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## WE NEED YOU!

MRC Units in Southeastern PA need your special skills – during an emergency, you can help in critical ways.



### Southeastern PA MRC volunteers are trained to provide:

- first aid support at local community events.
- medical & non-medical emergency response support.
- education on emergency, preparedness & public health topics
- select public health interventions.
- behavioral health support.

### Southeastern PA MRC provides volunteers with:

- training in emergency preparedness & response.
- a meaningful way to help after a disaster.
- opportunities to participate in preparedness drills, exercises, and real responses.
- free continuing education credits and other certification opportunities.



# SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS



## Medical Reserve Corps

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a national network of volunteers, organized locally to improve the health and safety of their communities. The MRC volunteer network was founded after the attacks of September 11, 2001, when it became clear that a pre-credentialed and trained volunteer workforce was needed to support our communities.

## Local Units

MRC units are community based and function as a way to locally organize and utilize volunteers to support healthy and strong communities. MRC units engage volunteers to strengthen public health, support community events, and prepare for and respond to disasters. MRC volunteers supplement existing local emergency and public health resources.

## Volunteers

MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals, as well as community members without healthcare backgrounds. Other community members, such as interpreters, chaplains, administrative professionals and behavioral health professionals, can fill other vital support positions. There is a role for everyone in the MRC!

## What do MRC volunteers do?

### When there is NO emergency Support local public health:

- promote disease prevention.
- provide first aid at community events.
- staff vaccination clinics.
- conduct health education & outreach.

### Prepare for emergencies:

- participate in emergency preparedness & response trainings.
- provide public health preparedness.
- train with local emergency response partners.

### Support the MRC:

- train to be in an MRC leadership role.
- share your expertise to enhance local preparedness.
- deploy to MRC event.

### During an emergency

#### Provide emergency response assistance:

- conduct medical screenings & evaluations.
- provide medications or vaccines.
- answer questions in a call center.
- provide medical and non-medical support at shelters, clinics or other field sites.
- assist with community assessments after a disaster.



**Southeastern PA MRC  
volunteers have responded to  
many emergencies, including:  
Hurricanes Irene & Sandy, H1N1  
pandemic, influenza, winter  
snow & ice storms, and large  
public gatherings, like the Papal  
Visit in 2015.**

