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Volunteers Building Strong, Healthy, and Prepared Communities

Improve Public Health Preparedness

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Public health preparedness is a special concern. Americans rely on and expect a strong public health system that is capable of meeting any emergency. The emergency may be man-made, weather-related, or an emerging infectious disease. MRC volunteers are a crucial resource in the U.S. public health infrastructure. The Medical Reserve Corps' emerging partnerships with law enforcement and public safety agencies are critical. MRC units can partner with local Offices of Emergency Management, CERT, Red Cross, hospitals, school nurses and other health departments and healthcare facilities to strengthen the public health preparedness of the United States.

MRC Units Can Conduct:

Exercises:

- ★ Shelter operation
- ★ Phone/email activation
- ★ Evacuation

Training Classes:

- ★ Partnering with local EMS/CERT units
- ★ Education for different age groups on personal, family, workplace, and animal preparedness

- ★ CPR/AED certification for volunteers and the public
- ★ MRC Train and MRC Core Competency Training

Community Events:

- ★ Conduct exercises, training operations, and participate in community events
- ★ Develop media campaigns about creating and replacing expired items in emergency kits
- ★ Host multicultural preparedness events, such as a Celebrate Diversity National Neighborhood Day, where participants learn about preparedness and make emergency supply kits
- ★ Provide first aid and health screenings to legislators in the state house and in local districts
- ★ Co-sponsor and host talks with Fire, Police, EMS, CERT, Red Cross, local health departments and other preparedness organizations

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