

# Minnesota Responds



## Central Region

### Central MN Responds MRC

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### *Unit Conducts Notification Drill*

THANK YOU! to everyone who participated in the notification drill that was conducted on December 9th.

The purpose of the Central MN Responds MRC Notification Exercise (drill) was to test the use of the Message Notification feature on the State website to notify and call up volunteers for an incident response. Local Coordinators met at the Stearns County Service Center in Waite Park for initial training and practice. Coordinators then activated the system and notified their own county's MN Responds MRC volunteers.

Some counties notified volunteers with a request for a response; other counties only sent the notification, with no response requested. Here are the results from the counties that submitted reports:

County	Notification	2 hr. response	Total response
Benton	Email, phone	52%	63%
Chisago	Email, phone	46%	48%
Crow Wing	Email only	14%	25%
Kanabec	Email, phone	57%	67%
Morrison	Email only	26%	37%
Sherburne	Email, phone	49%	54%
Stearns	Email, phone	48%	55%
Wadena	Email only	23%	51%
Wright	Email, phone	None requested	None requested

Again, THANK YOU to everyone who participated!

### MRC Celebrates 10 year anniversary!

2012 marks the 10th anniversary of the creation of the Medical Reserve Corps. The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) was announced during President George W. Bush's 2002 State of the Union address, and officially launched as a demonstration project in July of 2002.

Over the past 10 years, the Medical Reserve Corps program has grown to over 200,000 volunteers in almost 1000 units across the country. This includes you! Volunteers who are ready to respond to emergencies and building resiliency in thousands of communities through prevention, preparedness, and public health activities.

Volunteers have met the challenge with public health activities ranging from flu vaccination clinics and smoking cessation initiatives to obesity prevention programs. With each public health activity, preparedness exercise, and emergency response, volunteers are helping to make a difference in the health and safety of our Nation!



**Volunteers Building Strong, Healthy, and Prepared Communities**

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## Central Unit Training Schedule

These are the trainings currently scheduled. You can attend any one of these trainings, regardless of location! *Registration is required for all trainings* and locations have size restrictions, so call the individual listed for more details or to register.

### Evacuation & Patient Handling

**02-07-2012** 6:30-8:00 p.m.

St. Cloud Hospital, Riverside Conference Center, Birch Room

Instructor: Dave Miller, NREMT-P

To register: [sally.burg@co.stearns.mn.us](mailto:sally.burg@co.stearns.mn.us) 320-656-6276

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### Volunteer Roles in Mass Dispensing

**03-12-2012** 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Sherburne County Government Center, Pine Room

Elk River, Minnesota 55330

Instructor: Marcia Engvall, PHP Coordinator

To register: [marcia.engvall@co.sherburne.mn.us](mailto:marcia.engvall@co.sherburne.mn.us) 763-765-4103

#### Note:

After a training, whether in person or online, please update your training profile on [www.mnresponds.org](http://www.mnresponds.org) and send a copy of the certificate to your local MRC coordinator!

## Resources

### U of M School of Public Health offers Mobile Preparedness and Response

The University of Minnesota is currently exploring ways to incorporate mobile technology into emergency preparedness.

Check out the following website:

<http://www.sph.umn.edu/ce/perl/mobile/>

You will find:

- ⇒ How to prepare your cell phone for response
- ⇒ Mobile Apps for Preparedness
- ⇒ What's In The News
- ... and much more!!!

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Please email [tony.buttacavoli@co.isanti.mn.us](mailto:tony.buttacavoli@co.isanti.mn.us)

and write "MN Responds MRC Newsletter" in the subject line.

## Looking for additional trainings on Preparedness & Emergency Response?

### Check out these online courses offered by the University of Minnesota!

#### ⇒ Bouncing Back! The Remarkable Attribute Called 'Resilience'

This presentation shows various ways of surviving and thriving after adversity. Dr. Veninga, in a humorous and engaging manner, provides strategies that individuals and organizations can use in planning to become more resilient as part of emergency preparedness.

To register and take course online: <http://www.sph.umn.edu/ce/trainings/coursepage.asp?activityId=10578>

#### ⇒ Protecting Animals in Disaster

This module discusses the impacts of disasters on animals and pet owners, and suggests planning and response solutions. Viewers will learn the many reasons to include animal disaster services in personal, business, and government plans and actions, as well as the challenges and solutions to help ensure an effective response.

To register and take course online: <http://www.sph.umn.edu/ce/trainings/coursepage.asp?activityId=10579>

#### ⇒ Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

This presentation covers a hierarchy of controls for protection against hazardous workplace exposures. It includes information on regulations, types of PPE, and elements of respiratory protection.

To register and take course online: <http://www.sph.umn.edu/ce/trainings/coursepage.asp?activityId=10581>