

THE CALL

December, 2019 Newsletter



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To all the Wonderful
Volunteers across
Missouri.....
Thank you!
And
Happy Holidays!



★ **NACCHO Operational Readiness Awards** ★

The 2020 MRC ORAs aim to build the operational readiness capabilities of MRC volunteers and units to meet the needs of their local, regional, or statewide stakeholders. We are happy to report 5 Missouri MRCs received this funding — **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Bollinger County MRC, Juanita Welker, Administrator
and Cape Girardeau County MRC, Jane Wernsman, Director



The Medical Reserve Corps Units in Bollinger County and Cape Girardeau County have both received Operational Readiness Awards through NACCHO. These two MRC Units have partnered to offer CPR, First Aid, Triage and Points of Distribution training as well as Community Emergency Response Team classes to members of the communities.

After participating in the trainings, MRC members and members of the community will be better prepared to respond to their community during a disaster. Individuals who are better prepared to respond to their own needs in a disaster are less of a challenge to first responders. They are also more likely to offer assistance at an incident and to volunteer with the MRC.

1. Conduct a self-assessment of the Units' current strengths and weakness by utilizing the MRC Factors for Success Performance Measurements and increase the overall score by 50% by April 1, 2020.
2. Review and update the Units' Training Plan by June 30, 2020.
3. Provide CPR and First Aid / Triage training for at least 50% of Unit members by August 301, 2020.
4. Test the Unit's ability to provide medical screening and care by staffing the First Aid station during the SEMO District Fair in September of 2020.

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5. Provide four CPR / First Aid training classes for the general public between by December 31, 2020.
6. Provide three Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trainings for the general public by December 31, 2020.
7. Attend four community events by December 30, 2020 to distribute MRC, Emergency Preparedness and CPR information. Printing of the Unit's own "Emergency Preparedness for Amateurs," booklet to distribute at these events.



Macon County Community Volunteer Corps, Mike Chambers, Director

The main project outcome is to improve and strengthen the health departments' mass prophylaxis response capability to distribute medical countermeasures to all populations within the jurisdiction in an effective manner, with an increased capacity to do so by predefined MRC volunteer support; with a focused effort to determine how to modify operations to serve the access and functional needs community. In addition, with the aid of local A&FN agencies, city governments, faith-based organizations, and the A&FN population, MRC unit will develop communications channels to utilize throughout the project period.

1. Inclusion of access and functional needs into the MRC as registered, vetted volunteers.
2. Research breadth and width of access and functional needs population within and throughout the entire Macon County jurisdiction.
3. Draft an access and functional needs mass prophylaxis plan that addresses public health response and volunteer support priorities.
4. Develop public health and volunteer training plans to support access and functional needs response for mitigation efforts.
5. Sustain project to completion of Access and Functional Needs Mass Prophylaxis response plan and execution of training plan.



Northeast Missouri (NEMO) MRC, Ron Stewart, Planner

Enhancing the Corps emergency preparedness and response capabilities by providing the local, regional and state level responders with pre-identified, credentialed and well-trained Corps of affiliated and non-affiliated volunteers.

1. Provide the ability to successfully respond to and provide suitable medical screenings and care to those suffering from an emergency/disaster causing injury and life-threatening harm.
2. Enhance the Corps capabilities and resources to operate a variety of Mass Dispensing PODs.
3. A limited number of community members have expressed the desire to assist during and post emergencies however, do not wish to be affiliated with any specific Corps. Therefore, development and implementation of Unaffiliated Local/Regional Community Volunteers.



Howard County MRC, Michelle Reynolds, Program Coordinator

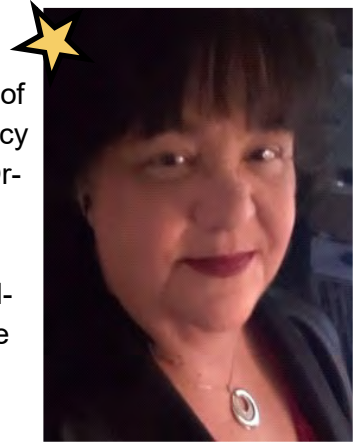
Our grant will help us provide activities for education and recruitment. Our goal is to increase our MRC membership by 10% next year. We will offer membership information at the education activities. Some of those activities will include presentations to local university students, as well as our current MRC membership. One of the educational information sessions will include the purchase of and a showing of the documentary on trauma-informed care, "Resilience: the Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope".

We are passionate regarding the topic of Adverse Childhood Experiences and the evidence showing how common they are; as well as how early intervention can help people overcome some of these traumatic experiences and live healthier lives.

INTRODUCING TINA BROWN!



We are happy to welcome Tina Brown to the position of State Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator. Tina replaces Alyssa Borchelt and is extremely excited to work with the MRCs throughout the state. Tina has been with Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) for 17 years starting as an assistant in the Training Department and working her way up the SEMA ladder throughout the years. Tina worked for eight years with SEMA's Missouri Emergency Response Commission, ensuring that the State of Missouri was informed of the chemicals that were present in the state. She has been working in Emergency Human Services (EHS) at SEMA for the last three years, helping Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COADs) and Long Term Recovery Committees (LTRCs) prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters in MO. While responding to all the incidents that happened in 2011 – snow and ice storms, flooding, drought, and Joplin Tornado – Tina completed her Associates of Arts degree in Business Administration.



