

"The Medical Reserve Corps is one way that health professionals can volunteer during large-scale emergencies, such as an influenza epidemic, a chemical spill, or an act of terrorism. MRC volunteers also work to improve the overall health and well-being of their neighborhoods and communities."

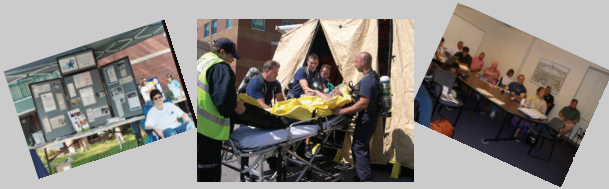
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The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) program was officially launched as a national, community-based initiative in September 2003. The MRC was formed in response to President Bush's 2002 State of the Union Address, in which he asked all Americans to volunteer in support of their country. It is a partner program with Citizen Corps, a national network of volunteers dedicated to ensuring hometown security.

Other Citizen Corps programs include Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Fire Corps, Neighborhood Watch, and Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS). Citizen Corps is part of the USA Freedom Corps; which promotes volunteerism and service nationwide. Other USA Freedom Corps programs include Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, and Senior Corps.



MRC volunteers include non-medical, medical and public health professionals such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, emergency medical technicians, dentists, veterinarians, epidemiologists, infectious disease specialists, administrative assistants, machinists, retired military personnel, security officers, etc.

Volunteers of the Greater Derry MRC are offered training opportunities that are specifically geared towards natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and field experience. Trainings include personal preparedness, Incident Command Structure, First Aid/CPR, Weather-Related Disasters and Sheltering, BDLs/CDLS, and Mass Vaccinations or Medical Dispensing.

Many lessons were learned after September 11, 2001 as well as after Hurricane Katrina. The response from the medical community was enormous. However, without any prior training in emergency response, and no mechanism for credentials to be checked on-site, many volunteers were turned away. The time for volunteers to become involved in emergency response is now - before an incident occurs.



## The Greater Derry Medical Reserve Corps



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Strengthening Public  
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## WHAT CAN MRC VOLUNTEERS DO?

**Support** local public health initiatives through enhancing public health preparedness, while advancing the priorities of the Surgeon General.

**Assist** local hospitals and health departments with surge personnel needs.

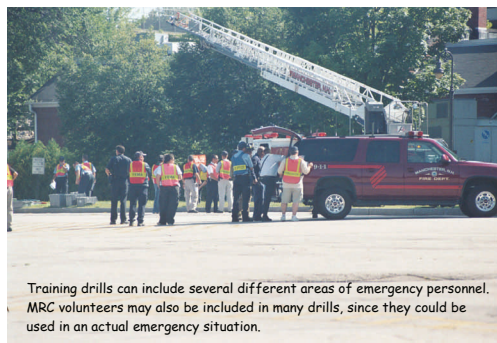
**Participate** in emergency exercises and community disaster drills.

**Train** with local emergency response partners.

**And more.....**

The Mission of the Greater Derry Medical Reserve Corps is to recruit, train, deploy, and retain volunteer health professionals and others who will contribute their skills and expertise in response to threats of terrorism, public health emergencies, and other community needs.

For further information about your local MRC, go to our website at [www.derry-nh.org/Pages/DerryNH\\_publichealth/GDMRC](http://www.derry-nh.org/Pages/DerryNH_publichealth/GDMRC).



Training drills can include several different areas of emergency personnel. MRC volunteers may also be included in many drills, since they could be used in an actual emergency situation.

## HOW DO I APPLY TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER?

Fill out an application and return it to us by e-mail ([jenniferneary@ci.derry.nh.us](mailto:jenniferneary@ci.derry.nh.us)), mail (14 Manning Street, Derry, NH 03038), or fax (603-845-5129). Applications are available at the Town of Derry Bureau of Public Health or on our website at [www.derry-nh.org/Pages/DerryNH\\_publichealth/GDMRC](http://www.derry-nh.org/Pages/DerryNH_publichealth/GDMRC).

Forward copies of your Driver's License, Professional License/Certification, CPR, etc.

Once your application is approved, you will be added to our database and e-mail group. Your application will inform us of your desired level of participation as well as your availability.

There are core competency trainings that we require all volunteers to complete, as well as additional trainings available for those interested. Once a volunteer has successfully completed the core trainings, they are cleared for participation in activation and drills.

Updates regarding meetings, trainings, events, etc. will be sent via e-mail. Information regarding training opportunities, personal preparation tools, safety, etc. are also posted on our website at [www.derry-nh.org/Pages/DerryNH\\_publichealth/GDMRC](http://www.derry-nh.org/Pages/DerryNH_publichealth/GDMRC). Click on the [Medical Reserve Corps](#) link to enter the Greater Derry MRC site.



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