

Southwest Florida

medical
reserve
corps



SW Florida MRC

Major Activities

- Mass casualty events
- Mass prophylaxis clinics
- Disaster mental health
- Special needs shelters
- Public health education

MRC Medical Task Forces

- Definition – professionals and support personnel, trained to respond
- Mission - to respond to a disaster in support of existing resources
- At least one team in each county, rotating and deployed as necessary
- Team composition – residence, license status, ability to respond within county
- Training in ICS, triage, basic life support, disaster behavioral health and more, depending on assignment and interests.

MRC Medical Task Force Types

- General Medical Task Forces
- Specialized Task Forces

General Medical Task Forces

- Respond to all types of disasters in triage area, hospital or clinic
- Perform triage, basic life support, first aid, administer medication and comfort victims
- Each task force composed of:
 - 2 physicians
 - 3 nurses
 - 1 mental health professional
 - 1 allied health professional
 - 3 non-medical volunteers

Specialized Medical Task Forces

Mental Health Task Forces

- Provide public education, crisis intervention for victims and critical incident stress management for MRC and health department
- Composed of mental health professionals and trained, non-professional peer support under supervision

Mass Immunization Task Forces

- Screen recipients for appropriateness
- Give injections and vaccinations and dispense oral medications
- Composed of medical and non-medical volunteers

How Disaster Management Works in Florida

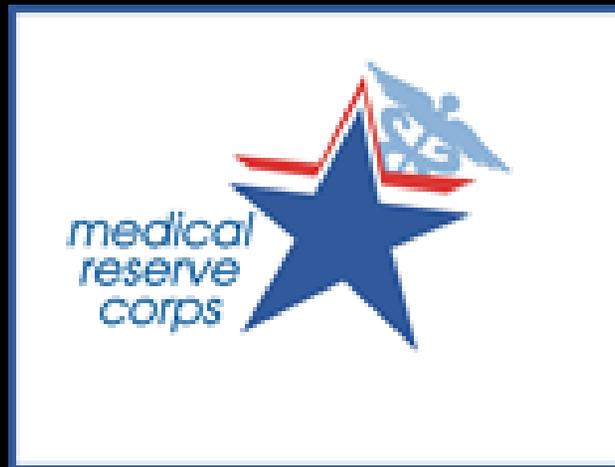
- In the field
- At the emergency operations center

Where We Fit In

- EMS and/or hospitals call for help
- Health Department deploys MRC Task Force
- Members bring selves, ID badges to CHD
- CHD issues safety vests, name tags, and staging form, then transports to location
- Task Force checks in to Incident Command and receives assignment
- When assignment completed, task force reports back to Incident Command - either gets new task or released.
- Members debriefed by MRC mental health task force

Other Responses





THANK YOU!