



Medical Reserve Corps

Volunteers Building Strong, Healthy, and Prepared Communities

Medical Reserve Corps Monthly Report: January 2019

Monthly at a Glance



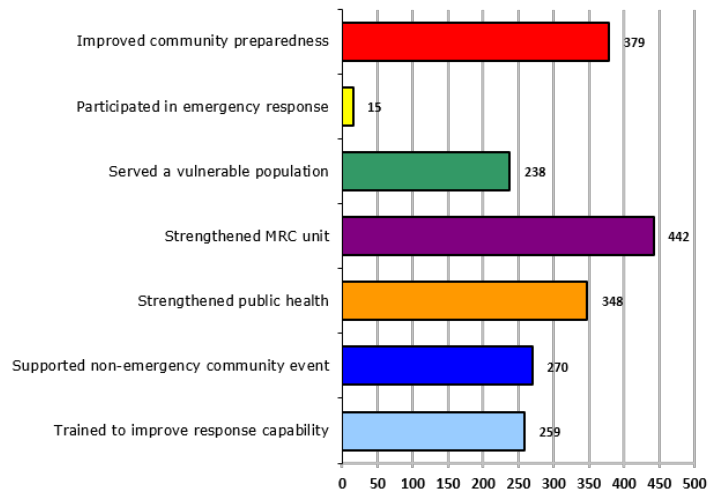
876 MRC units

186,354 volunteers

MRC volunteers devoted more than 180 hours to emergency responses related to wildfires and approximately 220 hours responding to emergencies involving cold temperatures or winter storms.



640 MRC activities reported



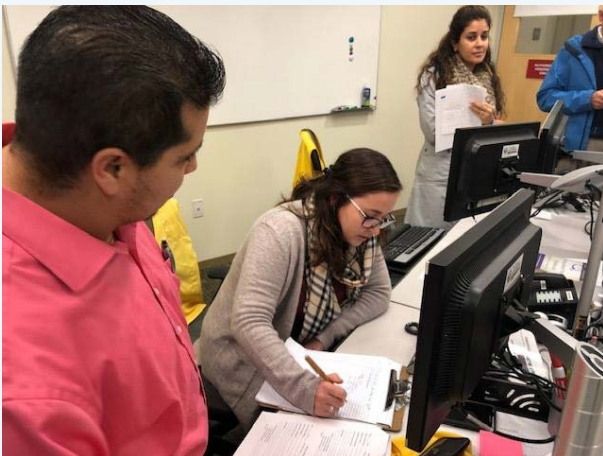
The number of activities notes the number of unique entries by MRC unit leaders for the current month. MRC unit leaders also select impact areas for each activity, which may include multiple categories. Thus, the numbers in the bar chart may not equal the total number of activities.

MRC: Building Strong, Healthy, and Prepared Communities

- ★ In response to the Camp Fire in California, members of the **Sacramento MRC (CA)** provided medical care to people at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds shelter in Chico, California. In addition, medical volunteers with the **Contra Costa MRC (CA)** cared for evacuees in a clinic at a general population shelter maintained by the American Red Cross.
- ★ During an impending winter storm, **Orange County MRC (NY)** volunteers supported a local Emergency Operations Center, assisting with call center operations and data collection.
- ★ After a rainstorm caused the mandatory evacuation of the Thomas Fire burn scar areas in California, the **Santa Barbara County MRC (CA)** staffed an emergency call center at an Emergency Operations Center.
- ★ Several MRC units staffed cold weather shelters, including the **Rutland- Addison County MRC (VT)**, the **Hendricks County MRC (IN)**, and the **New Orleans MRC (LA)**.
- ★ Working with the Florida Department of Health, the **Southwest Florida MRC (FL)** provided hepatitis A and influenza vaccinations to high-risk populations.
- ★ During the State of the Union at the U.S. Capitol, the **George Washington University Medical Faculty Associates MRC (DC)** was on standby in coordination with D.C. Fire and Emergency Management Services in case there was a medical emergency.

Strengthening the MRC Network and Enhancing Connectivity with Partners

- ★ As part of the program's monthly Well Check Webinar series, MRC staff hosted a webinar on January 8, which focused on best practices for incorporating nursing students into MRC units. A recording is archived on the [MRC website](#).
- ★ The Region 1 (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT) MRC Liaison assisted with an MRC response to a gas line issue in Newport, Rhode Island.
- ★ The Region 2 (NJ, NY, PR, and VI) MRC Liaison worked with the New Jersey State Coordinator to prepare for a meeting with the New Jersey Emergency Management Assistance Compact lead.
- ★ The Region 3 (DC, DE, MD, PA, VA, and WV) MRC Liaison met with the DC State Coordinator about the use of MRC units for the State of the Union.
- ★ The Region 5 (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, and WI) MRC Liaison participated in the MRC Association of Illinois Board meeting to review strategies on how to address state partners' requests for MRC units.
- ★ The Region 6 (AR, LA, NM, OK, and TX) MRC Liaison met with officials from Grambling State University and Louisiana state officials to discuss developing an MRC unit on the Grambling campus.
- ★ With the Region 10 (AK, ID, OR, and WA) MRC Liaison position vacant, the Region 7 (IA, KS, MO, and NE) MRC Liaison spoke with the leaders of a tribal MRC in Washington and the unit's stakeholders regarding redeveloping the unit.
- ★ The Region 8 (CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, and WY) MRC Liaison hosted a regional call highlighting the response by the Utah County MRC in Utah to a hepatitis A outbreak; this information may help other MRC leaders in the region respond to similar emergencies.
- ★ To assist with recovery efforts in response to the Camp Fire in California, the Region 9 (AZ, CA, HI, NV, Guam, American Samoa, CNMI, FSMI, RMI, and Palau) MRC Liaison worked closely with the Regional Emergency Coordinators and the State of California MRC Coordinator to evaluate the overall response, volunteer hours, and demobilization. The Regional Liaison also worked with the Region 6 MRC Liaison to facilitate the deployment of Texas-based veterinary volunteers to California.



Pictured: (Left) After a rainstorm caused the mandatory evacuation of the Thomas Fire burn scar areas in California, volunteers with the Santa Barbara County MRC (CA) staffed an emergency call center at an Emergency Operations Center; **(Right)** the Alexandria MRC (VA) offered basic life support (BLS) training on January 12 to 11 MRC members.

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