



New York City Medical Reserve Corps



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FDNY/Montefiore/MRC Exercise

On Wednesday, August 1st, 90 MRC and CERT members assembled at 3 sites to assist the NYC Fire Department and Montefiore Hospital in a full scale exercise. The scenario was a fire with heavy smoke at Montefiore – Moses Campus, with med surge and the need to move patients to other campuses. MRC and CERT members were positioned at the Moses Campus, the Wieler Campus, and the North Campus of Montefiore, where they played the role of patients. Although there was a lot of waiting for the volunteers, the exercise was a great success. Team leaders from FDNY commented that having real people play the patients instead of using mannequins helped to add realism to the exercise.

Thanks to all of you who participated!



MRC members at Montefiore Hospital – North Campus

Looking for Our 2.1 Million Health Occupation Student of America (HOSA) Alumni!

HOSA wants to reconnect with our past through the [HOSA–Future Health Professionals Alumni Network](#). Many HOSA members have remarked that they would like a way to stay involved and give back to the organization. The HOSA Alumni Network offers opportunities to connect, build, serve, lead, educate, prepare, and promote at no cost. The Alumni Network will help us re-engage with former HOSA members to build a system of support for our

Why I Volunteer



Ana Christina Minerly at Yankee Stadium exercise

Name: Ana Christina Minerly
MRC Member since February 2011

Profession: Psychologist working with sexually assaulted survivors.

What MRC/CCC activities have you participated in lately?

FDNY Yankee Stadium Exercise
FDNY Montefiore Exercise
All Hazards
REST Training & REST Team Member

Are You Involved In Any Other Volunteer Activities?

I volunteer at Bellevue Hospital as an on-call Red Crisis Advocate providing counseling to sexually assaulted survivors.

Why do you volunteer?

“I love New York and I love New Yorkers. I think they are the greatest people in the world. I also love the idea of giving back to my community and being able to be a part of the recovery in times of crisis!”

future health professionals and the MRC. For free affiliation, former HOSA members should visit <http://www.hosa.org/hosaconf/alumni/register.jsp> or call 800-321-HOSA (800-321-4672).

MRC Training Opportunities

Thursday, September 13th - MRC Orientation

5:30pm – registration and food

6:00 – 8:00pm training

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

Thursday, September 27th - Intro to ICS

5:30pm – registration and food

6:00 – 8:00pm training

As you know, we ask MRC members to take ICS trainings on line. If on line trainings are not your style, or if you have trouble making time for them, here is your chance to take ICS in person. Thomas Mauro, Director of Exercises and Trainings at the Department of Health, Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response will share his expertise with us at this training.

To register for MRC trainings, please send an email to healthmrc@health.nyc.gov with the name and date of the training in the subject line, and please include your name, license type, phone and email.

Citizens Corps Trainings

Tuesday, August 7th – Cultural Institutions Before, During and After Emergencies

Sponsored by the NYC Citizen Corps Council and the NYC Office of Emergency Management's Public-Private Initiatives, this workshop will discuss the planning challenges and the impact disasters have on Cultural institutions and the collections. Brianna Hertzler from NYC Office of Emergency Management Becky Fifield from the Metropolitan Museum of Art and chair of the NYC chapter of the Alliance for Response will be present. **To register for the Citizens Corps Trainings, please go to:**

<http://www.nyccitizenscorpscouncil.eventbrite.com/>

Save the Date: September is National Preparedness Month

On September 6, join the NYC Citizen Corps Council, NYC Office of Emergency Management (OEM), and fellow NYC volunteers to kick-off National Preparedness Month in all five boroughs. Like in years past, it is a chance to spend some time alongside fellow NYC volunteers showcasing what you do. In 2011, 150 volunteers gave out more than 120,000 preparedness guides throughout the five boroughs during National Preparedness Month Kick-Off Events. **Register** to volunteer in **mid-August** at: www.NYC.gov/nationalpreparednessmonth



Articles of Interest

Latest Research: Children and Disasters - Dr. Robert Kanter, Professor of Pediatrics and Director of Critical Care and Inpatient Pediatrics at SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, has compiled his expert views on the latest research related to disasters and pediatric populations. Topics discussed include recent developments in pediatric medical Countermeasures, lead poisoning, the latest environmental health hazards for children; the care of children after the Tuscaloosa tornado; and the preventable but growing epidemic of pertussis or 'whooping cough. To read about this, go to:

www.ncdp.mailman.columbia.edu/childrendisasters.html

Novel H3N8 Strain Found in Dead Seals May Pose Human Threat

A study that was released yesterday in mBio reported that the strain of H3N8 influenza linked to baby seal die-off in New England last year originated in birds. This transmission from birds to mammals signals a possible threat to animals and humans. To read more, go to:

<http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/influenza/avianflu/news/jul3112sealflu.html>

National Strategy for Biosurveillance

On Tuesday, the White House released a report titled, *National Strategy for Biosurveillance*. The report provides an all-inclusive approach to biosurveillance by bringing together federal, state, local and tribal governments, as well as the private sector, non-governmental organizations and international partners. To read more, go to:

http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/National_Strategy_for_Biosurveillance_July_2012.pdf?utm_source=BNT+August+1%2C+2012&utm_campaign=B