### Why Join Today?

In a disaster, everyone wants to help. Lessons learned from 9/11 and severe weather show that many volunteers who show up to help cannot be used. The pre-registering and pre-credentialing of volunteers expedites the process of matching the skills of the volunteers to the needs of the community. This increases the efficiency of volunteer assignments and reduces the work of processing volunteers during an emergency.

How to Get Involved...

 Visit the MRC website at: www.medicalreservecorps.gov

- 2. Search for a MRC Unit in a county near you.
- Contact the unit leader about your interest.
   If you can't find a MRC unit in your county,
   consider contacting the local health department about starting a unit.

If you have any questions, contact the Indiana MRC State Coordinator,

Mandy Stirratt: astirratt@ISDH.IN.gov



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Engaging volunteers to strengthen public health, emergency response, and community resiliency.

# Indiana Medical Reserve



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## What Can MRC Volunteers Do?

**Support** local public health initiatives and the goals of the Department of Health and Human Services' Healthy People 2020, which advance the priorities of the Surgeon General:

- ★ Promoting disease prevention
- Improving health literacy
- ★ Eliminating health disparities
- ★ Enhancing public health preparedness

**Assist** local hospitals and health departments with surge personnel needs.

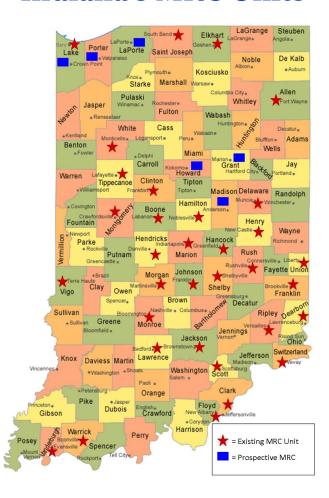
**Participate** in mass prophylaxis and vaccination exercises and community disaster drills.

Train with local emergency response partners.

And more...



### **Indiana's MRC Units**



- 33 MRC Units across Indiana
- Supporting over 3,000 Indiana volunteers
- Partnerships exist with:
  - Health departments
  - Emergency management agencies
  - First responders
  - American Red Cross

# About the 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 volunteers in support of their country. MRC is a specialized component 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 as well as a variety of other vital support positions.
- ★ It is important to remember that you do not need a medical background to volunteer with the MRC.