Logan County MRC

Who Can Volunteer?

Anyone! MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals, such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians, and epidemiologists. Also, MRC volunteers can be non-medical. These volunteers fill vital roles in the case of a disaster.

What is the Registration Process?

To join the Logan County MRC, you must:

1. Fill out a paper application or register on www.illinoishelps.net
2. Sign a consent for LCDPH to complete a background check, to share information with federal, state, and local offices as needed, and to verify your credentials.
3. Show current license(s) and/or certifications
4. Schedule an interview

Where Can I Find an Application?

An application can be found on the Logan County MRC webpage at www.lcdph.org/medical-reserve-corps-mrc or at the LCDPH.

How Do I Get More Information?

If you have questions, you can contact the LCDPH Emergency Response Coordinator by phone at (217) 735-2317 or by email at stracy@lcdph.org

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Logan County Medical Reserve Corps

What is the Logan County MRC?

The Logan County MRC was established to promote public health and safety in Logan County. Three focus areas include:

- Public Health Emergencies: events that threaten public health, such as disease outbreak and toxic chemical release, that would purport the dissemination of medication or personal protective equipment and or epidemiological investigation.

- Mass Casualty Incidents: diseases that cause injury or threats to a large percentage of the population, including but not limited to building collapse, fire, storm, flood, or other event that displaces groups of residents from homes to emergency shelters.

- Community Service Activities (Public Health Functions): opportunities to improve the well-being and health of local residents, such as health fairs, educational outreach, blood pressure screenings or training programs.

What is the Mission of the Logan County MRC?

The Mission of the Logan County MRC is consistent with the National MRC Mission. The Logan County MRC adopted the following Mission in May of 2007:

"Volunteers building a strong, healthy, and prepared community."

The broad mission of the Logan County MRC is to establish and maintain teams of active and retired medical and non-medical professionals to serve the citizens of Logan County, augmenting LCDPH functions during times of local or countywide public health emergencies and contributing to educational and preventative services for improved community public health infrastructure throughout the year. The Logan County MRC provides additional assistance and relief to emergency partners in Logan County.

What is the Vision of the Logan County MRC?

The Logan County MRC adopted the following vision in July of 2010:

"Maintain a cadre of medical and non-medical volunteers to ensure a safe and professional response to public health disasters."

Why Should I Volunteer?

- Satisfaction of helping others
- Sense of purpose and meaning
- Broaden social network
- Opportunities for social interaction
- Support important activities in the community
- Significant positive health effects
    - Lower mortality rates
    - Greater functional ability
    - Lower rates of depression later in life

*See **The Health Benefits of Volunteering: A Review of Recent Research** for more information (http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/volunteering/benefits.asp).

Why join today?

In a disaster, everyone wants to help. Lessons learned from 9/11 and hurricanes show that many volunteers who show up to help cannot be used. The preregistering and pre-credentialing of volunteers allows the LCDPH to match 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.