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Note from the U of M Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator

One of the goals of the Medical Reserve Corps Program is to establish a pre-registered and pre-trained cadre of individuals interested in being of service to their community during a public health emergency. The key words here are "pre-registered and pre-training". A pre-registered and pre-trained volunteer workforce facilitates a more efficient emergency response.

We spent the past couple of months planning a robust fall training schedule. This month's newsletter highlights four training opportunities in September and the beginning of October .

For those of you who spent the summer off campus, welcome back! For those MRC members who spent part of their summer days on campus, let's get ready for the excitement of the return of many of our University community members!

Warm regards,

Kathy

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1. Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers Class

The U of M Department of Emergency Management is teaching **Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers** to our MRC members. The class is based on the 2010 American Heart Association guidelines and includes adult, child and infant, 1 & 2 Rescuer CPR, Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) use, bag-mask techniques and relief of choking.

This course is open to healthcare professionals as well as any other MRC member interested in learning these lifesaving skills.

Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2013

Time: 8:00am-12:00pm

Location: Minneapolis campus-2221 University Ave South, room TBD

Participants: U of M MRC members- class size 20

To Register: Send an email to medicalreserve@umn.edu. **Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 4. Pre-registration is required.**

Additional Information: At the time you register we will arrange for you to receive a copy of BLS for Healthcare Providers Student Manual. Please read the manual prior to the class meeting.

It is also required that prior to attending this class you will have completed the MRC Orientation either by having previously attending an in person orientation or viewing the on-line version.

The on-line MRC Orientation module can be found at the following link:

<http://mediamill.cla.umn.edu/mediamill/embedqt/119484>

2. Orientation to the University of Minnesota MRC Program

Whether you are a new member of the U of M Medical Reserve Corps or a long time member, this in person orientation is a great opportunity to learn all about the MRC program, ask questions, and meet the MRC Coordinator.

Topics covered include the volunteer's role in a public health emergency, volunteer liability, the communication process for notification of deployment as well as other information important to members.

U of M MRC members are asked to either view the on-line U of M MRC orientation or attend a face-to-face classroom orientation. The on-line orientation takes approximately 45 minutes to view and can be found by going to the U of M MRC homepage: <http://z.umn.edu/mrc>

Date: Thursday, September 19, 2013

Time: 12:00pm-12:50pm

Location: Weaver-Densford Hall, room 2-110

Participants: U of M MRC Members

To Register: Send an email to medicalreserve@umn.edu. Please RSVP by Monday, September 16.

Additional Information: Lunch will be provided.

NOTE: MRC members who have attended a U of M MRC Orientation session in the past or have viewed the on-line orientation have met the program requirements and do not need to attend this orientation session.

3. Logistics Strike Team Meeting

The Logistics Strike Team plays an important role in the ability of our Medical Reserve Corps to respond effectively to planned activities and emergency events. Members of this strike team are responsible for resource management before and during U of M MRC deployments. They are responsible for the physical set up of the deployment site, including setting up signage, queuing lines, tables, chairs, equipment and other supplies as needed. During MRC deployments Logistics Strike Team members assist with staff check-in, supply management, and the care and support of MRC members.

Date: Thursday, September 26, 2013

Time: 12:00pm-12:50pm

Location: Weaver-Densford Hall, room 2-110

Participants: Current Logistics Strike Team members and those interested in learning more about the team.

To Register: Send an email to medicalreserve@umn.edu. Please RSVP by Monday, September 23.

Additional Information: Lunch will be provided. We will review team member roles and responsibilities and discuss team goals and activities. Membership in this strike team may be of particular interest to those MRC members who do not currently have a medical or health professional license. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet the strike team leaders and familiarize themselves with the role of the Logistics Strike Team within the broader MRC program.

4. Safety on Campus: Responding to an Active Shooter

The University of Minnesota Police Department offers this presentation across campus to departments and schools in an effort to help students, staff, and faculty think about how best to respond to an assailant with a gun here or off campus.

NOTE: This presentation is being offered first on the St. Paul Campus on October 1 and then the Minneapolis Campus on October 2 .

Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2013

Time: 12:00pm-1:00pm

Location: *St. Paul Campus*-Animal Science/Vet Med Bldg., room 125

Participants: Open to all MRC members

To Register: Send an email to medicalreserve@umn.edu. RSVP by Friday, September 27. **Pre-registration is required.**

Additional Information: Pizza and beverages will be served. There will be time for questions following the presentation.

OR

Date: Wednesday, October 2

Time: 12:00pm-1:00pm

Location: *Minneapolis Campus*-Moos Tower, room 2-690

Participants: Open to all MRC members

To Register: Send an email to medicalreserve@umn.edu. RSVP by Friday, September 27. **Pre-registration is required.**

Additional Information: Pizza and beverages will be served.

Member Corner

Question: I am a newly registered MRC member. Where can I find information about recommended training courses?

Answer: To find information regarding training courses for MRC members go to the U of M MRC website <http://z.umn.edu/mrc> , scroll down to "Member resources" and click on "Member training". We request that every member view the on-line orientation. Please send us an email at medicalreserve@umn.edu once you have completed any of the on-line training modules, including the orientation.

We welcome questions and comments from MRC members. Email comments or questions to medicalreserve@umn.edu or call Kathy Berlin, MRC Coordinator at 612-626-4722.

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