



MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS



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FREE Online Training Opportunities at:
<https://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx?all=true>

FREE Live courses at Emergency Management Institute:
<https://training.fema.gov/emi.aspx>

and The Center for Domestic Preparedness at:
<https://cdp.dhs.gov/Travel> and lodging included

Obtain your FEMA Student ID number at
<https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid/register>

Don't be Uninformed: Keep your contact info current. Register on ServNY:
<https://apps.health.ny.gov/vms/appmanager/vms/public>

GREAT JOB RECRUITING. Last quarter, we accepted (2) new members, EMT-B Mayer Goldberg and Support Member Natasha Carmona.

Welcome ALL!!

Unit activities since the last newsletter:

- October 16th - 12 members attended training on the county's new disaster management software "WebEOC".
- October 17th - RN. Kim Vondras and Pharmacist Joe McKeegan staffed a Flu immunization Point of Dispensing immunizing 17 county employees.
- October 23rd - 8 members filled a number of position during the county's full-scale exercise of the Strategic National Stockpile's staging area. They worked in receiving and distribution.
- November 20th - 4 members filled a number of position during the counties full-scale exercise of the Indian Point Emergency Response Plan. They provided data collection and clerical services.
- November 20th - The Unit Advisory Board met and reviewed the unit's 2019 activities goals and objective and discussed and set the 2020 goals and objective.
- November 20th - 26 members and 1 perspective member attended the end of year meeting/training covering 2019's goals and objective and activities, member recognitions and the plan for 2020.
- December 4th - RN Cathy Colon, Pharmacist Joe McKeegan and Support member Elizabeth Petersen staffed a Flu immunization Point of Dispensing immunizing 20 citizens.

Thank You Helen Freer



VERY SPECIAL THANKS

*** We would like to give a special thanks to member Angelo Angerame for his generous donation of disposable Nebulizers for our use in caring for the citizens of Orange County.**

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

2019 in Review

Goals and objectives:

- Recruit to increase the membership by at least 30%. (40 people)
Not met. (30) new members accepted; no applications denied.
- Evaluate the organization and its policies and procedures to ensure County and Department compliance and operability by February 28st 2019.
Completed and ongoing.
- Have every member request and establish an account in the Health Commerce System and ServNY by March 31st 2019.
Not met. Only about 50% completed.
- Fully use ServNY for all communications and scheduling by March 1, 2019.
Not met due to above.
- Continue to expand the mission to increase member activity, attract new members and better support the county.
Partially complete still in progress.
- Complete the establishment of the “Responder Rehab Teams” and implement it by January 1st 2019.
Partially complete still in progress.
- Complete the establishment of the “Junior Mentorship” and implement it by February 28, 2019.
Partially complete still in progress.
- Continue to offer mission related (POD) and interesting training topics and coordinating our members’ opportunities to attend other agency trainings by identifying, establishing and posting a schedule of courses available to the members at least quarterly.
Completed.

Membership:

On January 1, 2019, we had a roster of 120 members. Between January and December we accepted a total of 30 new members and lost 5 bringing us to an end of year count of 145 members. Recruitment mostly done by word of mouth.

Special Committee members donated hours:

(20) hours by the Newsletter group.

(30) hours by the Facebook group.

(30) hours by the Career guidance development group.

(50) hours by the Responder Rehab. development group.

For a total of (130) hours donated.

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WHAT'S HAPPENED? CONTINUED**Training:**

(30) members completed the prerequisite ICS and Psychological First Aid

(11) MRC sponsored monthly trainings

(1) Full scale Indian Point Exercises

(1) Full scale Point of Dispensing Exercise

(2) County Staging Site Exercises (SNS)

(2) Optional trainings (you are the help/stop the bleed and Narcan)

Non MRC sponsored training that members attended: (3) County Risk management courses; Mental Health Conference in New Paltz; (40 hours)

For a total of (988 hours) donated for training.

Unit deployments:

- Deployment April 24th West Point
- Deployment August 10th Movie Night
- Deployment August 24th & 25th Airshow
- Deployment December 4th flu POD
- Deployment Jan 14th POD
- Deployment Jan 19th & 20th for EOC Support
- Deployment July 1st MMR POD Kiryas Joel
- Deployment July 2st Touro POD
- Deployment July 6th Great American Weekend
- Deployment July 26th Measles tracking
- Deployment July 27th Freedom Fest
- Deployment July Measles Response
- Deployment June 1st Newburgh Illuminated
- Deployment June Measles Response
- Deployment May 9th PHAD exercise
- Deployment May 29th Senior Health Day
- Deployment November 4th Flu POD
- Deployment November 20th IPEC exercise
- Deployment October 17th Flu Pod
- Deployment October 23rd SNS Exercise
- Deployment September 19th to 30th: Assist with Public Education School exclusion of unvaccinated students.

