San Mateo County Medical Reserve Corps

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Medical Reserve Corps

A network of volunteers, organized locally to improve the health and safety of their communities.

MRC units engage these volunteers to strengthen public health, improve emergency response capabilities, and build community resiliency.

MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals, as well as other community members without healthcare backgrounds.
Benefits of MRC

• Bolster local public health and emergency response infrastructures by providing supplemental personnel

• Enable communities to meet specific health needs

• Give community members the opportunity to offer their skills and time to make their communities healthier and safer
The Mission of the San Mateo County Medical Reserve Corps

is to collaboratively serve in assuring the health of the public during emergencies and disasters.

Vision

- A group of clinical and support professionals who are trained, capable and equipped to deploy to efficiently and effectively provide medical care
- Unified organizational and command structure with representation from all interested communities
- Participation at community events – “locally” and reciprocally County-wide
SMC MRC Updates

- Recognized by the National Medical Reserve Corps organization
- Clear application process (i.e. background check, licensure, and credentials)
- Bi-Monthly Volunteer Meetings
- Fully stocked Mobile Trailer with disaster response equipment
- Community Needs Assessment
- Diverse training platform (MRCTrain)
- Received the NACCHO ORA and RISE Awards
- Created Volunteer Handbook
Strengthen the MRC

- Offer a variety of free in-person AND virtual trainings (provide CEUs)

- County-wide participation at MRC monthly meetings, trainings, community events, etc.

- Continue to look for grant funding

- MRC presence & participation at County exercises and drills

- Outreach and recruit members from local CBOs and medical organizations in SMC
Thank you!

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