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New York City Medical Reserve Corps



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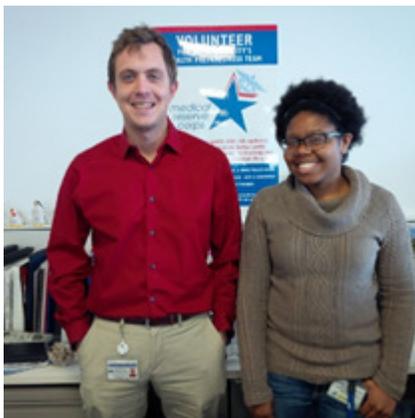
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Thank you to our Civic Corps Members

You may have spoken to them on the phone, gotten emails from them, or met them at trainings or exercises or public health events. Matt Geiger and Sasha Fountain have been NYC MRC's secret weapons this year. They helped to manage ServNY, wrote the social media (Facebook and Twitter) posts, wrote the newsletter, managed registrations for trainings, helped with the Self Scheduling System. They have been invaluable, and will be deeply missed.

Good luck Matt and Sasha!



Why I Volunteer



Deborrah Symonette, MD

How long have you been a member of NYC MRC?

I have been a member since 2007.

What is your profession?

I am an Emergency Medicine Physician, and a Public Health Physician.

What MRC activities have you participated in lately?

I am a member of NYC MRC's Advisory Board, and I have recently participated in Needs of Vulnerable Populations, the Preparedness Kick-Off Event, and the Weapons of Mass Destruction training for Emergency Responders. I also attended the 3rd Annual NYC MRC Symposium.

Are you involved in any other volunteer activities?

I have worked as a clinician, managing patients in a free healthcare clinic for three years. I also participate in international medical outreach programs, the most recent of which was in Haiti.

Why do you volunteer for NYC MRC?

When September 11th occurred, I volunteered at the World Trade Center site and St. Vincent's. From this experience, I knew that I wanted to learn more about disaster response and, through learning, participate in volunteer work on a broader scale. MRC has been outstanding in providing training and symposiums, and partnering with other organizations in effort to enhance the emergency preparedness skills of its volunteers. MRC is a unified team of wonderful people who help our community, our city, and our nation.

Upcoming Trainings and Events



Learn to Perform Blood Pressure Screenings

Are you an MRC member who would like to help with blood pressure screenings, but haven't been trained to do so? Here's your opportunity!

The Center for Health Equity, part of the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, will offer a 2-part training to learn how to monitor blood pressure. At the end of this training, you will be able to participate in BP screenings conducted by NYC MRC. You will receive a certificate for participation.

This is a two-part training. You must attend both sessions to receive credit.

Date: Tuesday, July 14th & Thursday, July 16th.

Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Location: NYC Emergency Management, 165 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, NY 11201

Registration: <https://a816-healthpsi.nyc.gov/MRCSelfServe/>



Con Edison Awareness Training

This workshop is to be conducted by Con Edison, and provides NYC disaster volunteers with a greater understanding of Con Edison's role during utility incidents and increases disaster volunteers' awareness.

Date: Monday, July 20th

Time: 6:30-9:00pm

Location: Con Ed Learning Center, 4382 Vernon Blvd. Hunters Point, NY 11101

Registration: <https://a816-healthpsi.nyc.gov/MRCSelfServe/>



CPR/AED Training

NYC MRC is providing CPR Community & Workplace training to our MRC volunteers. This class provides a professional, hands-on level training. Certification cards will be provided to those who pass. You must have attended an MRC Orientation plus at least one other training, exercise or deployment in the last year to register for this class.

Date: Sunday, July 26th

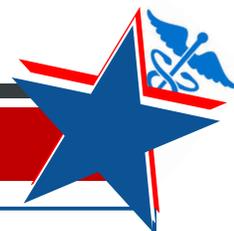


Time: 10:00am-4:00pm

Location: NYC Emergency Management, 165 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, NY 11201

Registration: <https://a816-healthpsi.nyc.gov/MRCSelfServe/>

Upcoming Trainings and Events



MRC Orientation

This training is an introduction to NYC MRC. It is a great overview for both new members and long-time members, and is the prerequisite for our most popular trainings. Orientation explores how MRC fits into the bigger emergency response picture, what NYC MRC members will do, what protections are offered, and what you can do to be prepared.

Date: Thursday, August 13th

Time: 6:00-8:00pm

Location: 125 Worth Street, New York, NY 10013

Registration: <https://a816-healthpsi.nyc.gov/MRCSelfServe/>

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Public Health Activities

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

In collaboration with Lutheran Community Health, MRC has been asked to provide MRC members to help with blood pressure screenings at two churches in Brooklyn:

Health First Fair—Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration

Location: 1368 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11216

Date & Time: Saturday, August 1st—11:00am-5:00pm

Languages: English and Spanish

Health First Fair—Adam Clayton Powell State Building

Location: 163 West 125th Street

Date & Time: Saturday, August 22nd—11:00am-5:00pm

Languages: English and Spanish

Our Lady of Refuge Church

Location: 2020 Foster Avenue, Brooklyn

Dates & Time: Wednesdays from 10 am—12:30 pm on July 15, Aug. 5 & 19, Sept. 2 & 16

Language: Creole

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

Location: 526 59th Street, Brooklyn

Dates & Time: Sundays from 10:30 am—12:30 July 26, August 23, September 27

Language: Spanish

To register, send an email to healthmrc@health.nyc.gov Please include your name, profession, date and location where you'd like to serve.





