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**2014 Distinguished Service Award honors
MRC's Haddie Lizasuain**



The NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene will recognize MRC's Haddie Lizasuain on December 2nd at the New York Academy of Medicine. Haddie will receive the **Professional Excellence Award**. This award is designed to recognize employees who provide consistent, exceptional service and are known for their professionalism and customer service.

Join us in thanking Haddie for her dedication to MRC and all its members.

Why We Volunteer



Ugonta Abengowe and Shomari Harris

How many years have you been a member of NYC MRC?
Active MRC members since July 2014

What are your professions?

Ugonta: Public Health Officer with a federal agency.
Shomari: Public Health Nutrition Educator

What activities have you participated in lately?

The PECO and Ebola 101 trainings. The FDNY 9/11 Memorial Museum Evacuation Exercise, Ebola outreach at the African Day Parade and we have served on the MRC Speakers Bureau for Ebola 101 presentations. We will be participating in the upcoming full-scale Medical Surge Exercise with the Mt. Sinai Hospital System as well.

Are you involved in any other volunteer activities?

Ugonta: New York Cares, American Red Cross, CERT, CDP & Coastal Storm Planning with NYC OEM and New York City Department of Homeless Services' Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE).

Shomari: New York Cares, American Diabetes Association, City Harvest, Just Food, NYC OEM CDP, and NYC Department for the Aging Keep.

Why do you volunteer for NYC MRC?

We volunteer with MRC because we have a passion for public health. We feel that as New Yorkers that are fortunate enough to be in a position to help others, we want to use our knowledge, skills and time toward helping our fellow New Yorkers and fellow human beings with the hope that our contributions will inspire others to do the same.

Upcoming Trainings and Events

MRC Orientation

This training is an introduction to NYC MRC. It is a great overview 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 NYC MRC members will do, what protections are offered, and what you can do to be prepared.

Date: Tuesday, Dec. 9th

Location: 125 Worth St., 3rd Floor Board Room, Manhattan

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Registration: <http://bit.ly/10FwxAi>

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MRC Ebola Response

NYC MRC has been very active in the NYC Ebola response. Some of our response has involved simply indicating an availability and willingness to serve, such as the MRC members who offered their assistance with the Physicians Access Line and School Health. Although some of you were ultimately not needed for these projects, it speaks volumes that you were willing to volunteer if there was a need.

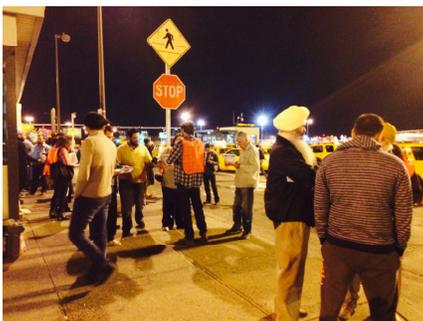
So far:

Over 500 MRC members attended Ebola 101, and 96 MRC members have agreed to be part of the MRC Ebola Speakers Bureau.

Thirty-nine MRC members did community outreach at the Africa Day Parade in Harlem. MRC members have given 16 public Ebola 101 presentations.

Twenty MRC members provided Ebola information and education on three separate days at JFK and LaGuardia Airports.

Twenty-one MRC members were trained and are serving on the Active Monitoring Hotline.



The Ebola emergency is far from over, and we may be reaching out to you again for help. To those of you who volunteered, and those of you who were able to serve, THANK YOU! You are the embodiment of what MRC is all about.

MRC in Action

St. Francis Diabetes Fair



Ebola Training at Medgar Evers College



9/11 Museum Evacuation Exercise



Articles of Interest

US Looking Past Ebola to Prepare for Next Outbreak

Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, explained that it is “urgent that we address the weak links and blind spots around the world.” The Obama administration has requested \$600 million for the CDC to implement the Global Health security agenda to address these weak links.

<http://goo.gl/F9q9E6>

State and Local Fusion Centers: What Is Their Impact on Homeland Security?

A network of 78 state and locally owned and operated fusion centers enhance awareness of terrorist and other criminal threats by gathering information streams, personnel, and other resources. They analyze local threat information and share it with federal partners.

<http://goo.gl/ZilBxl>

*Wishing you a happy and safe holiday season from
NYC MRC!*

Update Your Record!

We rely on the data in ServNY to reach you in times of emergency or disaster. It is very important to keep your record up to date. You can do this in three ways:

- 1) Update your own record at: <http://bit.ly/1C5YvCr>
- 2) Send your current/new data to: healthmrc@health.nyc.gov
- 3) Call us at **347-233-1545** or **347-396-6248**

Thank You!

