

Volunteers

make the difference.

Join the MRC!

"I strongly encourage all of you—all able medical and health professionals, even ordinary citizens who can help with non-technical tasks—to join your local Medical Reserve Corps Unit."

Richard H. Carmona, MD, MPH, FACS
Surgeon General
U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services



"Whether our efforts are, or are not, favored by life, let us be able to say, when we come near the great goal, 'I have done what I could.'"

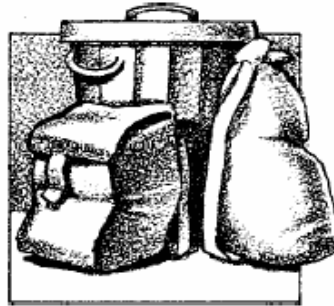
Louis Pasteur

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To Join the TMRC,

Call 513-531-0267 (ext. 209)

Be prepared!



Be informed!



Be involved!



TriState Medical Reserve Corps

Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana



A volunteer group serving public health needs

The first response to any disaster, large or small, begins locally.



Greater Cincinnati Health Council
if it involves health, we're involved.





New York City, September 11, 2001

The events of September 11, 2001, and Hurricane Katrina have made it clear that we must be prepared to face serious threats to the safety and security of our communities. As we cope with this realization, we find ourselves asking, will we be ready when the next disaster arises? What can I do to help my family, my friends, and my community when that day comes?



Your local health district is working with national, state, and local governments and civic agencies to develop and coordinate disaster response to a variety of different hazards, ranging from natural disasters to explosive, nuclear, biological, and chemical terrorism. Volunteers are desperately needed to provide assistance and depth to our existing response teams.



The U.S. leads the world in tornados, averaging over 800 a year.

The Medical Reserve Corps

What is the Medical Reserve Corps?

The MRC is a volunteer group that brings health professionals and others together to support local public health and emergency and medical services. As the events of September 11 and Hurricane Katrina unfolded, many Americans reacted by offering to help. To be ready to provide the rapid response needed in a disaster, volunteers need to be trained and organized. A key function of the MRC will be to provide members with that specialized training and preparation.

Who Can Volunteer?

We are looking for:

- **Licensed medical professionals and others with medical experience:** Nurses, doctors, pharmacists, EMTs, veterinarians, dentists, PTs, nursing assistants, phlebotomists, lab techs, and others
- **Mental health professionals:** Counselors, social workers, therapists, psychiatrists, clergy, and others
- **People with other special skills:** Computer specialists, translators, health educators, epidemiologists, biologists, chemists, and others
- **Volunteers to provide basic support services**



Volunteers can be:

- Working in their profession
- Inactive in their profession
- Retirees



Volunteers must be at least 18 years old.



What Will I Be Doing?

You are needed for both emergency and non-emergency purposes. During a public health emergency, you may be asked to help staff an emergency pharmaceutical distribution site or staff an emergency alternative care clinic. During times of non-emergency, volunteers will receive free emergency preparedness education and training, and have the chance to serve as public health ambassadors. Some activities might include assisting with flu clinics, providing education sessions on special topics, and promoting immunization campaigns. Each volunteer will determine how much or how little they wish to serve.



Use the contact point below for information on joining us.

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Medical Reserve Corps**



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