

# About the Medical Reserve Corps



The Medical Reserve Corps (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 community medical and emergency response systems.

MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians and epidemiologists. Other community members such as, interpreters, chaplains, office workers, and legal advisors, can fill other vital support functions.

## What can MRC Volunteers Do?

Support Local Public Health initiatives and the goals of the Local and State Health Departments.

Assist local hospitals and health departments with surge personnel needs, on site or at a treatment location during an event's initial hours, before other help arrives

Participate in community preparedness activities, such as exercises for shelters, mass prophylaxis, vaccination clinics, and other emergency scenarios

Train with local emergency response partners

## What are we doing?

Recruiting Healthcare Professionals (active AND retired) from all fields

Recruiting Administrative, Clerical and Support personnel

Matching volunteer skills to community needs

Developing plans

Training

Planning/Conducting exercises and drills to test

Emergency plans

## Benefits to the Community

An organized, team approach

Activated during emergencies or disasters

Provides a structure for effective use of resources

Ensures deployment in planned, coordinated effort consistent with community emergency response plans

Mechanism ensuring volunteers have appropriate credential for their assignments

## Benefits of Volunteering

Make a difference

Sense of pride and accomplishment through Community service and involvement

Networking and interaction with like-minded peers

New experiences and training opportunities

Learning opportunities and skill development

## Community Partners

Vigo County Fire and EMS Departments

Vigo County Emergency Management

Vigo County Sheriff Department

Indiana Conservation Officers

Terre Haute Fire Department

Terre Haute Police Department

Indiana Air National Guard

American Red Cross

Vigo County Schools Corporation

Vigo County CERT

Vigo County Sheriff's Posse

Vigo County Health Department

Departments of Public Works

Terre Haute Regional Hospital

Union Hospital

VCAER

Indiana Task Force 7



Sugar Creek Fire Department Swift Water Rescue

## WHY MRC? BECAUSE

...failure is not an option (E. Kranz, Flight Dir. Apollo 13)

... being ready to respond in an emergency does not just happen

...readiness requires planning, organization and practice

...random effort produces random results

...planning and preparation are a journey, not a destination

...no one person or agency can do it alone

...IF WE DON'T, WHO WILL?



## **We all have a role in hometown security**

Citizen Corps asks you to  
embrace the personal  
responsibility to be  
prepared; to get training in  
first aid  
and  
emergency skills;  
and to  
volunteer to support local  
emergency responders,  
disaster relief, and  
community safety.



**Search and Rescue**

## **What YOU can do**

Be personally prepared.

Learn about your school / workplace / community  
emergency response plans.

Help form Citizen Corps Councils and start the programs  
in your community

Partner with volunteer organizations, first responder and  
emergency management leadership, elected leadership,  
private sector and educational groups

Help your neighbors and your community with public  
education, risk assessment, training, and volunteer  
participation

Mentor others

*For more Information  
Or*

*Volunteer your Time  
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***Strengthening the Public  
Health Infrastructure  
and Improving  
Emergency Preparedness***



**Medical Reserve Corps**

**Meeting Local Needs**