a MRC volunteer, you will receive an orientation that will include:

- ★ Basic overview of preparedness efforts in Eastern Idaho
- ★ Incident Command System training
- ★ Overview of Strategic National Stockpile
- ★ Opportunities for additional training

Training exercises simulating a public health emergency will also be part of volunteer training.

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ENROLLMENT FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

How do you prefer to receive MRC info?

- Mail E-mail

If E-mail, provide your e-mail address:

Please mark the level of participation you prefer:

- Active Member:** receives MRC newsletter, advised of all trainings, drills, and exercises; advised of all non-emergency volunteer opportunities; takes additional training; and advised of all emergencies
- Limited Member:** receives MRC newsletter; and advised of drills and exercises
- Emergency-Only Member:** receives MRC newsletter; and advised of major emergency events only

Mail your completed Enrollment Form to:

Eastern Idaho Medical Reserve Corp
c/o Eastern Idaho Public Health District
1250 Hollipark Drive
Idaho Falls, ID 83401

For more information, call 533-3145



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 volunteers 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 as well as a variety of other vital support positions.

It is important to remember that you need not have a medical background to volunteer with the **MRC**.

The Eastern Idaho Medical Reserve Corps represents the following counties:

**Bonneville • Clark • Custer • Fremont
Jefferson • Lemhi • Madison • Teton**



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

To learn more about the MRC or to register as an Eastern Idaho MRC volunteer, you can visit:

www.idaho.gov/phd7

