

What kind of training is available?

In most cases, training as an MRC volunteer focuses primarily on learning local emergency and health procedures, trauma response techniques, use of specialized equipment, and other methods to enhance volunteer effectiveness.

Perhaps the most important part of training is learning how to work as a **team**.

Other activities include:

CPR
Mental Health
First Aid
Stop The Bleed
Narcans Training
Basic Life Support Incident/Local Command System
Health Screenings
Until Help Arrives Emergency Sheltering, etc.



Do I have liability protection?

New Jersey law provides that a volunteer acting in good faith, carrying out, complying with or attempting to comply with, any order, rule or regulation promulgated pursuant to a declared emergency, or performing any authorized service in connection therewith, shall not be liable for any injury or death to persons or damage to property as a result of any such activity.

How do I join?

Volunteers may apply online, and the information is kept electronically in a state designed database.

Log on to:

<https://aspr.hhs.gov/MRC/Pages/index.aspx/> and complete the online application. Be sure to select the **Passaic County Medical Reserve Corps** unit.

If you do not have access to a computer, you can contact our MRC Coordinator.

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Passaic County

Medical Reserve Corps

Medical and non-medical staff coming together during Public Health emergencies.

Mission

“To develop a team of culturally competent, well-trained medical and non-medical personnel who are prepared to respond with a sense of urgency to any emergency.”



What is the MRC?

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a national network of volunteers, organized locally to improve the health and safety of their communities.

Our goal is to strengthen public health, reduce vulnerability, build resilience, and improve preparedness, response, and recovery capabilities

In order to accomplish this, we ensure all of our volunteers receive continued education and training in order to respond with confidence and competence in the face of emergency.

History

The events of September 11, 2001 underscored a need for a mechanism to better utilize volunteer medical and public health professionals. Medical providers who wanted to help alleviate the strain on local medical systems where the terror incidents occurred arrived on their own and at personal risk. Despite their intentions, their presence became problematic for emergency managers due to difficulties that arose surrounding the use of spontaneous, unaffiliated volunteers.

The MRC is a more organized approach.

What do volunteers do?

MRC volunteers train - individually and with other members of the unit - in order to improve their skills, knowledge and abilities.

Sometimes the training is coursework, and other times it is part of a drill or exercise conducted with partner organizations in the community. Continuing education units and credits are even available for some programs.

The specific role that you will play, and the activities in which you will participate, will depend upon your background, interests and skills, as well as the needs of the MRC unit and the community.

Roles and Activities may include:

Direct Patient Care

Administrative Duties

Clerical or Reception Duties

Translation Services



What do volunteers do?

The Passaic County MRC invites both health care professionals and community volunteers.

Any licensed or certified health care professional, practicing or retired, living or working in Passaic County can apply to be a member.

Community volunteers who are not health professionals are also encouraged to apply.

Why should I join?



WE NEED YOU

“Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer.”

Your community members need your support and in the event of the emergency you will play an important role in keeping the people safe.

In addition to aiding the community there are certain benefits that come with being an MRC volunteer.

1. You receive special preparedness training that can be invaluable.
2. You receive Personal Protective equipment (PPE) that can be vital during any emergency.
3. As a first responder, you receive prophylaxis for you and your household member prior to your assignment.