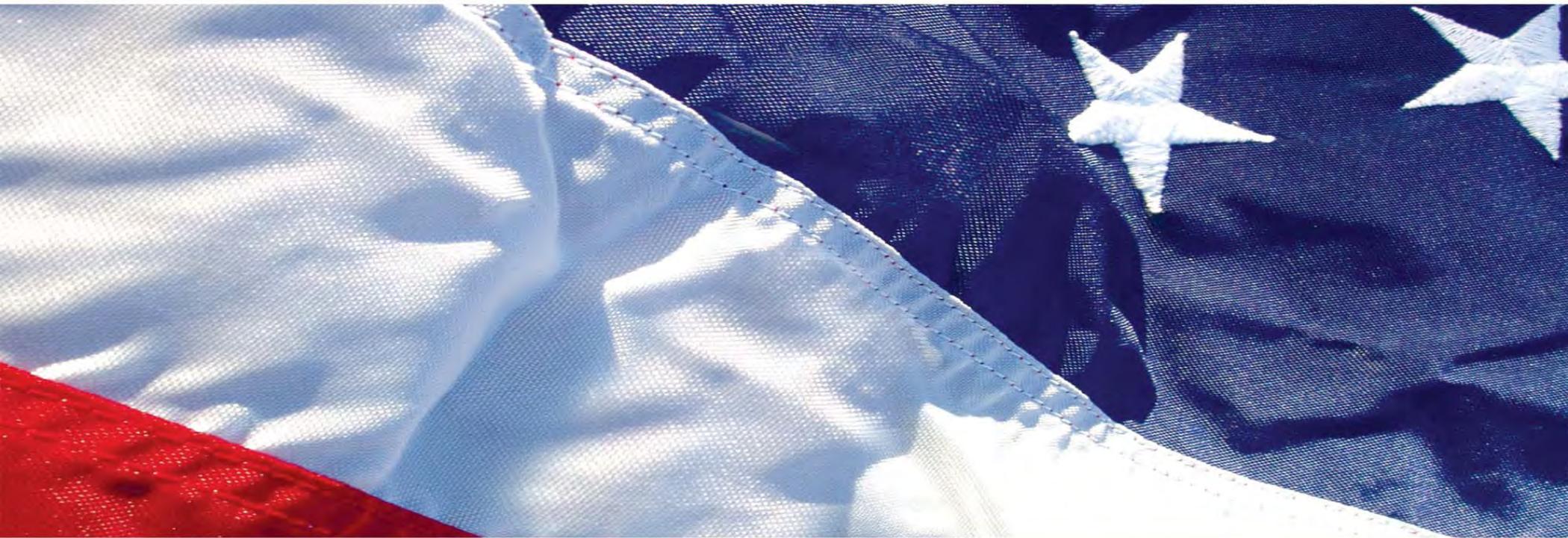


# 2008 Medical Reserve Corps National Leadership and Training Conference



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# Recruiting and Sustaining a Medical Reserve Corps Unit

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# 3 Point Summary

- Recruiting volunteers is a crucial element in the success of a Medical Reserve Corps unit.
- What do you do with volunteers once you have them?
- Showing the importance of the use of volunteers in public health exercises and other events.

# Recruiting Techniques

- Newspaper Articles
  - Director of Health Department Column
  - Special Interest Article
- Television Interviews
- Community Presentations
- Information Link on Health Department Website

# Recruiting Techniques (cont.)

- Volunteer Application for Pueblo Medical Reserve Corps at Health Department
- Send out application to interested people that call after articles in newspaper and TV interview
- Perform background checks on the returned applications
- Database with eligible volunteers

# What do you do with Volunteers once you have them?

- Mail newsletter to members in database
  - Promote upcoming trainings and events
- Have volunteer opportunities available
  - Health Fairs
  - Community events
  - Planned exercises
  - Programs at Health Department

# Public Health Exercise

- Pre-exercise training
  - Training meeting
  - Job assignments
  - Expectations
- Badge System
  - Coordinating with volunteers

# Mass Vaccination Exercise

Centennial High School

November 18, 2006

# Mass Vaccination Clinic Results

- Vaccines Given
  - 5,231 Vaccinations
    - 4,152 Influenza
    - 715 Flu Mist
    - 364 Pneumonia
  - 150 Vaccinated by Mobile Clinic

# Mass Vaccination Clinic Results

- 452 Total Workers
- 208 First Responders
- 160 Nurses
- 90 Public Health Workers
- 35 Partnering Agencies

# Statistics

- 140 volunteers from the Pueblo Medical Reserve Corps assisted this event
- National Average of Volunteer worth per hour for 2006 = \$18.77
- Hours provided:
  - 33 X 4hrs = \$ 2,477.64
  - 6 X 5.5hrs = \$ 619.41
  - 101 X 8hrs = \$15,166.16
  - Total = \$18,263.21

# Statistics (Cont.)

- Volunteers used from the Medical Reserve Corps worked in several positions for the exercise including:
  - Physicians/Nurses
  - Communications
  - Supply & Inventory
  - Traffic Control
  - Kitchen/Break Area

# Staff and Volunteer Check-in





**Emergency  
Preparedness  
Drill**

# Large Crowds in the Morning



**You are participating in a  
pandemic influenza exercise.**

**All persons entering this exercise  
will be asked to wear a surgical  
mask throughout the clinic.**

**Thank You.**









# 2007 Corporate Cup Tent



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# Funding Sources

- NACCHO
- Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (State of Colorado)
- Donations from community
- Fundraising

# Upcoming Events

- May 2008-CSEPP Exercise
- Democratic National Convention-August
  - If State EOC requests
- Summer 2008-Fundraising Golf Tournament
  - Emergency Preparedness Theme
    - Purchase trailer and other durable equipment

Questions?

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