

Minnesota Responds



Central Region

Central Region Minnesota Responds MRC

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VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION!

Wright County Public Health conducted an emergency preparedness exercise on June 26, 2008. The scenario included a situation in which a widespread infectious virus was spreading through the county and the health department would be receiving medical assets from the federal Strategic National Stockpile (SNS).

The objectives for Public Health were to dispense fake medications to county emergency personnel such as: law enforcement, fire fighters and ambulance workers. MN Responds volunteers were activated for this drill to help with medication dispensing. Twelve (12) Central Region MN Responds MRC volunteers from Wright County helped with the exercise. These volunteers received Just-In-Time-Training (JITT) an hour before the exercise started which included an overview of the situation, incident command, and proper medication dispensing procedures.



During the three hour drill, MN Responds MRC volunteers and Public Health staff dispensed 192 medication regimens to emergency workers and their families. It was a great experience for Wright County Public Health to integrate MN Responds volunteers into our emergency response and we look forward to working with them in the future.

Thank you, Jon Young (Wright County MN Responds MRC Administrator) for utilizing your volunteers and supplying us with this information!

"I thought that the exercise went smooth and quick, however, was disappointing that not many "public people" were able to attend the exercise. The location also made parking easier for those who did respond to enter and exit quickly."

*~Gina Budde
MN Responds MRC Volunteer, Wright County*

SAVE THE DATE

The **2008 Minnesota Citizens Corps Conference** will be held **November 14-15** at the University of Minnesota Continuing Education and Conference Center:
1890 Buford Avenue, St. Paul, MN.

The Minnesota Responds MRC (Medical Reserve Corps) is one of the Citizen Corps programs; and this conference will offer training sessions for MRC volunteers.

This event is hosted by the MN Dept of Public Safety - Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and by the Minnesota Citizen Corps Council.

Attendance is **FREE** and **MEALS ARE PROVIDED**, but attendees must arrange for their own lodging if that is necessary.

Watch for more information, as it becomes available. Some counties may be assisting with carpool set up, etc. Stay tuned to emails for details.

Questions? Contact Rob Carlson at Rob.Carlson@state.mn.us.



Training Schedule Update

Hello Volunteers! These are the trainings currently scheduled through the end of **2008**.

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

MN Responds MRC Orientations

*Tuesday 09/23 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Wright County Human Services Building (Buffalo). Call Jon Young (763) 682-7507.

* Tuesday 10/21, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Pine County, location TBD. Call Pauline Amundson (320) 469-0399 for more information or to register.

* Thursday 10/23 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Sherburne County, Gov't Center (Elk River). Call Marcia Engvall (763) 241-2750.

* Monday 10/27 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Wadena County, Public Health Office (Wadena). Call Deb Belch (218)631-7629.

* Tuesday 11/04 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Stearns County at CentraCare Health Plaza (St. Cloud) (co-sponsored by Benton County). Call Pete Matanich (320) 656-6276.

Looking Ahead Tuesday 01/06/2009 Wright County. Call Jon Young (763) 682-7507.

Personal & Family Preparedness

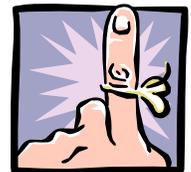
* Tuesday 11/18 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Isanti County, location TBD. Call Tony Buttacavoli (763) 689-8284.

* Thursday 12/04 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Benton County Human Services Building (Foley). Call Cynthia Heltunen (320) 968-5147

Psychological First Aid

* Saturday 12/13 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in Isanti County location TBD (Cambridge). Call Tony Buttacavoli (763) 689-8284.

Additional Psychological First Aid trainings are scheduled for the spring.



After a training, whether in person or online, remember to update your training profile on www.mnresponds.org and send a copy of the certificate to your county MN Responds MRC administrator!