



Division of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps

Quarterly Progress Report
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MRC Status and Activity Highlights:

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a national network of local groups of volunteers, with a mission to engage the volunteers in activities that strengthen public health, emergency response and community resiliency. MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals, as well as others interested in improving the health and safety of their local jurisdictions. MRC units identify, screen, train and organize volunteers, and utilize them to support routine public health activities and augment preparedness and response efforts.

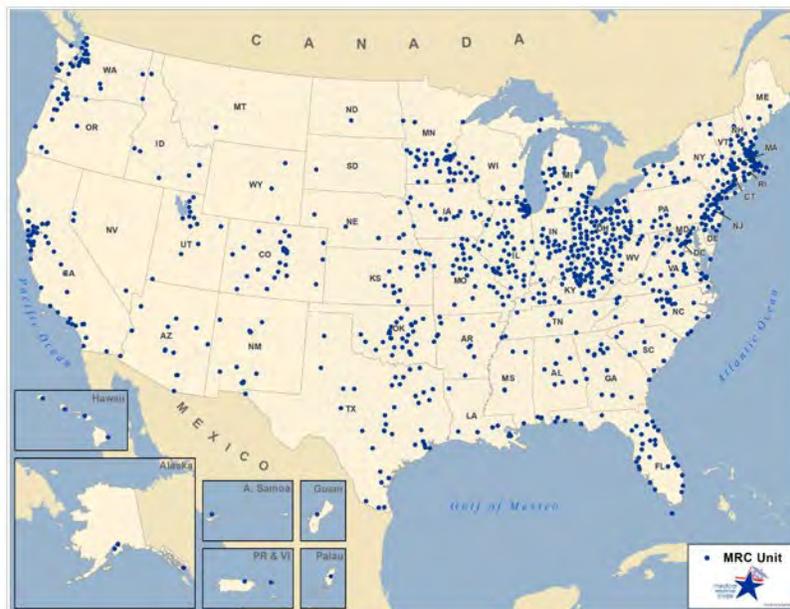
We are pleased to welcome six new MRC units that were registered with the Office of the Surgeon General during this quarter:

Region/Unit

- 1 Wallingford MRC (CT)
- 4 Walton County Georgia MRC (GA)
- 5 MN HOSA MRC (MN)
- 6 47th Medical Company NMSG MRC (NM)
- 7 Christian County MRC (MO)
- 10 Wasco County MRC (OR)

At the end of the reporting period there were 203,423 volunteers enrolled in 973 MRC units in 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Palau, American Samoa, and Puerto Rico. (Note: the number of volunteers is collated from the information provided by MRC units as part of their profiles on the MRC website).

The map provides an overview of the location of MRC units, followed by charts that provide a quick snapshot of MRC growth, the number and regional distribution of MRC units and volunteers, and the categories of MRC volunteers:

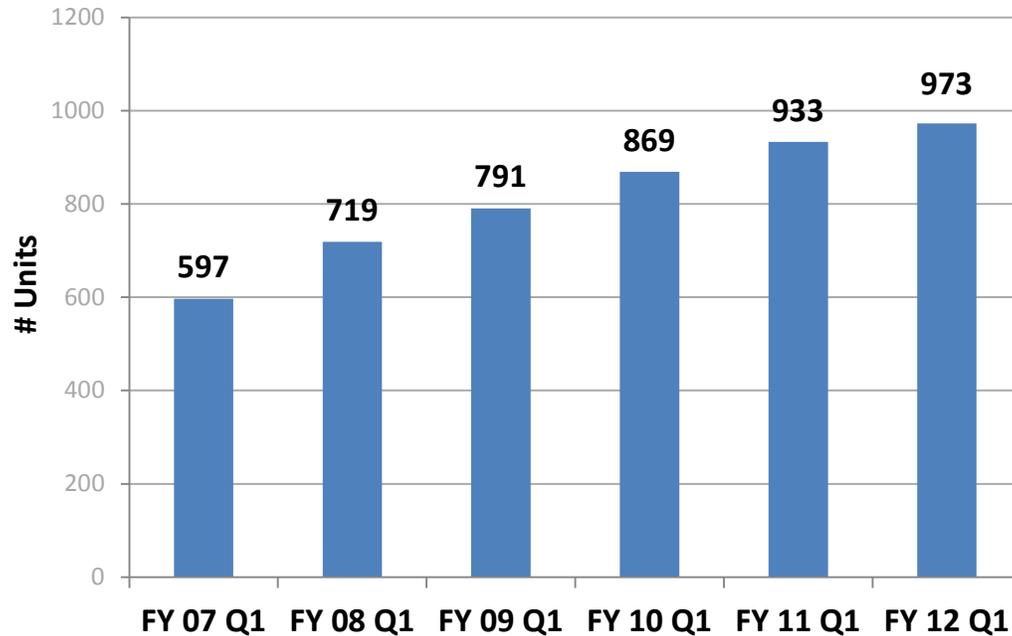




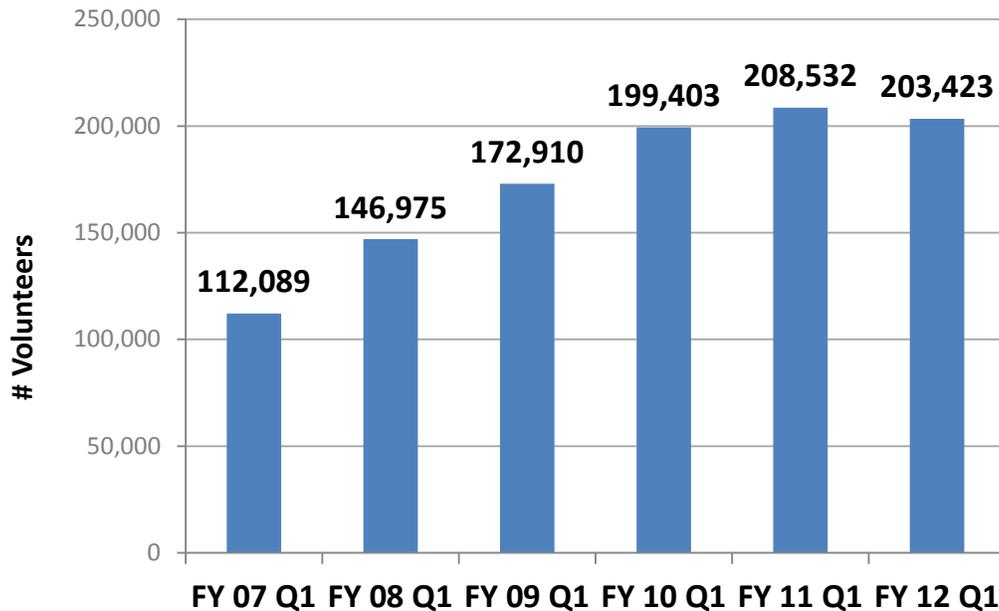
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Growth in Number of Units