Upcoming Trainings and Events

Pharmacists Needed: Brown Bag Medication Reviews

Pharmacists are needed for two events where community members will bring their medications for review and counseling.

Taxi and Limousine Commission

Date: Tuesday, July 28th

Time: 12:00—4:00pm

Location: Taxi and Limousine Commission, 31-10
37th Avenue, Suite 300, Long Island City, NY 11101

Languages: All. Particularly: Urdu, Bengali, Tagalog,
and French



Adam Clayton Powell State Building

Date: Tuesday, August 4th

Time: 12:00—3:00pm

Location: Adam Clayton Powell State Building, 153
West 125th Street

To register for either (or both) events, please send an email to healthmrc@health.nyc.gov. Please indicate your profession, and let us know if you need an MRC shirt.

Job Posting: Vet Techs Needed at Animal Care Centers

Animal Care and Concern (ACC) is looking to hire **licensed veterinary technicians** at its Manhattan and Brooklyn shelters.

The positions are part-time, up to **25 hours/week**, with a starting salary of \$22.00/hour plus benefits.

Full-time work may be available for the right candidates. As of July 1st, 2015 there are a total of 8 available positions.

If you are interested, please send your resume to Lisa Levin, Medical Director at ACC: llevin@nycacc.org





MRC in Action

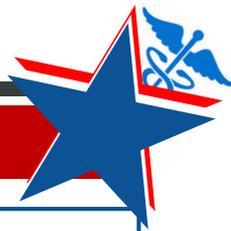


Harlem HIV Screening Day

Blood Pressure Screening and Education at OLPH in Spanish



Conference



SOCIETY FOR DISASTER MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Achieving Global Health Security through Ready, Willing, and Able, Volunteers

Inaugural Meeting July 29-31

Hope Hotel and Conference Center

Building #823, Area A, Gate 12A, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio 45433

Registration: <http://sdmph.org/>

Join the prominent leaders in the fields of public health and disaster medicine for 2 days of keynotes, discussions, workshops, posters, and networking

Keynote Speaker

Georges C Benjamin, MD, Executive Director, APHA

Guest Speakers and Presenters

CAPT Paul Reed, MD

US Public Health Service—Hospital Commander, Liberia, West Africa

CAPT Rob Tosatto

Director, Division of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps

Melissa Watt

Henderson—Region V East, MRC Coordinator

Betty Duggan

NYC Department of Health, Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response

Tim Stephens

MESH Coalition

Eduardo Dolhun, MD

Stanford University Med Center, Doctors Outreach Clinics, San Francisco, CA

Mary Casey-Lockyer

Response Manager for Texas Flooding

Tang Lujia, MD

Emergency Medicine—Preparedness and Response Posture for China

Hotel Reservations

A block of rooms has been reserved at a special conference rate of \$92 per night.

Reservations may be made online at www.hopehotel.com, or by Phone: (937) 879-2696 • Fax:

(937) 878-8731



Notes on our New Registration System

As many of you have discovered, we began using our MRC Self-Scheduling System (SSS) for emergency events and training registrations. The purpose of this system is to allow you to become accustomed to the tool, and for us to find and fix any “kinks” that may exist.

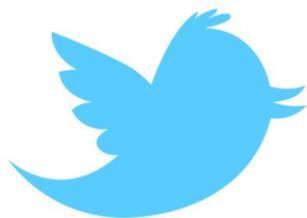
Here are some things you should know about logging on:

- The Self-Scheduling System coordinates with ServNY to confirm your identity. You must enter your first name, last name and email address *exactly as you entered in your ServNY* profile. Failure to provide the exact information will result in an automated “Error in verifying your credentials” message and you will be unable to log in.
- Once logged in to the SSS, it will ask you to confirm your current phone number. When your phone number has been validated, you will arrive at the “Search Shifts” page.
- Click on the “Event” drop down to choose the event you are interested in. You will then see the entire list of shift dates, shift times and total needs available for your profession.
- You can choose to narrow your search on the “Search Shifts” page by choosing a “Borough” or a date range in the “Search Between” drop down.
- If all shifts for an event or site are full, it will not appear on your screen. This means if you are looking for an event, and you cannot find it, it is closed to new registrants.
- Once you have successfully registered, the system will automatically send you a confirmation email
- This system is designed to be used on a computer. It has some compatibility with Droid tablets, but does not *always* work with iPads or phones.



Thank you for your patience with learning this new system. It is our hope that SSS will make it much easier for you to volunteer during large scale emergencies, smaller events as well as trainings.

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