



# SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS



# Medical Reserve Corps

**The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a national network of volunteers, organized locally to improve the health and safety of their communities.** The MRC volunteer network was founded after the attacks of September 11, 2001, when it became clear that a pre-credentialed and trained volunteer workforce was needed to support our communities.

## Local Units

MRC units are community-based and function as a way to locally organize and utilize volunteers **to support healthy and strong communities**. MRC units engage volunteers to strengthen public health, support community events, and prepare for and respond to disasters. MRC volunteers supplement existing local emergency and public health resources.

## Volunteers

MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals, as well as community members without healthcare backgrounds. Other community members, such as interpreters, chaplains, administrative professionals and behavioral health professionals, can fill other vital support positions. **There is a role for everyone in the MRC!**

# What do MRC Volunteers do?

## When there is NO emergency

### Support local public health:

- Promote disease prevention
- Provide first aid at community events
- Staff vaccination clinics
- Conduct health education & outreach

### Prepare for emergencies:

- Participate in emergency preparedness & response trainings
- Provide public health preparedness education to the community
- Train with local emergency response partners

### Support the MRC:

- Train to be in an MRC leadership role
- Share your expertise to enhance local preparedness
- Deploy to MRC events

## During an emergency

### Provide emergency response assistance:

- Conduct medical screenings & evaluations
- Provide medications or vaccines
- Answer questions in a call center
- Provide medical and non-medical support at shelters, clinics or other field sites
- Assist with community assessments after a disaster



Southeastern PA MRC volunteers have responded to many emergencies, including: Hurricanes Irene & Sandy, H1N1 pandemic influenza, winter snow & ice storms, and large public gatherings, like the Papal Visit in 2015.

# Contact your local MRC unit in Southeastern PA

## **Chester County**

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## **Montgomery County**

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## **Bucks County**

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215-345-3318

## **Delaware County**

mrc@co.delaware.pa.us  
610-565-8700

## **Philadelphia County**

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215-685-6861



# Join the MRC today and help prepare your community



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