

Wasco County



## WHO can volunteer?

The Wasco County MRC is NOT only for licensed medical professionals, it's open to anyone 18 years of age or older with a desire to help build a strong, healthy and prepared community.

We are actively seeking practicing or retired medical professionals. During an event, incident or exercise, only those licensed by the appropriate licensing or certification board will be asked to provide health care services.

We are ALSO seeking community members that are interested in performing administrative and other essential support functions.

Residents from the surrounding counties in our region may also volunteer for Wasco County MRC.

## WHY volunteer for the MRC?

- ◆ FREE CEU/CME opportunities
- ◆ Opportunity for you to make your community safer and more resilient
- ◆ Gain personal preparedness knowledge to help yourself & your family
- ◆ Network with others that share your sense of community

## ABOUT the Medical Reserve Corps ...

Experience has shown that pre-identified, pre-credentialed and pre-trained volunteers can make a big difference in a community's response and recovery following a disaster.

Following the attacks on 9/11/01, over 40,000 volunteers arrived at the scene with a desire to aid in the relief efforts. However; volunteers that were not trained or part of a response team had to be turned away. Shortly thereafter, the Medical Reserve Corps was founded to provide the infrastructure necessary for volunteers to be part of a cohesive disaster relief effort.

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a community-based, civilian volunteer program that helps build the public health capacity of communities nationwide. Each MRC unit can be organized and trained to address a wide range of community needs from public health education to disaster response.

The MRC is part of a national network of volunteer organizations, dedicated to ensuring homeland security. The mission of the MRC is to improve the health, safety, and preparedness of communities across the country by organizing and utilizing public health, medical and other volunteers.

# Volunteers Building Strong, Healthy and Prepared Communities

## Volunteer • Prepare • Respond



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## WHAT can MRC volunteers do?

### During a disaster, MRC activities might include:

- ◆ Dispensing medication or vaccines
- ◆ Performing medical triage
- ◆ Assisting with a HELP-Hotline
- ◆ Registering and assisting patients through treatment
- ◆ Staffing a day shelter or family assistance center

### Non-disaster MRC activities might include:

- ◆ Health or emergency preparedness fairs
- ◆ Public health community education
- ◆ Emergency preparedness exercises or drills
- ◆ Blanket/coat drive to assist the unhoused
- ◆ First aid station for local events

## Requirements:

- Register at [www.SERV-OR.org](http://www.SERV-OR.org) and select Wasco County MRC as your unit
- Agree to a background check & if licensed, agree to have credentials verified
- Attend a Volunteer Orientation
- Complete free Incident Command System (ICS) Courses; IS100 & IS700 Available at: <http://training.fema.gov/>
- Optional but recommended: Complete competency 1 (free) Personal Preparedness at: [oregon.gov/oha/ph/preparedness/serv-or/pages/training.aspx](http://oregon.gov/oha/ph/preparedness/serv-or/pages/training.aspx)  
Complete additional competency courses as applicable

## WHERE can MRC volunteers serve?

- ◆ Volunteers are encouraged to participate in all local, non-disaster, MRC group outreach activities
- ◆ Volunteers may be asked to aid in disaster relief efforts in our local area, depending on skills needed
- ◆ If medically licensed you may also elect to be available for statewide deployment directly through SERV-OR
- ◆ **Please Note:** You ALWAYS have the option to decline volunteering, for any reason

## JOIN NOW or learn more...

- ◆ Wasco County MRC is housed with North Central Public Health District (NCPHD)
- ◆ Register on SERV-OR and select Wasco County as your unit or mail enrollment form to:  
NCPHD - Attn: Matt Johnston  
419 East 7th St. The Dalles, OR 97058
- ◆ Phone: 541-506-2752
- ◆ Email: [mattj@ncphd.org](mailto:mattj@ncphd.org)
- ◆ Web: [www.ncphd.org](http://www.ncphd.org) click "Programs" then "Public Health Emergency Preparedness" then "Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)"
- ◆ Or visit us on Facebook!  
[facebook.comNorthCentralPublicHealth/](https://facebook.com/NorthCentralPublicHealth/)

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## Enrollment Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enter contact information and fill in the  for all preferred methods of contact:

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Work E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I'm interested in being a MEDICAL volunteer:

Physician

EMT/Paramedic

Nurse

Alt. Care Provider

Pharmacist

Mental Health Provider

Dentist

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I'm interested in being a NON-MEDICAL volunteer:

Interpreter

Community Outreach/  
Education

Chaplain

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerical Staff

**Please mail this Enrollment Form to:  
NCPHD - Attn: Matt Johnston  
Contact info to the left.**