Growth in Number of Volunteers

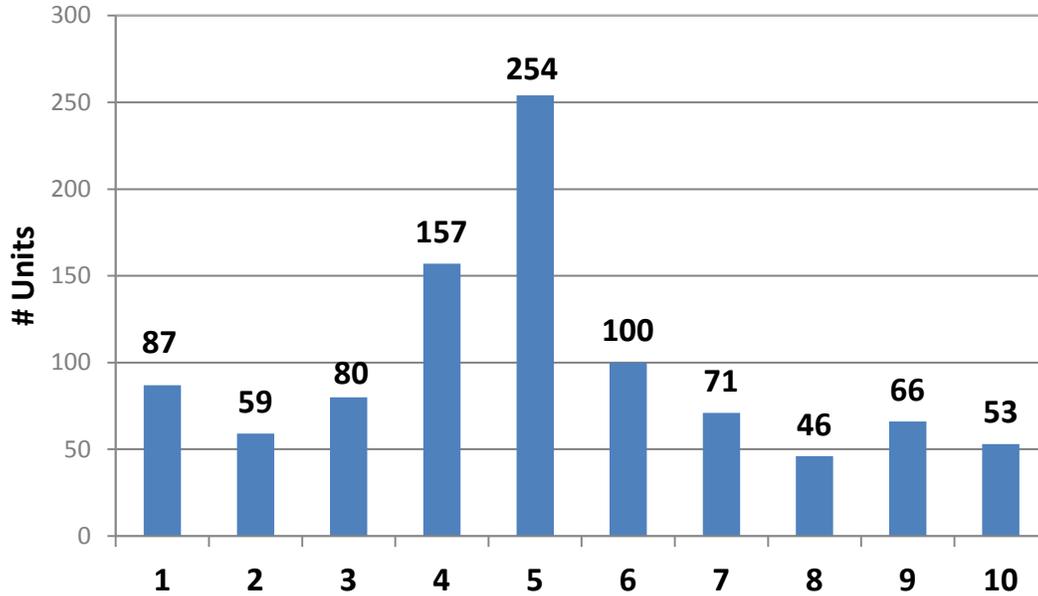




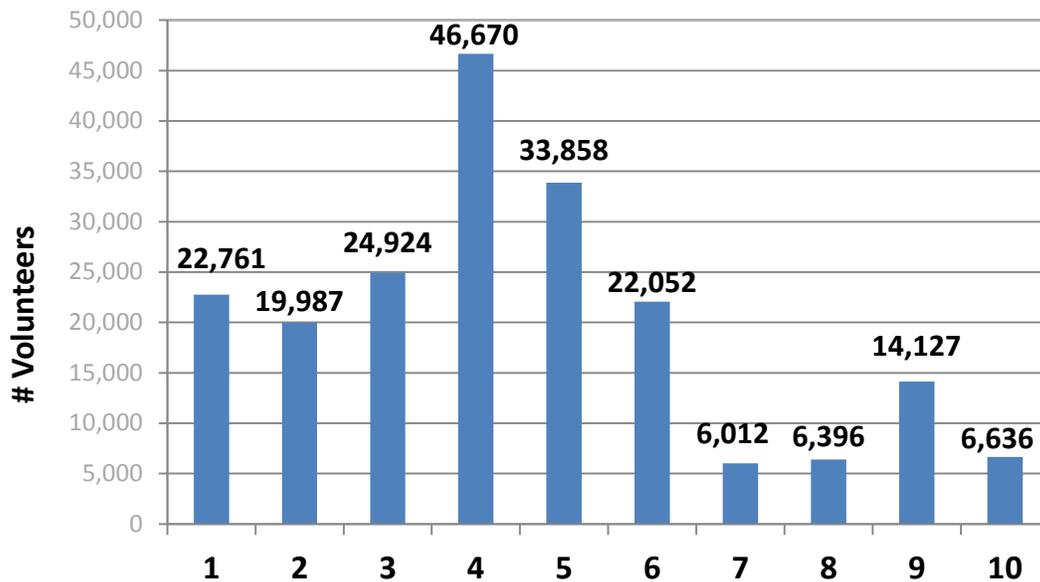
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Number of Units by Region



