



Island County Medical Reserve Corps 2007 Annual Report

Medical Reserve Corps of Island County Mission Statement

The mission of the Medical Reserve Corps of Island County is to Develop Disaster Resistant Communities through effective coordination of medical and support personnel in the planning, mitigation, response and recovery efforts before, during and after an emergency or disaster, to include surge capacity support for our medical communities.

We are moving from the initial start up phase to recruitment, credentialing and training of volunteers. Laying a strong foundation, collaborating with other emergency volunteer programs, ensuring communications, an understanding of roles and responsibilities of each organization, sharing resource costs for equipment, training and exercises. We have divided our county into 4 cadres (sections) to better manage the unique attributes of the geography and transportation issues. Each of the cadres will have a leadership core team to assist in management of the unit, to help train and be a community voice for MRC in their area.

Goals

- * Recruit sufficient quality team members to support each area of population.
- * Train team members in disaster medical relief and personal disaster preparedness.
- * Create core leaders for our communities.
- * Inspire future medical professionals through leadership and mentoring.
- * Support the Surgeon Generals health initiatives to increase disease prevention, eliminate health disparities, and strengthen public health preparedness.
- * Support the Health Department during Pandemic event

Benchmarks Achieved

- Promoted an active MRC unit
- Designed & Implemented Core Leadership
- Coordinated County Wide Response Teams
- Prepared & Maintained Volunteer Management Database
- Prepared Volunteer Handbook
- Prepared Required Emergency Worker, Training Documentation & Orientation
- Increased unit membership by 1500%
- Trained requirements met in MRC Core Competencies and NIMS Compliancy
- Participated in county wide disaster exercise
- Participated in Health Department POD drills
- Participated in TOPOFF 4 in Portland, Oregon
- Trained with Office of Rapid Force Deployment (Surgeon Generals' Office) Team 5
- Established unit as "pilot unit" for new project demonstrations
- Mentored more than 10 units nationwide
- Collaboration with other civic organizations for funding opportunities
- Applied for NACCHO grant – 2008 cycle
- Collaborated with other MRC, CERT & Public Health organizations for training activities.
- National Performance Assessment Completed and unit awarded rating of "8" out of 10 pts available by Regional Coordinator.