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Medical Reserve Corp Serves Champaign County

Champaign-Urbana Public Health District Recognizes Service and Dedication by MRC Members

Champaign, IL – The Champaign County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a local volunteer-based medical unit developed by the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District (CUPHD) as a way to utilize volunteers who want to donate their time and expertise to prepare for and respond to emergencies and promote healthy living throughout the year.

MRC has donated almost 200 hours of service to the Champaign Community over the past year by participating in health fairs, community exercises, and emergency response training. MRC also assisted CUPHD with flu clinics throughout the community during the H1N1 response.

The next Champaign County MRC meeting will be held on September 16th at 6:00 PM in the main conference room at CUPHD, 201 West Kenyon Road in Champaign. Current members and anyone who is interested in the Medical Reserve Corps Program is encouraged to attend. According to John Dwyer, Emergency Preparedness Planner at CUPHD, “We currently have 34 members registered with the program. We continue to look for residents who are interested in volunteering to help protect the health of our community.”

The MRC was founded in 2002 and is a specialized component of Citizen Corps, a national network of volunteers dedicated to ensuring hometown security. Citizen Corps, along with AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and the Peace Corps, is part of the USA Freedom Corps which promotes volunteerism and service nationwide.

To learn more about the Medical Reserve Corps or to find a unit nearest you, visit <http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov>. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Champaign County MRC should contact John Dwyer at (217) 531-2932 or e-mail jdwyer@c-uphd.org. For additional information, visit CUPHD on the web at www.c-uphd.org.

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