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2007 Medical Reserve Corps National Leadership and Training Conference



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April 17–20, 2007

Providence, Rhode Island



County of Orange Health Care Agency MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS



Sharing The Positives

*Have You Been Here And
Done This In Recruitment*





Mission Statement

MRC Orange County

- ★ To enhance the emergency capabilities of Orange County through advanced registrations, organization and training of volunteer health professionals who can be readily mobilized to respond to a major emergency or disaster, whether man-made or natural, when the existing health infrastructure is overwhelmed and unable to provide needed medical care in a timely manner.



Recruitment Needs

Structure Of Your MRC

- ★ How do I want to structure my MRC?
- ★ What are my choices?

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Medical Reserve Corps Orange County Advisory Board

- ★ 32 Member Board
- ★ Listen to each Advisory Board Members suggestion.
- ★ Ask to meet with them on topics individually.
- ★ Ask for their advice.
- ★ Ask each to help recruit.



MRC Orange County

★ Medical Committee

- Pharmacists, Physicians, Dentists, Registered Nurses, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Emergency Medical Technicians, Veterinarians

★ Security Committee

★ Special Needs Committee

★ Mental Health Committee/Clergy

★ Staff Support Committee

★ Newsletter Committee

★ Veterinarian



Local Conferences

- ★ Disaster Preparedness Conferences
- ★ Physician Conferences
- ★ Professional Conferences
- ★ University Bioterrorism Conferences
- ★ Nursing Conferences
- ★ Hospital Association Conferences
- ★ Many More!



Colleges

- ★ Local Universities/Junior Colleges
- ★ All hold job fairs
- ★ Look For Nursing, EMT, Fire Classes
- ★ Most are connected to training academies such as fire/paramedics
- ★ Regional Occupational Programs (ROP)
- ★ Types of Vocational Training



Medical Volunteers How I Find Them

- ★ Nursing Magazines
- ★ Retired Nurses
- ★ Present Retirees From HCA
- ★ Retired Physicians
- ★ Medical Associations
- ★ Dental Associations (Local County)
- ★ Nurse Practitioner Organizations
- ★ Pharmacy Associations (Local Associations)



Reaching The Numbers

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Announcements

Orange County MRC In Need of Volunteers

The County of Orange Health Care Agency's Medical Reserve Corps is in need of hundreds of on-call medical and non-medical volunteers to staff its Medical Reserve Corps.

Hundreds of licensed active and retired Nurses, Physicians, Dentists and Pharmacists, are needed to respond if a bioterrorism or natural disaster event occurs and public health/county resources have been exhausted.

Orange County's MRC is presently building its data base with volunteer information such as names, and contact numbers as well as email addresses to assist the Bioterrorism Preparedness Program's response team.

Non-medical volunteers are needed to assist medical staff in a variety of job duties and assignments. Volunteers with special skills in communications, computers, Clergy, and mental health support are very valuable to Orange County's MRC. Volunteers are also needed to assist with recruiting efforts, trainings, communications to volunteers, and the newsletter.

Volunteers receive on-line training as well as classroom training and will soon participate in practice drills. These trainings and drills are important to each volunteer to prepare everyone to respond calmly and assist others with confidence.

By volunteering, you can make a significant difference in your community. Please visit our website at www.ochealthinfo.com/mrc, complete an application and mail to the Orange County MRC Office. If you require more information, please call Peggy McCormick, MRC Coordinator at (714) 834-2335 or email pmccormick@ochca.com

Get involved today. Help us be prepared to help the citizens of Orange County.



Medical Volunteers Where I Find Them

- ★ Physician Assistant Organizations
- ★ Senior Retirement Communities
- ★ Senior Center/
Active Seniors
- ★ CERT Members ?
- ★ Retired Fire Authority Employees
- ★ Mental Health Forums
- ★ Social Workers
- ★ Bereavement Groups
- ★ Retired Military
- ★ Hospital Volunteers
- ★ DMAT Members

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NEWS GOLDEN RAIN

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OC Medical Reserve Corps

Volunteers needed to augment emergency response

The County of Orange Health Care Agency's Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is recruiting and registering medical and non-medical volunteers who can be called upon during an actual disaster-related event that might overwhelm agency resources. Peggy McCormick, coordinator of the MRC, will give a talk on the program at 1 p.m., Monday, March 13 in Clubhouse 4.

The presentation is sponsored by the Leisure World Amateur Radio Club.

MRC units have been formed or planned across the nation, and thousands of medical and public health volunteers have joined local units in response to the national MRC program launched in July 2002.

The program identifies the MRC as a specialized component of the Citizen Corps, a national network of volunteers dedicated to making sure their families,

homes and communities are safe from terrorism, crime and disasters of all kinds.

MRC volunteers include medical and public health professions such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians, emergency medical technicians, epidemiologists and infectious disease specialists and social workers.

Other key support positions include retired professionals, as well as interpreters, chaplains, amateur radio operators, logistics experts and legal advisors.

People who would like to become volunteers will train and drill with county staff to prepare for a health emergency response for a large epidemic, disaster or terrorist event.

This will be a valuable opportunity for mutual building captains to receive training from the county's health care agency.

