

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Academic Health Center

Office of Emergency Response

Welcome New Members

Currently the U of M MRC has 826 members, making our unit one of the largest in the state and country. Recently we have experienced a surge in new membership registration. We would like to welcome all new members and appreciate your willingness to be of service during emergency response and public health initiatives on campus and the broader community. Click on the link provided to learn more about training and deployment opportunities as well as other pertinent member information. <http://www.ahc.umn.edu/facultystaff/oer/mrc/>

We Have a New MRC Website and URL

Check out our new MRC website and bookmark the new URL.
<http://www.ahc.umn.edu/facultystaff/oer/mrc/>

Our old MRC website URL is no longer active.

Member Opportunity

MRC Strike Teams have been developed to better align member expertise and interest with their potential role in a response. The MRC Logistics Strike Team is responsible for the process of supporting the physical set-up of equipment and supplies at the MRC deployment site. The MRC Logistics Strike Team played a pivotal role in the mass dispensing site set-up drill that occurred on campus last summer. Currently the team is comprised of two co-team leaders and nine members. We are looking for an additional 10-12 members to strengthen the capacity of the team and provide for redundancy. MRC members interested in learning more about the MRC Logistics Strike Team are invited to contact Kathy Berlin, MRC Coordinator at medicalreserve@umn.edu.

Haiti Update

We are aware of the concern of MRC members in relation to the unimaginable tragedy and suffering of the people of Haiti following the earthquake. A number of members have expressed a desire to offer their services should a deployment opportunity arise.

At this time there are no MRC units, locally or nationally, being deployed to Haiti. Accordingly, the MRC is not in the process of deploying members to Haiti.

As is our practice during public health emergencies, we will keep members apprised of opportunities through other volunteer agencies. That being said, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is working with medical schools across the country to identify specialty physicians who are willing to deploy with National Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMAT) in Haiti. Specifically, they are looking for **trauma surgeons, orthopedists, and anesthesiologists** or others with experience and capability treating crush injuries.

An email detailing the HSS Haiti deployment has been sent to our MRC physicians and U of M physicians in the departments of orthopedics, surgery, and anesthesia. *Please note: This is not a University Of Minnesota MRC deployment. Our MRC office is serving in a liaison capacity assisting with verifying credentials.*

Graduate Student Opportunity

Graduate students interested in emergency preparedness research are invited to attend the Graduate Students Interested in Emergency Preparedness (GSIiEP) Student Group Meeting.

Date: February 22, 1:00 - 2:00

Location: Weaver-Densford Hall, Room 2-110 / 2-140

Description: Learn about emergency preparedness research and interact with other graduate students interested in emergency preparedness research

Invited Speaker: Dr. Jane Miller, Director, AHC Simulation Center

Contact Ryan Newkirk at newk0019@umn.edu for more information

Member Corner

Q. I understand the U of M MRC uses the Incident Command System (ICS) during all deployments. What type of ICS training is recommended for MRC members?

A. *ICS 100.a* introduces the Incident Command System (ICS) and provides the foundation for higher level ICS training. This course describes the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of the Incident Command System. It also explains the relationship between ICS and the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Members may access the “Member Training” section of the U of M MRC homepage for information on online ICS and NIMS training courses. The U of M MRC homepage can be found by clicking on this link:

<http://www.ahc.umn.edu/facultystaff/oer/mrc/>

The following in person training sessions are sponsored by Metro MRC Units:

Incident Command System (ICS 100)

Saturday, February 20th, 2010

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Ramsey County Public Works Facility, Marsden Room

1425 Paul Kirkwood Drive, Arden Hills, MN 55112

Register: mrc-ramsey@co.ramsey.mn.us

Or

Incident Command System (ICS 100)

Saturday, March 6th, 2010

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Carver County Justice Center, Lower Level, Emergency Operations Center,

Large Training Room

604 E 4th St, Chaska, MN 55318

Register: mrc@co.carver.mn.us

We welcome questions and comments from MRC members. Email comments or questions to medicalreserve@umn.edu or call Kathy Berlin, MRC Coordinator at 612-626-4722.

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