



September 2014

Dear U of MN Medical Reserve Corps Member,

September is National Preparedness Month. Just as individuals work on personal preparedness plans, the Medical Reserve Corps is also reviewing our emergency response plans and procedures.

One aspect of assuring our MRC unit's capability to respond quickly to emerging public health emergencies is to maintain an up-to-date record of the contact information for every MRC member. Notification of MRC deployment opportunities are sent to members email, texts, and phone calls.

This is where you, the MRC member, come in. We are requesting every MRC member go into the MRC registry to review and update their personal information, including and most importantly their current cell phone provider and cell phone number.

To update your personal information, click on the link below to access the MRC registry.

<http://mrc.ahc.umn.edu>

Please feel free to call (612-626-4722) or email me (medicalreserve@umn.edu) should you be unable to access the MRC registry while attempting to update your personal information.

Warm regards,

Kathy Hite Berlin RN, PHN

U of M MRC Coordinator

1. Logistics Strike Team Meeting

The Logistics Strike Team manages supplies and resources before and during U of M MRC deployments, large training activities, and exercises. This team is responsible for pre-event physical set up which includes setting up signage, Tensa barriers, tables, chairs, equipment and other supplies as needed. During MRC events and deployments members of this team assist with member check-in, supply management, and the care and support of MRC members.

This team is essential to the operation of our MRC and we are looking to add another 10 members to the team. Members of the Logistics Strike Team and those interested in learning more about the team are invited to the Logistics Strike Team meeting.

Date: Tuesday, September 23

Time: 12:00pm-1:00pm

Location: Moos Tower, room 5-125

Participants: U of MN MRC members. Membership on this strike team may be of particular interest to members who do not have a health/medical license.

To Register: Email medicalreserve@umn.edu Please RSVP by 9:00am on Monday, September 22 .

Additional Information: Lunch will be served.

2. Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers

Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers class is open for registration to U of M MRC members. The U of M Department of Emergency Management is teaching this class based on the 2010 American Heart Association guidelines. The class covers adult, child, 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: Thursday, October 16, 2014

Time: 8:00am-12:00pm

Location: Minneapolis campus-2221 University Avenue South, Suite 140

Participants: U of M MRC members-class size limited to 15

To Register: Send an email to medicalreserve@umn.edu. Please RSVP by 10:00am Monday, October 12. Pre-registration is required.

Cost: The cost of this training is being covered by the Medical Reserve Corps.

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

3. 10 Year Anniversary Celebration

Since 2004 the University's MRC has aided in emergency response and public health initiatives on campus, and at the local, state, and national levels. During the last week in October we will be recognizing the dedication and commitment of our MRC members over the past 10 years. Watch for information about planned celebration events in the October MRC Newsletter.

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