Number of Volunteers by Region

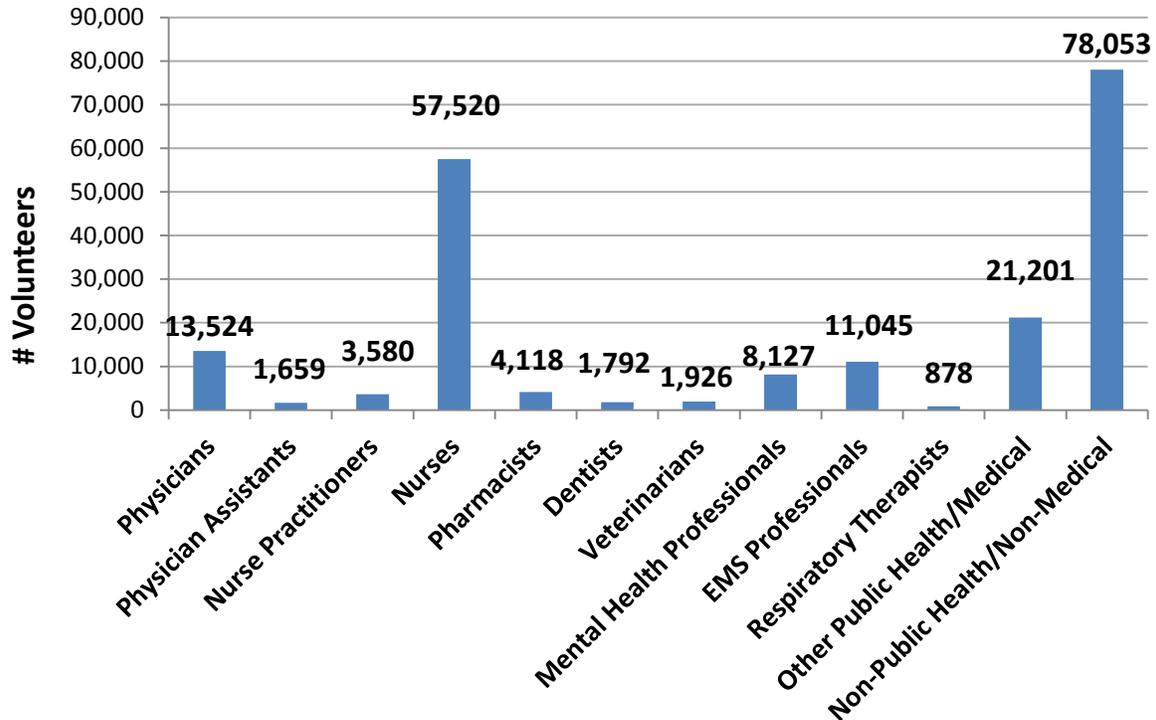




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Number of Volunteers by Type



As part of their profiles on the MRC web site, 489 (50%) units reported a total of 1,803 activities: 397 administrative, 260 preparedness, 456 public health, 180 emergency response, and 510 training. Samples of the activities that MRC units have been involved in during this reporting period include:

Public Health

- Numerous MRC units across the country assisted with local seasonal influenza immunization clinics.
- Several MRC units took part in local responses to pertussis and tuberculosis outbreaks.

Unit Name	City	State	Description
Greater Franklin/Bristol MRC & Greater Plymouth MRC	Franklin & Plymouth	NH	Collaborated with the State Department of Immunization to provide free flu vaccines to over 1,600 children in school based clinics.
Central New York Regional MRC	Syracuse	NY	Conducted a safety assessment of various walking routes in order to promote walking as part of a healthy lifestyle.
NYC MRC	Queens	NY	Assisted with first aid and triage in the medical tents of the New York City Marathon.
Monmouth County MRC	Freehold	NJ	Planned, and coordinated the first Family Fitness Olympics, which included eight fitness challenges, for a local elementary school in conjunction with the school's health council.



