

## Lemont Medical Reserve Corps

*Volunteers offering Presence, Assistance & Expertise to Emergency Response*



### **The “411” on the Lemont Medical Reserve Corps**

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) was founded after President Bush’s 2002 State of the Union Address, in which he asked all Americans to volunteer in support of their country. The MRC is a partner program of Citizen Corps, a national network of volunteers dedicated to ensuring hometown security. Citizen Corps, along with the Corporation for National and Community Service, and the Peace Corps are all part of the President's USA Freedom Corps, which promotes volunteerism and service throughout the nation.

**MRC units are community-based and function as a way to locally organize and utilize volunteers—medical professionals and others—who want to donate their time and expertise to promote healthy living throughout the year and to prepare for and respond to emergencies. MRC volunteers supplement existing local emergency and public health resources.**

MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians, and epidemiologists. Other community members, such as interpreters, chaplains, office workers, and legal advisors, fill other vital support positions.

### **Why Volunteer?**

Public health emergencies, crisis and disasters happen with little or no warning and often overwhelm local emergency response agencies. The result of being under “manned” can leave Lemont Village and Township residents cut off from critical resources for days. The Lemont MRC’s mission is to provide volunteers with the skills needed to strengthen this community for emergencies and disasters and provide much needed assistance to the Lemont Police, Lemont Fire, Lemont Emergency Management Agency and the residents of Lemont Village and Township.

### **Volunteers the Lemont MRC needs:**

\* You

- \* Volunteers with skills and training (free online FEMA courses- minimum ICS 100 & ICS 700) prepared to properly and effectively respond to contribute in a emergency response situation.
- \* Practicing and retired medical and health professionals \* Nurses, physicians, pharmacists and medical assistants.
  - \* Mental health professionals. \* Dentists \* Public Health professionals \* Clergy
  - \* Interpreters, social workers \* Veterinarians \* Veterans

### **How Lemont MRC Volunteers help our community:**

#### **Educate**

Create and facilitate learning opportunities and community forums educating residents on public health issues, personal and family preparedness planning, and emergency weather and crisis response preparedness and planning.

#### **Prepare**

MRC Volunteers benefit from trainings hosted by other communities’ MRCs, Cook County Department of Public Health trainings, drills, and exercises, and Health and Human Services training and educational opportunities.

#### **Respond**

Lemont MRC members are trained to respond to public health emergencies as well as any large scale community emergency (tornado, mass crisis with injuries, train derailment), establish and staff POD (point of dispensing) & mass vaccination sites.

#### **Assist**

Lemont MRC volunteers are trained to assist Police, Fire, and Emergency Management Agencies. To provide trained hands and feet in a community crisis bettering the effective response and resolve to the crisis.

**For more information on joining the Lemont Township MRC email:**

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