



November 2012

Note from the U of M Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator

We would like to extend our appreciation for your continued commitment to the U of M MRC program. Your participation in the MRC has enhanced the stellar reputation the University's MRC unit has earned as a reliable resource for our campus, region, state, and nation.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Kathy

Kathy Berlin RN, PHN
U of M Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator
Academic Health Center Office of Emergency Response

Veterinary Medicine Response Strike Team Meeting

The University of Minnesota Medical Reserve Corps Veterinary Medicine Response Strike Team recognizes the important role of the veterinary profession in responding to local and national animal health related emergencies and disasters.

This response strike team is hosted by the College of Veterinary Medicine. The team leader is Dr. Larissa Minicucci, VPH Program Director, Veterinary Population Medicine.

This meeting is designed to provide an overview of the MRC with a focus on activities, training events, as well as past and potential deployments of the Veterinary Medicine Response Strike Team.

Veterinary Medicine Response Strike Team Meeting Details

Date: Wednesday, November 14

Time: 12:00pm-12:50pm

Location: Animal Science Vet Med Building, room 125

Participants: Current members and individuals interested in learning more about the team

To register: Send an email to medicalreserve@umn.edu. Please RSVP by 10:00pm on Tuesday, November 13

Additional Information: Pizza and beverages will be provided

MRC ID Badge and T-shirt Distribution

MRC identification badges will be distributed in December for those members who do not currently have a MRC badge. The process for picking up the ID badges will take no longer than a couple of minutes. We will also be handing out U of M MRC T-shirts.

MRC ID Badge Distribution Details

EAST BANK

Date: Wednesday, December 5

Time: 11:00am to 1:00pm

Location: East Bank: Moos Tower, 2nd floor across from Java City

Additional Information: Members are asked to bring a photo ID

ST. PAUL CAMPUS

Date: Wednesday, December 12

Time: 11:00am to 1:00pm

Location: Animal Science Vet Med Building, across from room 125

Additional Information: Members are asked to bring a photo ID

Hurricane Sandy Update

With Sandy's landfall behind us by almost two weeks, we are seeing many MRC units in the affected areas beginning to stand down. Currently, there are 34 units activated to support general, American Red Cross, and special medical needs shelters; emergency department outposts; special needs registries; call centers; and other activities. Over 705 volunteers have been deployed by MRC units located in the eastern portion of the United States.

Member Corner

Question: Where can I find the U of M MRC on-line orientation module?

Answer: We strongly encourage our members to view the U of M MRC on-line orientation module by the end of the year. 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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