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Note from the U of M Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator

The summer months offer many of us in the campus community a time to reflect on the accomplishments of the past academic year and re-energize for the upcoming fall semester. In the AHC Office of Emergency Response, we hope to do a bit of both in addition to planning MRC events for the fall which we hope will provide our members with rich educational and experiential opportunities.

We hope you enjoy your summer plans, whatever they may be, and look forward to connecting with you again at the end of the summer via the summer edition of the U of M MRC Newsletter.

Best regards,
Kathy Berlin RN, PHN
U of M Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator
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MRC Member Opportunity:

How do you use your cell phone? Send texts? Send email? Use GPS?

You are invited to participate in the second annual **MRC Mobile Phone Survey**. The survey was developed by the University of Minnesota: Simulations, Exercises and Effective Education, Preparedness and Emergency Response Learning (U-SEEE PERL) Center and the Minnesota Department of Health. The survey asks questions about regular cell phone use, as well as how you use it or plan to use it during emergency response. The information gathered from the survey will aid in the development of emergency preparedness and response resources for use on mobile devices. MRC volunteers in Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin are being asked to take the survey. The survey will be available until May 30th. Please take a few minutes for the survey. Last year our MRC provided valuable information through this same survey. Cell phone use is rapidly changing and your input is needed.

Click on the following link to take the survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/mobilesurvey2012>

BYSTANDER CPR CLASS

Thirty MRC members participated in the Bystander CPR class on April 17. Feedback from participants was overwhelming positive.

“I was nervous about what I’d be expected to do, both in the training and out in the real world. I really enjoyed hearing the survivors –what a cool way to put things in perspective! The training itself kept things so simple that I felt I couldn’t fail.” MRC member participant.

Thank you to the MN Resuscitation Consortium, U of M Medical School Department of Emergency Medicine and Sudden Cardiac Survivors who shared their stories.
Watch for upcoming Bystander CPR classes in the fall!

Member Corner

Question: Are there any scheduled in-person training events planned for this summer?

Answer: We have not scheduled any in-person training events for this summer. That being said, we strongly encourage our members to view the U of M MRC on-line orientation module sometime in these next three months. The orientation takes about 45 minutes to view and can be found by going to the main page of the U of M MRC website. <http://z.umn.edu/mrc>

Once you have viewed the on-line orientation, we ask that you email us at medicalreserve@umn.edu to notify us that you have completed the orientation requirement.

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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