

MRC Mission

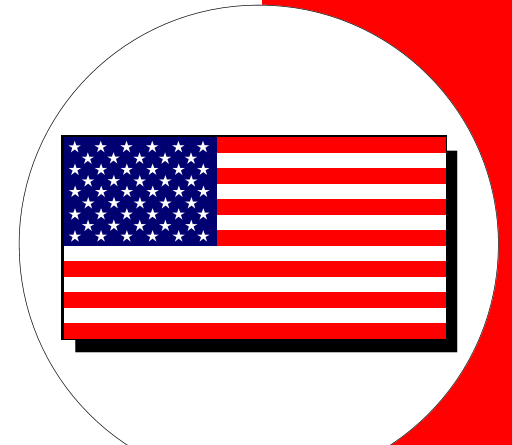
The mission of the MRC is to provide healthcare professionals and other volunteers an organized mechanism to strengthen their community by preparing for and responding to large-scale emergencies, in local communities by engaging in appropriate public health initiatives throughout the year.

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**Columbia/Boone County
Medical Reserve Corps**



What is a Medical Reserve Corps?

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a component of President Bush's USA Freedom Corps, which promotes volunteerism and service throughout the United States.

The MRC is a community-based, organized group of local medical and health volunteers who can serve during a local health emergency and assist with local public health needs, such as an influenza epidemic, a chemical spill, or an act of terrorism.

Medical Reserve Corps volunteers also offer education and prevention services to improve the health and well-being of their neighborhoods and communities.

MRC Volunteers serve a vital role in preparing their community for emergencies and disasters.

MRC's Purpose

The purposes of the local MRC are to:

- √ Draw health professionals into volunteer service.
- √ Create a framework to match volunteers' skills with their communities needs.
- √ Train volunteer healthcare professionals to assist local authorities in responding to local emergencies.
- √ Provide a reserve capacity at the local level to respond to natural and manmade disasters.
- √ To assist with the deployment of the Strategic National Stockpile Program should it ever be needed in our community.

Who can volunteer?

Volunteering for your local MRC is a great opportunity for recently retired health professionals, healthcare students and inactive healthcare workers. Volunteers have the opportunity to maintain their healthcare skills and to give back to their community.

The MRC is looking for all types of healthcare professionals, including, but not limited to:

Physicians, nurses, EMT's, pharmacists, nurses' assistants, public health professionals, veterinarians, epidemiologists, laboratory technicians, counselors, social workers, psychologists, and anyone else with healthcare background.

Volunteers are required to pass a background check and abide by professional standards.