

## Volunteers (continued)

### *Licensed Professional Volunteers:*

- Submit application
- Criminal background investigation conducted by the Office of Community Services.
- Receive acceptance letter from HCMRC.
- Successfully complete 4 hours of orientation training.

### *Non-licensed Volunteers:*

- Complete CERT training - Contact the Office of Community Services.
- Submit application
- Criminal background investigation conducted by the Office of Community Services.
- Receive acceptance letter from HCMRC.
- Successfully complete 4 hours of orientation training.

Anyone who volunteers as part of a formally recognized volunteer program is considered State personnel who enjoy qualified personal immunity from suit and liability in Maryland courts. The volunteers personal immunity is qualified under the Maryland Tort Claims Act in that the immunity under the Act is available only for acts or omissions of the volunteer that are (i) within the scope of the volunteers duly assigned and accepted State program responsibilities and (ii) committed without malice or gross negligence.

## ***Who Can Volunteer?***

Anyone who wants to contribute to a health or medical emergency in Harford County.

### **WE NEED YOU TODAY!**

The following volunteer skill sets are needed:

- Clerical
- Nurses
- EMT's
- Dentists
- Clergy
- Pharmacists
- Social Workers
- Mental Health
- Administrative
- Veterinarian
- Morticians
- Interpreters
- Physicians
- Security
- and others



**Be a local hero!**

**Join the**

**Harford County Medical Reserve Corps**



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## Medical Reserve Corps



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## What is the MRC?

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) was founded after President Bush's 2002 State of the Union Address, in which he asked all Americans to volunteer in support of their Country.

The Harford County Medical Reserve Corps (HCMRC) was established in 2005 to organize and utilize volunteers - medical professionals and others - who want to donate their time and expertise to promote healthy living throughout the year and to prepare for and respond to emergencies. HCMRC volunteers supplement existing local emergency and public health resources.

HCMRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians, and epidemiologists. Other community members, such as interpreters, chaplains, office workers, and legal advisors, can fill other vital support positions.



## Expectations

### What you can expect from the Medical Reserve Corps:

By being a part of the Harford County Medical Reserve Corps, you can expect:

- To serve the emergency public health needs of your community.
- To receive training in emergency and disaster management.
- To be assigned volunteer duties that match your background, skills and expertise.

### What the Medical Reserve Corps expects of you:

Volunteers must be willing to respond to an emergency in the Harford County area on short notice, both during and after normal work hours or on weekends.

When deployed, volunteers should have their own transportation to the staging site and may have to work under stressful conditions and adverse environments.

Volunteers must be willing to work as part of a specialized team and attend annual trainings and exercises.

Volunteers will be provided with distinctive uniforms and must conduct themselves in a professional manner that instills the trust and confidence of the public and the emergency services community.

## Volunteers

### What can MRC volunteers do?

**Support** local public health initiatives:

- Promoting disease prevention
- Improving health literacy
- Eliminating health disparities
- Enhancing public health preparedness

**Assist** local hospitals and the health department with surge personnel needs.

**Participate** in mass prophylaxis and vaccination exercises and community disaster drills.

**Respond** to natural or man-made disasters.

**Train** with local emergency response partners.

### Volunteer Training

Volunteers may choose to enroll in trainings that are offered annually and can participate in emergency preparedness drills & exercises.