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WHAT'S HAPPENED? CONTINUED**Total hours donated:**

- Training - 988 hours
- Deployments:
 - 795 hours in support of Health Department programs
 - 199 hours in support of the Division of Emergency Management operations.
- Administrative/ Special Committees - 130 hours

Total volunteer hours donated for administrative, training and deployment for the year is 2,112 with an economic value of \$67,289.96

Some Highlights:

- The policy and procedure for the Responder Rehab Unit completed and approved.
- The Medical Treatment Standing Orders were developed and approved for use.
- (4) members completed 10 years of service: Angelo Angerame, Helene Freer, Maura Koennecke and Priscilla Sager.
- (6) members completed 5 years of service: Anthony and Mildred Ardisana, Dr. Joyce Brown, Cathy Colon, Mary-Alice Conway and Cameron Tidd.
- We applied for and were awarded \$7,500 from NACCHO for Responder rehab Unit equipment.
- We conducted a total of 150 non-emergency blood pressure screenings.
- We provided first aid to a total of 30 people.
- We provided health and disaster preparedness educational materials to approximately 3,000 people.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?

- The Career Guidance and Support program is progressing; we are finalizing the policy and procedures and will start recruiting Guides soon.
- The Responder Rehab Unit policy and procedures are finished and we will be recruiting staff and advertising our services in March.
- We are continuing to acquire equipment for the Rehab unit through grants and donations.
- The training schedule is being developed will be out by the end of February.
- We are verifying membership and updating our records.
- Our Facebook page is up and running. To “like” the page, visit <https://www.facebook.com/OrangecountyMRC/>
- We are continuing to assist members with registering staff in Health Commerce and ServNY. Additionally, we are still attempting to issue member IDs; if you do not have a new ID card, you must attend a meeting to get photographed, and you must sign it upon receipt.
- We are evaluating members compliance to the training attendance policy and will be reaching out to those not in compliance to verify their intentions to remain members.
- We are preparing for the spring weather related deployments.

WHAT WILL BE HAPPENING?

- We are planning on beginning recruitment in schools and other youth programs this year; if you are interested in speaking about us and our program to youth please let me know. Additionally we are going to target medical associations and civic groups so if you know of or belong to these types of organizations and are willing to talk about us or get me a contact let me know.
- Our Monthly training dates are: February 19; March 18; April 15; May 20; June 17; July 15; August 19; September 16; October 21; November 18 - No training in December.
- Training topics for this year will include: (not scheduled yet)
CPR for Healthcare Workers; Biohazards and PPE; Harassment prevention; Point of Distribution Operation; WEB EOC basics: Responder Rehab Unit Operations and Air show Operations. If there are other trainings you would like please let me know right away.
- We will be looking to attend these events and when we have good dates we'll update the list:
May - Senior Health Day June - Newburgh Illuminated
July - Great American Weekend July - Freedom Fest
August - Airshow August - Movie Nights
- We will be looking for some help from the membership with our sub working groups like: Newsletter writing and editing, Photographers, membership Good and Welfare and the career guidance program.

**Remember Recruit, Recruit
Recruit!!!!!!**

What is expected of MRC Members?

Members are required to register and maintain an account in the NYS Health Commerce System and to create and maintain a profile in ServNY.

Additionally, members are required to attend four (4) activities, two (2) of which must be "Point of Distribution" related trainings and one full-scale exercise (if offered) annually.

Members can anticipate being asked to assist during health department activities and/or assisting other county departments during emergencies.

For tips and instructions on how to be prepared go to:

<https://www.ready.gov>

- **BUILD A KIT**
- **MAKE A PLAN**
- **BE INFORMED**

Just a thought!

“What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good.”

Spoken by Greek philosopher Aristotle over 2300 years ago.

THINGS TO REMEMBER!

ONLY respond when assigned; DO NOT SELF-DISPATCH.

Remember to update your car and workplace preparedness kits and prepare for every variable. Always have a five-day supply of medication and 1 gallon of water per person per day on hand. Create and maintain a disaster GO Bag for you and your family. Create and maintain a three-day deployment bag so you will always be comfortable during deployments.

State of Emergency road closures means just that—only emergency vehicles or staff reporting for emergency duties.

Winter has arrived

Remember: Bridges freeze before roads, exposed skin can be injured, check your tires tread and air pressure, and check all of your fluids and your battery. Careful removing snow, take your time!! Please clear the snow from the roof of your car; think of the person behind you!!!

You should have already replaced your smoke and CO alarm batteries but if you haven't and you need help doing it, please ask!! Check on your neighbors!!!

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