

Panhandle Regional Medical Response System

Medical Reserve Corps Development

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PRMRS?

The collaborative development of a panhandle regional medical response system that outlines how a multi-jurisdictional medical or public health event within the panhandle will be managed and is developing the operational procedures for the healthcare oriented response functions

Medical Reserve Corps or MRC

Medical Reserve Corps were founded after President Bush's 2002 State of the Union Address asking Americans to volunteer in support of their country.

Medical Reserve Corps

MRC is a specialized component of the Citizens Corps, which is a national network of volunteers dedicated to ensuring hometown security.

What is a MRC ?

- ▶ Community based
- ▶ Locally organized
- ▶ Utilize volunteers and medical professionals
- ▶ Promote healthy living through the year
- ▶ Prepares for and responds to emergencies
- ▶ Supplements existing local emergency and public health resources

Who Can Volunteer?

- ▶ Physicians
- ▶ Nurses
- ▶ Pharmacists
- ▶ Dentists
- ▶ Veterinarians
- ▶ Interpreters
- ▶ Chaplains
- ▶ Office Workers
- ▶ Legal Advisors
- ▶ Others

What can MRC volunteers do?

- ▶ Support local public health
- ▶ Assist local hospitals and health departments with surge personnel needs
- ▶ Participate in mass prophylaxis and vaccination exercises
- ▶ Participate in community disaster drills
- ▶ Train with local emergency response partners


What can MRC volunteers do?

- ▶ They are fully credentialed
- ▶ Background check with the State Patrol
- ▶ Operate within their scope of practice
- ▶ Have the choice to accept or not accept opportunities to serve
- ▶ Participate in brief orientation process
- ▶ Receive ongoing training and education

Who sponsors a MRC Unit?

- ▶ Any Governmental agency
- ▶ Any Not-for-Profit organization
- ▶ Health Departments
- ▶ Boards of Health
- ▶ Faith-based organizations
- ▶ Emergency Management agencies
- ▶ Universities
- ▶ Citizen Corps Councils

Partnerships are key to the success
and sustainability of a Medical
Reserve Corps unit

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What is the Panhandle doing?

- ▶ Form a single regional MRC unit as the panhandle region is a "Community"
- ▶ Request to be a component of the Scottsbluff County Citizen Corps (in Process)
- ▶ Apply for official designation status as a MRC
- ▶ Continue our history of collaboration!!

Next Steps

- ▶ Secure a coordinator
- ▶ Develop a board of directors
- ▶ Determine goals and activities to put into place the foundation necessary to begin recruiting volunteers

Resources

- ▶ www.medicalreservecorps.gov
- ▶ www.pphd.org
- ▶ www.scottsbluffcounty.org