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Southern Alleghenies EMS Council MRC - Blair	Duncansville	PA	Provided first aid services to over 500 participants at the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk.
Thomas Jefferson MRC	Charlottesville	VA	Provided public health education to refugees who were new to the area.
Arlington County MRC	Arlington	VA	Helped to distribute World AIDS Day materials to select restaurants and bars in the community.
Peninsula MRC	Newport News	VA	Conducted a community event providing the homeless with health screenings, coats, meals, and hygiene gift bags during the holidays.
Southwest Virginia MRC	Bristol	VA	Supported Frontier Health with a Drug Take-Back event in five locations.
Ashland Boyd County Catlettsburg MRC	Ashland	KY	Visited five of the volunteer fire departments in Boyd County to provide blood pressure screenings and education to firefighters.
Central Florida MRC	Orlando	FL	Supported State Medical Response Team 5 to provide a unified medical first aid response to over 90,000 visitors during the Cocoa Beach Air Show three-day event.
Maine Township Regional MRC	Park Ridge	IL	Recruited and coordinated 175 MRC volunteers to assist with the Chicago Marathon from five of the six states in Region V.
MRC of Scott County	Shakopee	MN	Supported a local mobile dental clinic that provided free dental care to children and pregnant women.
Greene County MRC	Xenia	OH	Supported an epidemiological investigation involving the effects on children's dental health because of the removal of fluoride in the water supply.
Geary County MRC	Junction City	KS	Volunteers walked kids to and from school, and passed out pedestrian safety information as part of the Safe Kids International Walk to School Day.
Eastern Nebraska/Western Iowa MRC	Omaha	NE	Provided assistance with health screenings during a health fair targeting Latino women to include conducting breast cancer screenings and processing paperwork.
Kit Carson County MRC	Burlington	CO	Participated in a drive-thru flu shot clinic.
Scottsdale Healthcare MRC	Scottsdale	AZ	Supported a local breast cancer awareness event by providing emergency and communications support using an amateur radio.
Fremont MRC	Fremont	CA	Assisted a neighboring local health department in providing MMR vaccinations to college students in response to a mumps outbreak.
Thurston County MRC	Olympia	WA	Responded to the Occupy Olympia encampment to address public health concerns for the people living in the encampment.



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Preparedness/Training

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Grafton MRC	Grafton	MA	Provided medical care for participants of the Pumpkin Equestrian Annual Event.
Morris County MRC	Morristown	NJ	Volunteers received training on answering phones in the 211 call center during emergencies.
Erie County MRC	Buffalo	NY	Provided medical support for local Boy Scouts and their leaders during a weekend long camping and service project.
Southside MRC	Boydton	VA	Offered emergency Spanish and sign language training to assist volunteers in understanding common emergency sign language symbols.
Mid Ohio Valley MRC	Parkersburg	WV	Took part in the state's National Weather Spotter Class to learn the basics of noticing and reporting potential severe weather.
MRC of Escambia County	Pensacola	FL	Participated in the course Sharing Information and Intelligence Related to Food Importation and Transportation.
Duval MRC	Jacksonville	FL	Fifteen MRC volunteers, along with 80 HOSA students participated in the Jackson International Airport Triennial Airport Disaster Exercise.
Barren River Area Development District MRC	Bowling Green	KY	Partnered with the Western Kentucky University Nursing Department to offer training to RN and BSN students.
Mount Prospect MRC	Mount Prospect	IL	Provided training to assist volunteers in developing strategies and tools to work with autistic individuals in an emergency or disaster response.
Kent County MRC	Wyoming	MI	Assisted with applying mock injuries for participants of the Kent County Jail Disaster Exercise, as well as evaluating their medical staff's response to injuries.
Central Minnesota MRC	Cambridge	MN	Provided education to volunteers and local coordinators about decontamination procedures and their possible roles and responsibilities during an emergency.
Lorain County MRC	Elyria	OH	Assisted a local Brownie troop with receiving an Emergency Preparedness Patch.
Payne/Noble County MRC	Stillwater	OK	Conducted a smoke detector canvas and installed new 10-year devices.
Gateway St. Louis MRC	St. Louis	MO	Volunteers distributed winter preparedness, disaster response, and pandemic flu information to over 45,000 bishops during their annual national convocation meeting.
Eastern Nebraska/Western Iowa MRC	Omaha	NE	Provided decontamination at an evacuation drill for a local nuclear power plant.



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MRC of El Paso County	Colorado Springs	CO	Held a full-scale exercise with a large wildfire scenario with FEMA and the Office of Emergency Management.
MRC of Boulder County	Denver	CO	Assisted the county's Hospital and Medical Response group reorganize two medical supply caches.
Yavapai County MRC	Cottonwood	AZ	Participated in the Vigilant Guard, a state-wide exercise with a nuclear blast scenario.
Southwest Idaho MRC	Caldwell	OR	Volunteers attained access to basic MRC trainings from the district's website.

