

University of Minnesota Medical Reserve Corp Program Newsletter

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National Volunteer Week: April 10-16

As the nation celebrates volunteers in action, the University of Minnesota Medical Reserve Corps celebrates the numerous MRC members who acted this year and all previous years with their time, talents, commitment and energy.

MRC members are encouraged to review the summary of our MRC unit's past deployments during the past seven years. The accomplishments of our MRC unit are numerable and considerable. Those of us who have been fortunate to assist communities during public health emergencies often times come away with the realization that our lives are enriched by the opportunity in ways we could never have imagined. To access the summary of the U of M MRC deployments, please go to the University of Minnesota Medical Reserve Corps website at <https://umcontent.umn.edu/AHC2/facultystaff/oer/mrc/index.htm> and click on "Past deployments".

Pharmaceutical Response Strike Team

This team is designed to respond to local and national public health emergencies that have a pharmaceutical response component. Some members of this team have been (or will be) pre-trained to provide support for the rapid pharmaceutical repacking of a cache of oral antibiotics designed to serve essential personnel in the metropolitan region during a public health emergency.

We will be offering an orientation to those MRC members who are new to the team on **Tuesday, April 26**. It is not necessary for MRC members who attended the initial team meeting back in December of 2008 to attend the April 16th team meeting, as most of the content will be very similar to the content presented in 2008. That being said, the meeting is opened to all interested in becoming a Pharmaceutical Response Strike Team member as well as those who have joined the team in the past.

Team Meeting Specifics:

Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2011

Time: 3:30pm-4:25pm

Location: Moos Tower, room 5-125.

RSVP: *RSVP's are being requested as a light snack will be provided. To RSVP, email Kathy Berlin at medicalreserve@umn.edu.*

MRC T-shirts

University of Minnesota MRC t-shirts have arrived and are available for pick up in our office during the dates and times listed below. We would ask that members wear their t-shirts during deployments as a way to further identify them as University of Minnesota Medical Reserve Corps members. We also encourage members to feel free to wear the t-shirts when they are out and about on campus. By wearing the t-shirt around campus, members will help to make the MRC more visible.

Location: AHC Office of Emergency Response, Mayo Memorial Building, room C-386

Dates and Times: Monday, May 9 9:00am-1:00pm
Tuesday, May 10 9:00am-1:00pm
Wednesday, May 11 9:00am-1:00pm

An MRC t-shirt distribution event will be held in September for those members who are unable to pick up their t-shirts in May.

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