



## September 2013

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

As I walk to my office on these beautiful fall-like mornings, I am struck by the energy that returns to the campus after the more quiet summer months.

That same energy seems to have found its way into our MRC program. We have planned a number of training events and strike team meetings for this fall and we hope you have the time to review and take advantage of the opportunities listed in this newsletter. Note that pre-registration is required for several of the events.

The energy you share by attending MRC events strengthens the program AND our ability to respond to emergencies and disasters on and off campus.

Warm regards,

Kathy

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The Logistics Strike Team plays an important role in the ability of our Medical Reserve Corps to respond effectively to planned activities and emergency events. Members of this strike team are responsible for resource management before and during U of M MRC deployments. They are responsible for the physical set up of the deployment site, including setting up signage, queuing lines, tables, chairs, equipment and other supplies as needed. During MRC deployments Logistics Strike Team members assist with staff check-in, supply management, and the care and support of MRC members.

**Date:** Thursday, September 26, 2013

**Time:** 12:00pm-12:50pm

**Location:** Weaver-Densford Hall, room 2-110

**Participants:** Current Logistics Strike Team members and those interested in learning more about the team.

**To Register:** Send an email to [medicalreserve@umn.edu](mailto:medicalreserve@umn.edu). Please RSVP by Monday, September 23.

**Additional Information:** Lunch will be provided. We will review team member roles and responsibilities and discuss team goals and activities. Membership in this strike team may be of particular interest to those MRC members who do not currently have a medical or health professional license. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet the strike team leaders and familiarize themselves with the role of the Logistics Strike Team within the broader MRC program.

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## **2. Safety on Campus: Responding to an Active Shooter**

The University of Minnesota Police Department offers this presentation across campus to departments and schools in an effort to help students, staff, and faculty think about how best to respond to an assailant with a gun here or off campus.

*NOTE: This presentation is being offered first on the St. Paul Campus on October 1 and then the Minneapolis Campus on October 2 .*

**Date:** Tuesday, October 1

**Time:** 12:00pm-1:00pm

**Location:** *St. Paul Campus-Animal Science/Vet Med Building, room 125*

**Participants:** Open to all MRC members

**To Register:** Send an email to [medicalreserve@umn.edu](mailto:medicalreserve@umn.edu). RSVP by Friday, September 27. **Pre-registration is required.**

**Additional Information:** Pizza and beverages will be served. There will be time for questions following the presentation.

**OR**

**Date:** Wednesday, October 2

**Time:** 12:00pm-1:00pm

**Location:** *Minneapolis Campus-Moos Tower, room 2-690*

**Participants:** Open to all MRC members

**To Register:** Send an email to [medicalreserve@umn.edu](mailto:medicalreserve@umn.edu). RSVP by Friday, September 27. **Pre-registration is required.**

**Additional Information:** Pizza and beverages will be served. There will be time for questions following the presentation.

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### **3. Psychological First Aid Training**

Psychological First Aid (PFA) is an approach to helping others in the aftermath of a disaster or crisis in a way that promotes safety, calm, connectedness, and resiliency. The purpose of this course is to equip MRC members to provide psychological support to survivors of disasters.

Tai Mendenhall, U of M MRC Behavioral Health Strike Team Lead will address PFA as it relates to those individuals affected by disasters as well as the responders involved in the disaster response.

**Date:** Wednesday, October 16

**Time:** 4:30pm-6:00pm

**Location:** Mayo Building, room D199

**Participants:** All U of M MRC members

**To Register:** Send an email to [medicalreserve@umn.edu](mailto:medicalreserve@umn.edu). Please RSVP by Monday, October 14.

**Additional Information:** Pizza and beverages will be provided.

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### **4. Pharmaceutical Repackaging Team Meeting**

The U of M MRC is seeking additional members for its MRC Pharmaceutical Repackaging Team. This team has been formed at the request of the Minnesota Department of Health. Antibiotics are stored in large bulk quantities for use during a public health emergency. Those antibiotics will need to be repackaged into smaller individual bags at the time of the emergency. That repackaging is the responsibility of this team.

We will review team member roles and responsibilities and practice repackaging the antibiotics. Membership on this team may be of particular interest to those MRC members who currently do not have a medical or health professional license.

Click on the link below for more information about this team:

[http://youtu.be/CmWL\\_xS7\\_ow](http://youtu.be/CmWL_xS7_ow)

**Date:** Thursday, October 24

**Time:** 4:30pm-6:00pm

**Location:** Moos Tower, room 1-450

**Participants:** Current Repackaging Team members and those interested in learning more about the team.

**To Register:** Send an email to [medicalreserve@umn.edu](mailto:medicalreserve@umn.edu). Please RSVP by Monday, October 21.

**Additional Information:** Pizza and beverages will be served.

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## Member Corner

**Question:** I am a newly registered MRC member. How do I obtain my MRC ID badge and t-shirt?

**Answer:** Your MRC ID badge and t-shirt will be ordered when the MRC Coordinator receives an email from you indicating you have completed the online orientation. The online MRC orientation may be found on the MRC homepage by scrolling down to "Member resources" and clicking on "New members". MRC homepage: <http://z.umn.edu/mrc>

You may pick up your MRC items in one of two ways:

1. Stop by the AHC-Office of Emergency Response (OER) once you have received notice that your ID badge and t-shirt have arrived. The AHC-OER office is located in the Mayo Building, room C- 386.
  2. Attend a badge/t-shirt distribution event. A MRC badge/t-shirt distribution event will be scheduled for the beginning of November.
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