We look forward to you all getting to know Tina. We know you will enjoy working with her!



Well.....it doesn't exactly have to be done the first week of January! But here's a reminder to please take a minute and update your profile in Show-Me Response!

If you are a Unit Administrator, please update your Unit descriptions and check on pending applications to your unit.



We now have approximately 11,000 volunteers registered in Missouri's platform for pre-registering volunteers. As we continue to review the platform, we find the following:

- * Volunteers that have not accessed their accounts in several years.
- * Organizations that have pending volunteers for up to almost five years (exception rather than the rule).
- * Volunteers with missing minimum identifying information besides name (address and date of birth).
- * Volunteers with missing license information (number, state and expiration date).
- * Volunteers with missing / outdated place of work.

The last two bullets for licensed personnel are very important for verification of Emergency Credential Level (ECL) and verification of license status.

THANK YOU!!



Hard Hats Off to the Missouri SAVE Coalition!



Missouri SAVE
Coalition

Ensuring Building
Safety In a
Disaster



The Missouri Structural Assessment and Visual Evaluation (SAVE) Coalition is a group of volunteer engineers, architects, building inspectors and other professionals that assists the Missouri State Emergency Management

Agency (SEMA) with building damage inspections. After a disaster, SAVE volunteers are trained to move quickly to determine which buildings are safe to use. SAVE Coalition volunteers are called to assist when a disaster causes so much structural damage that local officials need help determining the safety of buildings. SAVE inspectors are trained in rapid visual evaluations to get people back in their homes as soon as possible. Architects, professional engineers, building inspectors and skilled construction industry workers with at least five years of verifiable general building design, construction or inspection experience are eligible to join the SAVE Coalition; members are required to complete a training course to become a certified member, with re-certification every three years.



**[DID YOU FEEL IT?
Report an Earthquake Online](#)**

- ◆ **May 2019, Jefferson City and Cole County:** After a tornado swept through the capitol city and surrounding areas on May 22, 2019, county and city officials requested the SAVE Coalition to provide assistance in determining how much structural damage the county sustained.
- ◆ **February 2012, Branson:** After tornadoes swept across southwest Missouri on February 29, 2012, the City of Branson asked the SAVE Coalition to help determine how much structural damage the city sustained.
- ◆ **May 2011, Joplin:** Missouri's SAVE Coalition assisted the City of Joplin by inspecting more than 6,300 structures following an EF-5 tornado that hit the town on May 22nd, 2011.

More than 1,000 professionals are trained as SAVE volunteers in Missouri, and are ready to respond to communities in need across the state. When local governments contact SEMA for assistance after a disaster, SAVE volunteer coordinators send available inspectors to the affected area to help them conduct building assessments.

Missouri's SAVE Coalition was formed by state law in 1991 to establish a building inspection program for all disaster events, both natural and manmade. There are no fees for SAVE inspections.

For more information on Missouri's SAVE Coalition, contact Jeff Briggs at 573-526-9232.

Show-Me Response is pleased to support this extremely valuable volunteer resource!






The 2019 Show-Me Partnerships / Volunteer Symposium held in October, 2019, at Lake of the Ozarks,

was widely reported a great success! Over 20 subject matter experts presented plenary and breakout sessions on multiple topics and issues—ALL of which touched upon Public Health in conjunction with social justice, climate change, and human trafficking, just to name a few. In fact, 13 of the 15 Capabilities were tied to the sessions offered at this year’s conference. While the target audience included Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD), Long Term Recovery Committees (LTRC), Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), Local Public Health Agencies (LPHA), State Agencies, Not for Profits, Local Emergency Management Agencies, and Faith-Based organizations, Public Health represented the largest sector of attendees. This conference is held every other year. In 2020, watch for information on the Children and Youth in Disasters Conference!



VISION FOR THE FUTURE



SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI
 PRE-CONFERENCE JULY 13 -15, 2020
 CONFERENCE JULY 15 - 18, 2020
2020nationalCERTconference.com

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, which allows them to focus on more complex tasks. This national conference promises to be very informative – Join us!




PREPAREDNESS SUMMIT | March 31- April 3 2020 | Dallas HILTON ANATOLE

MRC 2020 Leadership Summit March 30th in Dallas — Prior to Preparedness Summit



The 2020 MRC Leadership Summit is intended to provide in-depth leadership training on MRC tools and resources, build connections among MRC leaders and program partners, and better enable MRC units to meet their unit mission requirements. The MRC Leadership Summit will be held on Monday, March 30, 2020 at the Dallas Hilton Anatole.

Show-Me Response stands ready to assist you with volunteer management and training!

Please contact Tina Brown or Pat Curtis with your suggestions and / or requests.

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