

WHAT IS THE MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS?

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a national network of locally based volunteer groups. These groups build strong, healthy and prepared communities by:

- Supporting local emergency response efforts
- Working to prepare their communities for emergencies
- Participating in ongoing health activities

Examples of MRC activities include:

- Care for individuals with special needs in emergency shelters
- Distribution of medication during disease outbreaks
- Disaster mental health services
- Pandemic influenza planning
- Routine medical screenings and immunizations
- Health education
- Community preparedness activities



HOW CAN I JOIN THE MRC?

Contact your local MRC coordinator.

As an MRC member, you are registered in the SERVGA database and alert system, which organizes and pre-certifies emergency response volunteers. Upon registration, you can establish your availability and desired level of involvement. With your help, Georgia will build strong, healthy and prepared communities.

*For additional information, go to
www.medicalreservecorps.gov
to locate and contact the MRC unit in your area.
To register as a volunteer, go to www.SERVGA.gov*

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**HEALTHY,
PREPARED
COMMUNITIES**

**Georgia Medical Reserve
Corps Volunteers**

Volunteer To Help Your State In Times of Need

Whether it's a horrific disaster like a terrorist attack, tornado or wildfire, or important year-round health initiatives, your local Georgia Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) needs you. Teams of civilian volunteers are critical to building stronger, healthier and more prepared communities throughout our state.

Why Does Georgia Need The MRC?

In case of a disaster or public health emergency, local emergency response resources may become quickly overwhelmed. Experience has proven that volunteers who have been pre-identified, pre-credentialed and trained are more easily integrated into emergency response efforts. Georgia's Medical Reserve Corps units organize and utilize public health, medical and non-medical volunteers BEFORE disaster strikes so we are ready when events occur.

Each local Medical Reserve Corps unit works with its local partners to build a strong, safe, resilient community through preparedness, planning and ongoing health activities. In an emergency, Medical Reserve Corps volunteers may assist with distributing medications, caring for people with special needs, or supporting local hospitals, health departments and other emergency response partners.

What Training Is Required?

You may already be an expert in your field. In most cases, your training as an MRC volunteer will focus primarily on learning how you fit into your local emergency response plans and health initiative procedures. You may also receive training on trauma response techniques, use of specialized equipment, and other methods to enhance your effectiveness as a volunteer.

Perhaps the most important part of your training will be learning to work as a part of a team. An organized, well-trained MRC unit is familiar with its community's response plan, available materials, response partners, and understands where its skills can best be used in a coordinated manner.

Why Does The MRC Need You?

When disaster strikes a community, volunteers of all skill levels are necessary to help those in dire need. By volunteering now, BEFORE the disaster strikes, you become part of an organized response so that those in need receive help more quickly.

MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals such as:

- Physicians
- Physician Assistants
- Nurses
- Pharmacists
- Dentists
- Veterinarians
- Mental health professionals
- Epidemiologists
- EMTs

Other community members who also fill vital support positions include:

- Interpreters
- Chaplains
- Office workers
- Warehouse workers
- Information technology professionals
- HAM radio operators
- Legal advisors



VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST WITH GEORGIA'S DISASTER RECOVERY