

Why should I get involved?

What are the advantages for medical persons to join MRC?

1. As an approved Emergency Worker you have liability insurance at no cost to you when serving at recognized MRC event or incident.
2. The MRC process maintains up-to-date records on licensing and credentials, provides assurance to medical facilities of an individual's suitability to practice.
3. In a disaster, there will be a need for flexibility to work in any medical facility when travel to the normal worksite is not possible.
4. The MRC provides training to enhance treatment skills.

During a medical emergency, lives will be lost without the commitment and energy of every available volunteer.

Medical Reserve Corps provides the mechanism and organization to use each hour well.

MRC—service to your community is based upon your level of commitment and interests.

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Pierce County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

The mission of the Pierce County Medical Reserve Corps is to train, coordinate, and utilize dedicated volunteers to improve the health, safety, preparedness and emergency response capabilities in Pierce County.



Prepared, Effective, Responsive, Competent

What is Medical Reserve Corps?



Pierce County MRC command van.

The Pierce County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) addresses community health and medical needs, utilizing trained and coordinated medical and non-medical professionals.

MRC Volunteers:

- Supplement existing healthcare infrastructure in an emergency;
- Respond to a major disaster and assist with a variety of health related activities;
- Assist Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department in providing public health services to the community.

MRC is not a military program. MRC volunteers organize with the help of Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department to focus on local issues.

What is the time commitment of MRC?



Properly triaging patients coming into an alternate care facility.

Each volunteer must complete a brief orientation and basic Incident Command System (ICS) training required by the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

We encourage members to attend additional training sessions that are offered throughout the year.



Staffing an alternate care facility during a disaster.

I am a non-medical person. Can I be a member?

Yes, Pierce County MRC includes many non-medical members. They play a vital role within the unit.

Recent MRC Activities

- Homeless Connect providing urgent care and Influenza vaccine to the homeless population of Pierce County.
- 2010 influenza and H1N1 clinics provided vaccine and public health information to more than 9,000 people.
- 2011 care clinic providing healthcare to the underinsured.
- 2012 set up and operated an alternate care facility at the Puyallup Fair and Convention Center.