Recently, county staff re-

sponded to an anthrax release in a joint drill with U.S. Postal Service employees and Santa Ana Police and Fire. Such drills test and improve response preparedness. By adding a trained cadre of MRC volunteers, HCA can expand its ability to respond to disasters. For more information, call (714) 834-2335 or e-mail Peggy McCormick at pmccormick@ochca.com for an application or for more information, or log on to www.ochcahealthinfo.com/mrc.

—Jaime Guerrero, safety/emergency coordinator



Non-Medical

- ★ Retired Peace Officers
- ★ Security Associations
- ★ Private Investigators Associations
- ★ Private Organizations
- ★ Motorcycle Clubs (communications)
- ★ Amateur Radio Operators
- ★ Unions (Food Unions)
- ★ Senior Retirement Communities
- ★ Community Businesses



Advertisement

- ★ Newsletters
- ★ College Info Boards
- ★ Professional Magazines
- ★ Movie Theaters**
- ★ Church Papers
- ★ Health Spas
- ★ Dental Offices
- ★ Doctor Offices
- ★ Veterinarian Offices
- ★ Websites link to all
- ★ Local Cable Stations



National Websites

- ★ Nurse Practitioners
- ★ Physician Assistants
- ★ National Dental Association.....
- ★ National Pharmacist Association
- ★ Retired Peace Officers Association: POARC
- ★ Veterinarian: [www.veterinariandirectory.com/
california.htm](http://www.veterinariandirectory.com/california.htm)

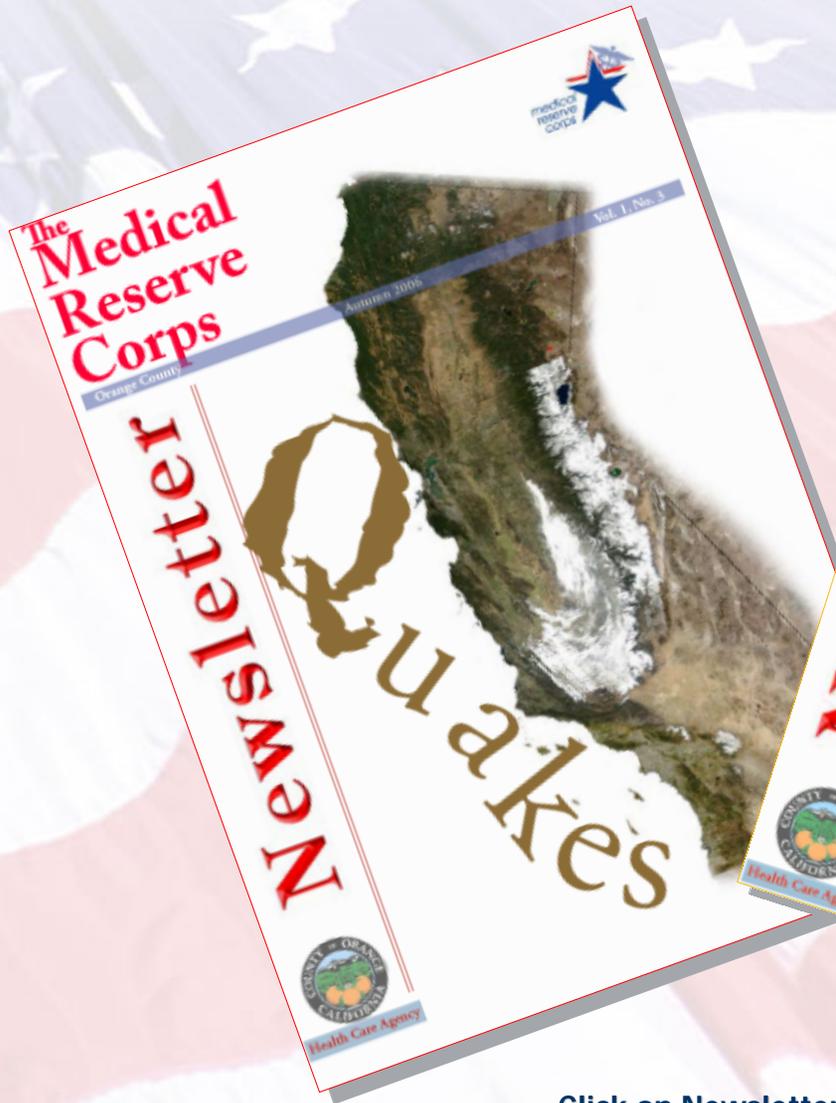


Volunteer Retention/Communication

- ★ Volunteers want to be involved so....
- ★ Keep Volunteers Active
- ★ Make them a part of the team
- ★ Inform all volunteers of activities
- ★ Ask them for help
- ★ Reward them through committees
- ★ Reward them in the Newsletter
- ★ Just let them know the MRC is Active
- ★ Involve them in your recruitment efforts

Volunteer Communication

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Involving Volunteers

- ★ Invite volunteers to serve as chairs of committees to join the Board.
- ★ Invite volunteers to use their professional talents/skills utilizing these resources.
- ★ Encourage MRC volunteers to participate with office duties, orientations, local conferences, job fairs, college fairs, conferences assisting you as an exhibitor at County Fairs.

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