CAPITAL AREA CITIZEN CORPS

Capital Area Medical Reserve Corps

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► Who we are Regionally?

Capital Area Public Health Network serves 24 towns

Capital Area Citizen Corps Mission:

The Capital Area Citizen Corps is dedicated to recruitment, training, and maintaining volunteers that will support our communities and the mission of the Capital Area Public Health Network.









Why should you become a team member?

- Gives community members the opportunity to participate in developing strategies to make their communities healthier and safer.
- Bolsters public health and emergency response infrastructures
- Provides opportunity for educating yourself, family, and others about preparing for emergencies
- Help neighbors in times of disaster
- Strengthens your relationship with your community



Volunteers Building Strong, Healthy, and Prepared Communities

Who we are Nationally...

- Following the 9-11 attacks, thousands of unaffiliated volunteers showed up on their own to help
 - No way to ID or credential them
 - No coverage under liability laws
 - No Incident Command System (ICS) Training
 - Difficult to manage



- 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 community.
 - A partner program with the Citizen Corps, a national network of volunteers dedicated to ensuring hometown security.



MRC in New Hampshire

- 13 Regional based units and one town-based unit (Pelham)
- Organized around the Public Health Network Regions
- Support from DHHS through a CDC/PHEP Grant
- Support from DHHS through Hospital Preparedness Grant
- Support from MRC/NACCHO through Capacity Building Grants
- Coordinators/Unit Leaders meet monthly



Engage Volunteers to strengthen public health, emergency response, and community resiliency.



Public Health Resilience

- Concept:
 - A pool of medical and non-medical volunteers
 - Organized and utilized locally
 - Identified, credentialed, trained, and prepared in advance
 - To support existing programs and resources



You as a Volunteer...

- Medical, Public Health Professionals and Non-Medical Volunteers are welcome.
- Support local public health, while advancing the priorities of the U.S. Surgeon General
 - Promoting Disease Prevention
 - Improving health literacy
 - Eliminating health disparities
 - Enhancing public health preparedness
- Assist local hospitals and health departments with surge personnel needs.
- Participate in mass prophylaxis and vaccination exercises and community disaster drills.
- Train with local emergency response partners
- And more....

Volunteers needed

- Physicians
- Physician Assistants
- Nurse practitioners
- RN's, LPN's
- Paramedics, EMT's
- Pharmacists
- Pharmacy interns
- Dentists
- Behavioral Health Professionals

- Midwives
- Public Health Workers
- Radiology Techs
- Veterinarians
- Chiropractors
- Retirees
- Non-medical personnel for administrative roles
- Students

Immunization Clinics









Sam's Club Safety Fair



Hep A Clinic





Thanksgiving Storm At Allenstown Elementary, families welcomed in from the cold



► It Starts with you

The Medical Reserve Corps and CERT are integral parts of the Citizen Corps, the grass-roots movement that actively involves everyone in making our communities and our nation stronger, and better prepared.

All over America, communities have organized Citizen Corps Councils to inspire people to take action and get involved.

To learn more about the Capital Area CERT or MRC program please visit www.capitalareaphn.org or call 603-224-2595 ext. 222.

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