

# Tristate Medical Reserve Corps

*Volunteers Building Strong, Healthy, and Prepared Communities*

## Volunteers Are at the Heart of the MRC

The **Tristate Medical Reserve Corps** includes 12 MRC units from Southwest Ohio, Northern Kentucky, and Southeast Indiana. The TMRC focuses on strengthening the public health infrastructure by preparing for and responding to natural and man-made

channel their efforts. As a result, the MRC was established in 2002 to provide a way to recruit, train, and activate medical and health professionals to respond to community health needs, including disasters and other public



disasters and/or public health emergencies in the community.

The need for MRC became apparent after the 9/11/01 terrorist attacks, when thousands of medical and public health professionals, eager to volunteer in support of emergency relief activities, found that there was no organized approach to

health emergencies.

MRC benefits you and your community by reinforcing public health and emergency response infrastructures, enabling communities to meet specific health needs, affording the local community more autonomy, and promoting information sharing amongst partners.

## Medical Reserve Corps Core Values

### COMMUNITY

**Honor the community-based nature of the MRC and recognize the spirit of volunteerism**

### ACTION

**Seek Opportunities to develop meaningful initiatives that support community medical and public health volunteerism and service**

### RESOURCEFULNESS

**Maximize the potential to learn, leverage relationships and assets to the fullest extent**

### TEAMWORK

**Embrace collaboration and work collectively to achieve a mission**

### DIVERSITY

**Accept and respect the cultural identity of all**

**[www.tristatemrc.org](http://www.tristatemrc.org)**



## We Need You

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK @TristateMRC!

The existence of this nationwide, community-based movement is due to the willingness of volunteers to serve their communities in times of need. Becoming a MRC volunteer provides the opportunity to belong to a group with a strong sense of mission and purpose.

The Tristate MRC is seeking medical and non-medical volunteers to assist with emergency preparedness efforts. Physicians, nurses,

pharmacists, EMTs, paramedics, veterinarians, mental health professionals, and many others will fill key positions.

In a public health emergency, volunteer response activities may include dispensing of emergency medical supplies, set-up/operation of Points of Dispensing to distribute medical countermeasures, set-up/operation of triage, medical screening, and alternative care centers during

medical surge incidents, or staffing support for mass care shelters to support health services delivery and to assist those with access and functional needs. A variety of training formats are available including on-line opportunities. As well as participation in local and regional disaster exercises.

Consider joining us today to better prepare your local community for emergencies!

## JOINING IS EASY

### OHIO

The Ohio Department of Health is the coordinating agency for the Ohio Medical Reserve Corps. Ohio residents can register on OHIO RESPONDS at: [www.ohioresponds.gov](http://www.ohioresponds.gov)



### KENTUCKY

The Kentucky Department for Public Health established KHELPS to assist local health departments in managing their MRC units. To register, visit: [www.kentuckyhelps.com](http://www.kentuckyhelps.com)



### INDIANA

Indiana residents can register for MRC at the SERV-IN website: [www.serv-in.org](http://www.serv-in.org)

