



## December 2012

### Note from the U of M Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator

Responding to disasters and emergency events requires precise planning to ensure the most efficient response. Emergency response exercises are an integral part of the planning process as they provide for a controlled environment to test plans and serve as a mechanism for training those individuals who would have a role in a real disaster response.

Our MRC unit has been invited to participate in , "Operation Curtain Call", a large scale emergency response exercise that will exercise metro area public health and emergency response agencies' ability to coordinate and provide mental health support during a large scale disaster.

Please consider participating in the exercise in one of the roles described below.

Best regards,

Kathy

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

### **Metro Emergency Response Exercise Opportunities**

#### **ROLE: Family members, survivors and friends:**

**When:** Wednesday, January 16, 2013

**Where:** Central Lutheran Church 333 South 12<sup>th</sup> Street Mpls, MN. 55404

**Time:** Three shifts are available 8am-3pm, 8am-12pm, 11:30am-3:00pm

**What:** *MRC members will play the role of family members, survivors, and friends of those affected by the disaster.*

**Participants Requirements:** Role players will be asked to provide feedback based on their experience with Operation Curtain Call.

**RSVP:** Contact Jonathan Bundt at [jonathan@masaconsulting.com](mailto:jonathan@masaconsulting.com) or 952-922-0422 by Friday, December 14. When responding, please indicate you are a member of the U of M MRC. We also ask that you copy [medicalreserve@umn.edu](mailto:medicalreserve@umn.edu) on your email to Jonathan.

**Training:** Training will be provided on the day of the exercise

**Additional Information:** Lunch will be provided and parking will be paid

**ROLE: Usher/Greater:**

**When:** Wednesday, January 16, 2013

**Where:** Central Lutheran Church 333 South 12<sup>th</sup> Street Mpls, MN. 55404

**Time:** Three shifts are available 8am-3pm, 8am-12pm, 11:30am-4:00pm

**Participant Requirements:** Have completed Psychological First Aid Training (PFA) prior to participating in the exercise. If you have not completed PFA training in the past, you may complete a 75 minute online course prior to the day of the exercise.

Psychological First Aid – online training [http://pfa.naccho.org/pfa/pfa\\_start.html](http://pfa.naccho.org/pfa/pfa_start.html)

**RSVP:** Please RSVP by Friday, December 14 by contacting Cindy Johnson at [Cindy.k.Johnson@co.hennepin.mn.us](mailto:Cindy.k.Johnson@co.hennepin.mn.us) When responding, please indicate you are a member of the U of M MRC. We also request that you copy [medicalreserve@umn.edu](mailto:medicalreserve@umn.edu) on your email to Cindy.

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**Member Corner**

**Question:** I attended the Veterinary Medicine Response Strike Team (VMRST) meeting last month. Are there any training activities planned for this team?

**Answer:** Office of Emergency Response staff and leaders of the VMRST are currently discussing potential training topics for team members and plan to provide animal related emergency response training in the spring. Information about the training will be sent to VMRST members via the newsletter.

*We welcome questions and comments from MRC members. Email comments or questions to [medicalreserve@umn.edu](mailto:medicalreserve@umn.edu) or call Kathy Berlin, MRC Coordinator at 612-626-4722.*

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