Emergency Response

- Volunteers from 24 New England MRC units assisted with shelters following snowstorms in the Northeast.

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Southern Alleghenies EMS Council MRC - Blair Division	Duncansville	PA	During live burn training at a fire school, volunteers provided emergency responder rehab to assess participants after each rotation.
Central Texas MRC	Waco	TX	Two members of its Psychosocial Intervention Team de-briefed officers and their families following a shooting incident that wounded two officers.
Custer County MRC	Westcliffe	CO	Provided meals and showers to residents in the county who lost power during a violent windstorm.
MRC of Washoe County	Reno	NV	Supported sheltering operations for the Caughlin Ranch Fire.

Administration

- Numerous MRC units held volunteer appreciation and holiday banquets.
- Numerous MRC units sent out newsletters and created/updated their social networking sites.

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Shoreline MRC & Wallingford MRC	Branford & Wallingford	CT	Worked on establishing a Salamander identification system for all their members.
Schenectady County MRC	Schenectady	NY	Held a recognition event for volunteers followed by a planning meeting to help refine MRC goals for the new year.
Lawrence County MRC	Louisa	KY	Received a donation of a FEMA trailer that will be used for their unit's mobile emergency pet shelter.
Green River District MRC	Owensboro	KY	Supported local Salvation Army fund raising events to assist those members of the community in need.
Warrick County MRC	Boonville	IN	Met with a potential new MRC unit in Evansville, IN to discuss the benefits of creating a MRC.
Dane County MRC	Madison	WI	Applied for grant funding to support the unit's plans for three exercises.
North Little Rock High School Junior MRC	Little Rock	AR	Supported local Salvation Army fund raising events to assist those members of the community in need.



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Plymouth County MRC	Le Mars	IA	Tested their volunteer notification systems as part of National Emergency Notification Day.
MRC of Boulder County	Boulder	CO	Provided updates to policy and decision makers about the direction of the MRC in 2012.
Beach Cities	Redondo	CA	Hosted the Beach Business Watch meeting, which builds a public and private partnership with the community.

Division of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps Activities and Accomplishments:

The mission of the Division of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps (DCVMRC) is to support local efforts to establish, implement, and sustain MRC units nationwide. DCVMRC is headquartered in the Office of the Surgeon General and functions as a clearinghouse for information and guidance to MRC units and other stakeholders. DCVMRC activities include strategic planning, intra- and interagency coordination, communications, policy development, program operations, grants management, contract oversight, technical assistance, and deployment operations. These activities are carried out by [DCVMRC staff](#), including the [MRC Regional Coordinators](#).

Major activities and accomplishments during the reporting period included:

- There was 1 replacement MRC State Coordinator appointed during the quarter bringing the total to 50 MRC State Coordinators:
 - Minnesota - Barbara Lundgren (barbara.lundgren@state.mn.us, 651-201-3858)
- DCVMRC staff participated, presented and/or exhibited at the following meetings and conferences:
 - MRC Western Summit (Regions IX and X MRC meeting) in Seattle, WA
 - Illinois Quarterly MRC Meetings in Springfield, IL and Palatine, IL
 - Tennessee MRC Conference in Murfreesboro, TN
 - American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.
 - American Association of Respiratory Care Congress in Tampa, FL
 - International Association of Emergency Managers Conference in Las Vegas, NV
 - Region VIII MRC Meeting in Denver, CO
 - Regions I and II MRC Meeting in Avon, CT
 - Region III MRC Meeting in Washington, D.C.
 - Eastern Nebraska/Western Iowa Recognition Event in Omaha, NE
 - Regions V and VII MRC Meeting in St. Louis, MO
 - Michigan State Citizen Corps Meeting in Traverse City, MI
- OCVMRC Staff promoted awareness of the Medical Reserve Corps through the following publications:
 - NALBOH Newsletter - *Engaging Youth: The Future of Public Health Preparedness and Response*
- The MRC was mentioned in at least 65 newspapers and other types of articles during the reporting period. See the "[News and Events](#)" page on the MRC web site for links.