



# The TALON MRC



**Region VI Medical Reserve Corps Newsletter**  
**TX, AR, LA, OK, NM**



**Volunteers Building Strong, Healthy, and Prepared Communities**

This newsletter is a compilation of news and resources for MRC leaders in Region VI.

**Make sure you are on the new MRC Listserv!**

<http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov/MRCListservs>

**Is your MRC profile up to date with your current activities?**

**Are you telling the world what your MRC is doing and how you make a difference?**

<http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov/FindMRC.asp>

**The West Texas MRC in El Paso, TX donated their time to translate the MRC National Briefing Sheet into Spanish! Gracias!**

[http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov/File/MediaKit/MediaKit\\_FactSheet\\_Spanish\\_2007.pdf](http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov/File/MediaKit/MediaKit_FactSheet_Spanish_2007.pdf)

**Terry Strain of the Northwest Louisiana Medical Reserve Corps was honored in the National MRC Newsletter in the "Volunteer Spotlight". Congratulations Terry!**

**Disaster preparedness information, public service announcements**

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/>

**Course Map IS-1900 - NDMS Federal Coordinating Center Operations Course**

[http://emilms.fema.gov/IS1900\\_NDMS/index.htm](http://emilms.fema.gov/IS1900_NDMS/index.htm)

**Sample: Medical Reserve Corps Go-Kits**

<http://store.cert-kits.com/K2012.html>

**On-line CERT TRIAGE course:**

<http://www.co.miami-dade.fl.us/oem/CERT/cert-triageQuiz.swf>

**The EIIP hosted an interactive online discussion on September 26, 2007, on Retention and Recruitment for the Volunteer Emergency Services with Project Manager, Dr. William Jenaway, Executive Vice President of VFIS.**

To download the transcript, see the 'Transcript' link on the EIIP Virtual Forum homepage <http://www.emforum.org> - or - <http://www.emforum.org/vforum/lc070926.htm> .

**FEMA News Archive**

<http://www.fema.gov/news/recentnews.fema>

**Excerpt from the MRC Leader listserv:**

“As an agency of a county government, you qualify as an entity to which deductible donations can be made. You can read all about it in this publication from the IRS.”

<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p526.pdf>

**Great training in your own backyard. Domestic Preparedness Campus.**

<http://teexwmdcampus.com/index.k2?CFID=2701072&CFTOKEN=14075274>

**The Children, Youth and Disasters Network, a newly-created email listserv that provides a communication forum for everyone concerned with the participation, interests and needs of children and youth in disaster risk reduction.**

It will provide a forum for discussions, sharing information and research, organizing and advertising meetings and highlighting initiatives and achievements related to reducing the risks to children and youth from disasters. The hope is that it will attract and link field practitioners, researchers, teachers, policy-makers, youth and individuals everywhere who are interested in this topic. The list is open to anyone who wishes to subscribe or unsubscribe at will. You are invited to go to:

<http://groups.preventionweb.net/scripts/wa-PREVENTIONWEB.exe?INDEX>

**Announcing the publication of a new *LLIS.gov* Best Practice series on School Emergency Management Planning.** These Best Practices provide an overview of core principles of emergency management planning for schools and are intended to bring school administrators and local emergency responders together in the school emergency management planning process. To access the new Best Practices, log onto [LLIS.gov](http://www.llis.gov) and click on [School Emergency Management Planning](#) Full link: [https://www.llis.dhs.gov/member/secure/dynamicpage.cfm?pagetitle=school%20emergency%20planning] under FEATURED TOPICS.

If you would like to send comments, please email at [schoolsafety@llis.dhs.gov](mailto:schoolsafety@llis.dhs.gov).

**Grant Opportunity**

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=9034>

The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) seeks to develop cost effective and sustainable interventions, that can be adopted in real world settings, for the prevention and control of diabetes and obesity. Research should be based on interventions already proven efficacious in clinical trials to prevent and reverse obesity and type 2 diabetes, to improve care of type 1 and type 2 diabetes and to prevent or delay its complications. The interventions proposed under this solicitation should have the potential to be widely disseminated to clinical practice, individuals and communities at risk.

This FOA invites research applications for planning grants or pilot studies for translational/dissemination research leading to full scale research in diabetes prevention and control as described in the program announcement, PA-02-153

Relevant topics include 1) methods to improve health care delivery to patients with or at risk of diabetes, 2) to enhance diabetes self management, 3) methods to develop strategies to promote healthy lifestyles to reduce the risk of diabetes, 4) methods to promote lifestyle change that will prevent or reverse overweight and obesity, and 5) new cost effective ways to identify people with pre-diabetes and undiagnosed diabetes.

Important considerations are cost effectiveness and sustainability of the intervention(s) proposed and the ability of interventions to be widely disseminated in settings such as representative health care systems, schools, work-sites, or other community settings.





## December Health Observances

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<http://www.healthfinder.gov/library/nho/nho.asp#m12>

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### Safe Toys and Gifts Month

Prevent Blindness America  
211 West Wacker Drive, Suite 1700  
Chicago, IL 60606  
(800) 331-2020

[info@preventblindness.org](mailto:info@preventblindness.org)

[www.preventblindness.org](http://www.preventblindness.org)

Materials available

Contact: PBA Consumer and Patient Hotline

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### National Aplastic Anemia and MDS Awareness Week

Aplastic Anemia & MDS International Foundation, Inc.  
P.O. Box 613  
Annapolis, MD 21404-0613

(800) 747-2820

(410) 867-0242

(410) 867-0240 Fax

[help@aamds.org](mailto:help@aamds.org)

[www.aamds.org](http://www.aamds.org)

Materials available

Contact: Marilyn Baker

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### World AIDS Day

Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

[unaids@unaids.org](mailto:unaids@unaids.org)

[www.unaids.org/en/default.asp](http://www.unaids.org/en/default.asp)

Materials available

Contact: None designated

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### National Handwashing Awareness Week

Henry the Hand Foundation

11714 U.S. Route 42

Cincinnati, OH 45241

(513) 769-3660

[dr.will@henrythehand.com](mailto:dr.will@henrythehand.com)

[www.henrythehand.com](http://www.henrythehand.com)

Materials available

Contact: Dr. Will Sawyer

**The third annual Region VI MRC meeting is  
December 12 & 13, 2007 in Dallas, TX.**

**Register online at:**

[http://www.regonline.com/MRC\\_RegionVI\\_2007\\_Meeting](http://www.regonline.com/MRC_RegionVI_2007_Meeting)

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