



Bear River Medical Reserve Corps Box Elder County

Monthly News Letter for June, 2007



BRMRC – Box Elder County Gathers for Functional Exercise

At about 7:15 a.m. Saturday morning, June 23, 2007, phones began to ring informing members of the Bear River Medical Reserve Corps that there had been a mass casualty incident and asking them to report at the Bear River Health Department in Brigham City. The incident, of course, was only make believe and the phone call invited those with time to come participate in a functional type exercise.

Arriving members were ushered to a conference room where they were welcomed and given instruction on the command structure under which they would work during the day.

Members were then separated into two groups. One being *Medical Operations* and the other being *Logistics*.

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TRAINING

The goal of our training section is and has always been to provide quality training and to do so in a way that is the least intrusive in the lives of our members. In keeping with this goal the following web sites provide members an opportunity to receive training on their schedule in the comfort of their own homes: *ctrl-click the link below*

- <http://ualbanycphp.org/broadcasts.cfm>
- <https://www.mrc.train.org>
- <http://www.adph.org/alphtn/>
- <http://www.fema.gov/about/training/emergency.shtm>
- <http://www2.sph.unc.edu/nccphp/training/>
- <http://www.naccho.org/topics/emergency/MRC.cfm>
- <http://www.texasapc.net/EmergencyPreparedness/APCCourses/MRC/tabid/165/Default.aspx>

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Martha Harrison was asked to take the lead position as MRC Commander. Angie Merrell, RN, headed up the Medical group with Dorene Schulze, Bear River Valley Hospital, heading up the Logistics group.

The objectives of the exercise were to organize into functional groups that could setup and provide medical services at two separate treatment sites, then to effectively communicate between the sites and command.

Each site had an awning or canopy that had to be set up and provided with table and chairs. Medical staff then manned the sites and received patients (portrayed by other MRC members) and gave medical care.

The exercise was an outstanding success and members were treated to pizza and drinks afterwards, not to mention the lively discussion of equipment needs and perceived procedures and protocols.

It was mentioned that the important discussion point was...we will work as a supplemental organization under EMS, Hospitals and Public Health. These organizations will give us direction on what they will want us to do.

We also need to keep in mind that the director of the Health Department, who assumes liability for our organization when activated, has the last word on what we will and won't do during activation.

More on this topic of discussion will come in the future as we begin to interact and exercise with the EMS community and work through the myriad of issues that present themselves.

In closing I want to thank all those who participated on Saturday during this exercise. I was deeply impressed with the quality of our members and their drive to each do an exceptional job. I couldn't have been prouder of a group of volunteers. Without years of experience together you came together, set up the two treatment sites and performed in a most excellent manner.

GREAT JOB!

MRC In – Focus National News Letter

Read a copy of the National MRC In-Focus news letter or down load a copy:

<http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov/resources.asp?mode=ResourceDetails&ResID=130&RefID=Category&Category=15>

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Be sure to get documentation and submit it to our training coordinator, Lanette Sorensen, at one of the upcoming trainings.

Ten CD's with a full MRC course are available from Kevin Christensen. These CD's can be loaded on your computer. Call Kevin at (435) 695-2088 if you'd like one. More will be produced if necessary.

Two VHS tapes, *Managing Mass Casualty Incidents* and *Surge Capacity for Disasters* are also available for check out from Kevin.

UP COMING TRAINING – 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Jul 19 – Health & Safety – Tremonton BRHD office
Aug 9 – Risk & Disaster Comm. – BC BRHD office

p.s. The director of the health department has asked that we no longer make our training mandatory, only highly suggested. We will update our member handbook to reflect this.

If someone would like to volunteer to do our news letter I would be forever grateful! Call Kevin at (435) 695-2088. We should also come up with a catchy title for the news letter.... any ideas?