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About the Medical Reserve Corps



The Medical Reserve Corps is a **national network** of local groups made up of volunteers committed to improving the health, safety, and resilience of their communities.

Organized through the Office of the U.S. Surgeon General, the mission of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps is to assist local communities during a public health emergency, by providing a rapid and coordinated response using locally recruited medical, non-medical, mental health, public health, and support volunteers.

- Learn more about the national Medical Reserve Corps
- **Article: Medical Reserves Answer Call to Service** 

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Vermont Medical Reserve Corps

The Vermont Medical Reserve Corps is a part of the national program. The Vermont Department of Health is the lead agency for providing guidance and support to the state's Medical Reserve Corps units.

A Corps of Citizen Volunteers

Created by the federal government shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks, the national MRC system brings together volunteers to serve as part of their local emergency preparedness and response teams.



Medical Reserve Corps volunteers help ensure our communities are ready for a large-scale emergency or public health crisis.

Vermont Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers include medical and public health professionals, as well as non-medical volunteers who want to help strengthen the public health infrastructure and improve the preparedness and response capabilities of the state and our communities. MRC units identify, screen, train, and organize volunteers to support public health activities and augment preparedness and response efforts.

MRC units are trained and prepared to respond to emergencies.

MRC units supplement existing emergency and public health resources, including the Red Cross, local public health, fire, police, first responder, and ambulance services. Each MRC conducts its role in the way that best suits the unique challenges for its area. **The result is a collaborative effort that is prepared for large scale public health crises.**

- Sign up to become a Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer

Unit members also provide education, outreach, and health services throughout the year. Working together with the Health Department, Emergency Management, local police, first responders, community organizations, and other volunteer programs and local groups, the MRC builds awareness for public health initiatives, such as disease prevention and health literacy. All of which helps us to be better prepared for, respond to, and recover from emergencies.

- Learn more about Vermont Medical Reserve Corps units

Training and Support

The national Medical Reserve Corps program serves as a clearinghouse for information and best practices to help communities establish, implement and maintain MRC units across the nation.

The Program Office sponsors an annual leadership conference, hosts a website, and coordinates with local, state, regional and national agencies and organizations to help communities meet their goals for public health and emergency preparedness.

- [Learn more about training for volunteers](#)

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