

THE CALL

Quarterly Newsletter



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State MRC Coordinator Leaving SEMA

This will be my final newsletter, as my last day with the State Emergency Management Agency is today. As some of you know, I have accepted a position within Disaster Services at the Department of Mental Health. This has been an excellent experience and I have learned so much from many of you. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work with all of you. Also, I sincerely appreciate each and every one of you for your devotion to helping the citizens of Missouri in times of disaster. Thank you all for being so great to work with!

Alyssa Borchelt



Best of luck to all of those who are involved with the planning or who are participating in the **Star Spangled Fright** exercise in St. Louis County the week of October 7th!



Training Opportunities

Interested in some additional training? Want something to do when you can't sleep? Consider checking out these training websites to get your learning on!

You will need to register to get access, but it's free. Almost all classes you see are free to attend or take online. All you have to provide is your time! **HAPPY LEARNING!**

SEMA: <https://www.sematraining.com/>

MRC TRAIN: <https://www.mrc.train.org/DesktopShell.aspx>

FEMA: <https://training.fema.gov/>

CDP: <http://cdp.dhs.gov/find-training>



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Annual Show-Me Response Call Down Drill

Show-Me Response, Missouri's Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Healthcare Professionals (ESAR-VHP), was tested on May 14-15, 2019. The Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response performance standards for ESAR-VHP operational time frames call for the ability to generate a potential list of volunteers within 2 hours of a request, and a verified, deployable-ready list of volunteers within 24 hours of request.

The 2019 full-notice communications exercise was announced to registered volunteers and organization/unit administrators approximately 3 weeks prior to the actual exercise regarding the parameters, objectives, and expectations of the exercise. The announcement of the exercise was distributed through the Show-Me Response quarterly newsletter, The Call.

On May 14th, alerts were issued briefly describing a devastating earthquake in Southeast Missouri and requesting volunteers to indicate their ability/willingness to assist with response and recovery efforts. Exercise participants were given a 24-hour time frame in which to respond.

Approximately 7,650 volunteers were contacted during this exercise and asked to respond with one of the following options:

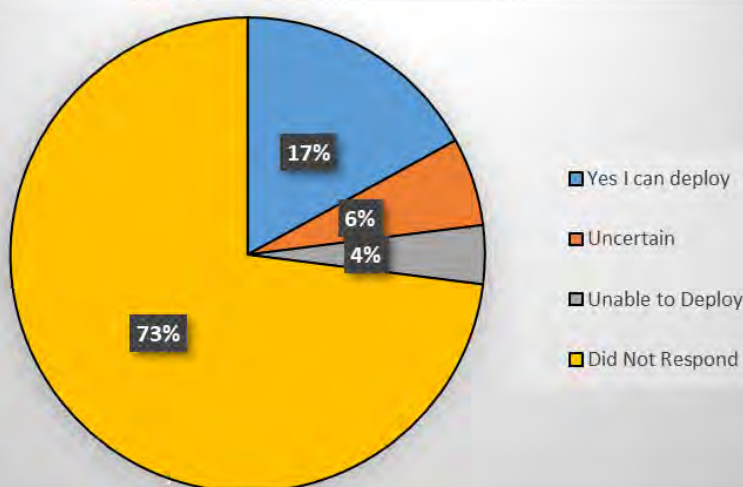
Positive response rate ("I would be able to deploy if this were a real event") = 17%

Possible response rate ("I am unsure if I would be available if this were a real event") = 6%

Negative response rate ("I am unable to assist during this event") = 4%

2051 volunteers participated in the exercise. 58% of participants (n=1189) responded within 15 minutes of the request, increasing to 84% of participants (n=1729) responding within 2 hours – 989 of whom were willing to deploy.

The results of this exercise point to an engaged and extremely diverse cadre of volunteers, and highlight the state's capacity to successfully and effectively respond to requests for volunteers well within federal guidelines, recommendations, and best practices.



Upcoming Training/Conferences

2019 Show-Me Partnerships Volunteer Symposium



Building Capacity Through Volunteerism

October 8-9, 2019
The Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark

Conference registration provided at no cost!

[Click here to register](#)



Learn basic emergency bleeding techniques

Receive simulated hands-on training

Offered at NO COST

Participants will receive a course completion certificate

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

1:30pm—3:30pm

The Lodge of Four Seasons—Valencia A
315 Four Seasons Dr. Lake Ozark, MO

To Register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stop-the-bleed-tickets-69767768273>



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Want to be in the next issue?

Would you or your organization like to be featured in the next issue of The Call? We are always interested in hearing stories of how individuals and organizations are out there changing the world!

Email Alyssa.Borchelt@sema.dps.mo.gov with article suggestions.

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

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