

*Cuyahoga
County*

*medical
reserve
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History

- On September 11, 2001 thousands of volunteers showed up to help
 - No way to ID or credential
 - Not covered under liability laws
 - No Incident Command System training
 - Difficult to manage
- Needed a way to mobilize volunteers safely and effectively

Mission



The mission of the MRC is to engage volunteers to strengthen public health, emergency response and community resiliency.

MRC Affiliation



- Department of Health and Human Services
- HQ: Office of the Surgeon General
- Division of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps
- Part of USA Freedom Corps and Citizen Corps
- www.medicalreservecorps.gov

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MRC Concept

- **A pool of medical and non-medical volunteers**
- **Organized and utilized locally**
- **Identified, credentialed, trained, and prepared in advance**
- **To support existing programs and resources**

Roles



- **“Ambassadors” of the Office of the Surgeon General (OSG)**
- **Support OSG’s Priorities for Public Health**
 - **Eliminate health disparities**
 - **Improve public health preparedness**
 - **Promote health literacy**

Volunteers Needed



- Physicians
- Physician Assistants
- Nurse Practitioners
- RNs, LPNs
- Paramedics, EMTs
- Pharmacists
- Pharmacy Interns
- Dentists
- Behavioral Health Professionals
- Midwives
- Public Health Workers
- Radiology Techs
- Respiratory Techs
- Veterinarians
- Chiropractors
- Retirees
- Non-medical Personnel for Administrative Roles

Partners



- Health Departments
- Boards of Health
- Health Care Systems
- Hospitals/Clinics
- Medical Retiree Groups
- Emergency Management
- Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs)
- Police and Fire Departments
- Community-Based Disaster Groups
- Healthcare Outreach Coalitions
- Retired and Senior Volunteer Programs
- Schools and Universities
- Emergency Medical Services
- Military Organizations
- Neighborhood Associations
- City Attorney Offices
- Businesses
- Others...

Cuyahoga County MRC



- **Affiliated with the Ohio MRC**
- **Administered by the Cuyahoga County Board of Health**
 - **Point of contact for local Citizen Corps Council, state and national program office**
 - **Match community needs for emergency medical response and public health with volunteer capabilities**
 - **Strategic Planning**

Local Initiatives



- **Emergency Response**
 - Volunteer Reception Centers to process volunteers (spontaneous and/or unaffiliated)
 - Points of Dispensing (PODs) to distribute emergency medications to citizens
 - Assist those with Functional Needs in a shelter environment

Local Initiatives



- **Emergency Response** (continued)
 - Support the objectives of the National Commission on Children and Disasters
 - Family Care services (including pets) so emergency responders are free to report for duty
 - Other needs as identified

Local Initiatives



- **Public Health**
 - **Points of Dispensing (PODs) for distribution of non-emergency medications (e.g. influenza vaccine)**
 - **Other needs as identified**

Core Competencies



- **Qualities or abilities that every MRC member should have**
 - **Health, Safety & Personal Preparedness**
 - **Roles and Responsibilities of Volunteers**
 - **Public Health Activities and Incident Management**
- **Training geared toward core competencies**

Required Training



- **Are You Ready? (Preparedness)**
- **National Incident Management System**
- **Incident Command System**
- **Psychological First Aid**
- **American Red Cross Disaster Services Overview**
- **American Red Cross Shelter Operations**
- **American Red Cross Shelter Simulation**
- **Food Safety**
- **Heartsaver Bloodborne Pathogens**
- **Heartsaver AED or Healthcare Provider**
- **Heartsaver First Aid**

Optional Training



- **POD Training**
- **Children and Disasters**
- **Cultural Competency**
- **Basic Disaster Life Support**
- **Advanced Disaster Life Support**
- **Pet First Aid**
- **Animal Response I and II**
- **Terrorism Awareness and Prevention**



Liability Protection

- **Ohio Revised Code 121.404**
- **Provides liability protection during emergencies, disasters, drills and trainings**
- **Volunteer information protected from public disclosure**
- **Must be registered with Ohio Responds**
- **Must complete approved training once every three years**

Questions?

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