



April 2014

Dear U of M Medical Reserve Corps Member,

The nation recognized the importance of volunteerism by designating a week in April as National Volunteer Appreciation week. On behalf of the campus community and all of the communities our MRC unit has had the privilege of serving over the years, we thank you for your commitment to the Medical Reserve Corps Program and the ideal of community service.

Warm regards,

Kathy Hite Berlin RN, PHN

U of M MRC Coordinator

1. Basic Animal Rescue Training-BART: An Introduction to the Program

BART is a local nonprofit organization which trains first responders to safely handle pets and livestock encountered in emergency situations ranging from house fires to natural disasters, all while maintaining the responder's own safety. First responders also learn to provide on-scene first aid and CPR to house pets.

Hear about BART's beginning, its current training courses, and future plans for BART from its founder, Janet Olson, DVM and U of MN Alum. Dr. Olson will describe the services provided, summarize the types of trainings given and talk about ways that you could become involved with BART whether you are a student, DVM, or a concerned animal lover.

Date: Wednesday, April 23

Time: 12:00pm-1:00pm

Location: St. Paul Campus Animal Science/Vet Med Bldg, Room 125

Participants: Open to MRC members and University of MN College of Veterinary Medicine students, staff, and faculty.

To Register: Send an email to medicalreserve@umn.edu. Please RSVP by Friday, April 18. Preregistration required.

Additional Information: Light Lunch will be served.

2. Pharmaceutical Repackaging Team Training

The U of MN MRC is seeking additional members for its 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 need to be repackaged into smaller individual regimens 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. Membership on this team may be of particular interest to those MRC members who do not currently have a medical or health professional license.

MRC Pharmaceutical Repackaging Team video:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CmWL_xS7_ow&feature=youtu.be

Date: Wednesday, April 30

Time: 4:45pm-6:15pm

Location: Moos Tower, Room 1-451

Participants: Current Repackaging Team members who wish to practice their repackaging skills and those interested in learning more about this team.

To Register: Send an email to medicalreserve@umn.edu Please RSVP by Friday, April 25.

Additional Information: Light meal will be served.

3. PsySTART Training: An Introduction to a new Psychological Triage System

PsySTART is a rapid mental health triage strategy used during a disaster or other emergency to quickly identify individuals who are experiencing a mental health crisis/emergency and are at risk for developing chronic mental health disorders.

Training Objectives

1. List the goals of PsySTART

2. Identify the differences between PsySTART and Psychological First Aid
3. Describe how Medical Reserve Corps members could use PsySTART during a disaster

Date: Thursday, May 1

Time: 4:45pm-6:15pm

Location: Mayo Building, Room 3-125

To Register: Send an email to medicalreserve@umn.edu. RSVP by Friday, April 25

Additional Information: A light meal will be offered.

Who should attend? All MRC members are invited to attend. May be of particular interest to members of the MRC Behavioral Health Response Strike Team.

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