



New York City Medical Reserve Corps



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Emergency Notification Drill

Due to technical issues we were unable to conduct our quarterly Emergency Notification Drill as planned.

The drill has been rescheduled for the week of **May 26, 2012.**

This drill helps to ensure that in a disaster or emergency you know what to expect. It also allows us to note which contact information doesn't work. This drill is essential to MRC functions, since we need to be able to notify and deploy our members. We will be using the ServNY System for the notification, and the **calls will come from the 518 area code.** Please make every effort to respond. You will be contacted on all the devices you have listed.

NYC Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer Recognition Celebration



Dr. Isaac Weisfuse, DOHMH



*Haddie Lizasuain,
Ann Barber, MD,
Betty Duggan*

Why I Volunteer



Name: Anthony V. Smith, RN, BSN

MRC Member since 2005

Profession: Registered Nurse

What MRC/CCC activities have you participated in lately?

Infection Control

Points of Dispensing

Member of the NYC MRC Advisory Board

Are you involved in any other Volunteer Activities?

National Marfan Foundation – member 23 years,

Board member 8 years, Education and

Research Committee - 12 years

Genetic Alliance, Washington .D.C. 1999 - present

(Advocates educating & fostering the Empowerment of local networks to affect governmental policy)

Why do you volunteer?

The reason for my involvement with the MRC

is to assist in the empowerment of the

surrounding communities to care for and

maintain the medical/ psychological health during emergencies and/or disasters.



Dr. and Mrs. Flanzer



Barbara Smith, Priscilla Gonzalez, Rosamond Gianutsos, John Perrotti



John Bauers Trio



David Starr, Linda Whitaker, Michelle Davis, Marisa Raphael, Isaac Weisfuse

NYC MRC held its Second Annual Volunteer Recognition Celebration on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at Baruch College. We were honored to have Dr. Isaac Weisfuse, Deputy Commissioner of the Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response, DOHMH, Michelle Davis, Region 2 Health Administrator, US Dept. of Health and Human Services, Kristen Lepore, MRC Region 2 Coordinator, and Dr. Ann Barber, MRC member, and member of the MRC Advisory Board as our guest speakers. This event is a time for us to celebrate the accomplishments of NYC MRC in the past year, and we had much to celebrate, including our response to Hurricane Irene, participation in exercises such as the Evacuation of a Cruise Ship Terminal and evacuation of Yankee Stadium with FDNY. Our year was documented in a slide show that was shown during the event. We also had the pleasure of listening to, and in one case dancing to, the music of the John Bauers Trio. To quote MRC Valerie Rose, *"The MRC celebration was a beautiful affair. The food and the venue were top-notch. That along with the smooth operation made possible by the efforts of the staff make it clear to me that MRC volunteers are valued by the city of New York."*

Thanks to you, MRC members, for being part of NYC's health preparedness team!

NYC MRC Collaborates with FDNY in a Fire and Evacuation Exercise at Yankee Stadium –

I volunteered to participate in a full scale FDNY drill at Yankee Stadium last month, really having to no idea what to expect. It was a little slow to start but that left time to get to know the other volunteers, a few whom I had met the previous day at POD training.





Then we got our assignments. Looking for a little adventure I asked for a significant injury and off I went to makeup for moulage where I got a head injury. The fake blood was actually dripping down my face so I had to tend to it and get it to stop “bleeding”. Right before we started the drill on of our leaders told me to wander, so wander I did! Every time a fireman asked me to stay put to await treatment, I eventually got up again to wander. Three times was a charm. The 3rd set of firemen realized I was not following instructions and got me straight into the ambulance.

It was very interesting to see how things were run and, considering my injuries, I got to act out an interesting role. Mostly, it was great getting to know the other volunteers, some of our rescuers and helping the rescue teams and Yankee Stadium practice for a potential real deal rescue. Even for this Mets fan.
Annette Frey, MRC member



MRC SPRING TRAININGS

Are you Ready for Coastal Storm Season?

NEW!: On Line Coastal Storm Training - As we saw in Hurricane Irene, an approaching hurricane could require evacuation of thousands of people in NYC. As we approach hurricane season, learn about how hurricane shelters are set up and operated and takes you through a simulated event.

Since this is an online training, you choose the time and place. This online training was created by CUNY, the Office of Emergency Management and the Department of Homeless Services, and will give you a great overview of how shelters work.

To access this training, go to: www.nyc.gov/csptraining

You must go to the bottom of the page where it says new users, and click on “register”.

Enter this activation code: **F63476AB3D3E91D9 (Please copy this code carefully)**. You will be asked to create a user name, password, and to create a security question. Once you do this, will see three choices of trainings:

Evacuation Center Operator Training (3 hours)

Hurricane Shelter Operator Training (3 hours)

Hurricane Shelter Training for Specialists (1 – 1 ½ hours)

You may take any of the trainings you wish, but we highly recommend the Hurricane Shelter Training for Specialists.

NEW!: Free Online Courses - Columbia University

Regional Learning Center – The Columbia Regional Learning Center (CRLC) is pleased to announce the launch of our new Learning Management System! The CRLC provides free, online certificate training courses, webinars, and lectures designed for individuals working in health systems including, but not limited to: health care, public health, home health, Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), community health, regional learning centers, and emergency management. Some of the courses offered:

UPDATE YOUR RECORD

We rely on the information you provide in ServNY to send you information about NYC MRC, to share invitations to trainings, exercises and other events, and to contact you in the event of a disaster or emergency. Please take a few minutes to go into ServNY: <https://apps.nyhealth.gov/vms/appmanager/vms/public?prog=34> to assure that your contact information is correct. You may also call Haddie Lizasuain at 347-396-2713 or send an email to: healthmrc@health.nyc.gov to update your contacts.

- * [PREP 1110 - Personal Emergency Preparedness: Planning for the Public Health Worker](#)
- * [PREP 2102/ENVI 2701 - Chem Rad Bio: Fundamentals for the Public Health Workforce](#)
- * [MGMT 1201- Elements of Leadership: Decision-Making & Problem-Solving Under Emergency Conditions](#)
- * [EPI 3404 - Spatial Approaches to Disaster Epidemiology: Dr. Snow Meets the Rev. Bayes](#)
- * [VUL 2605/ PSY 2902 - State of the Science: The Health and Mental Health Consequences of Catastrophic Events](#)

To see the entire course catalog, please go to: <http://ncdp.crlctraining.org/catalog/>

Don't miss this fun filled day!!:- Sun., May 20th – Aids Walk NY

Join your fellow MRC members for a spirited walk around Manhattan to help raise awareness and funds to fight Aids. Our team, the NYC Medical Reserve Corps will gather in Central Park to show our community support and to showcase MRC. To register for the AIDS Walk NY, go to our team registration at: <http://www.aidswalk.net/newyork> , go to the “Team Central” box in the lower left hand corner, and click on “Form or Join a Team”. Click on “Join a Team” and look for our team, NYC Medical Reserve Corps in the drop down list (team # 8264). I look forward to spending this fun filled day with you.



Sat., May 19, & Sun., June 10th – CPR/AED

These small group hands on classes provide professional level trainings. You need attend only one of these dates. Certification cards will be provided to those who pass this training. These trainings have very limited enrollment and are for MRC members only. Prerequisite: You must have attended an MRC Orientation plus at least one other training or exercise or deployment in the last year.

Time: 12:00PM – 6:00PM (snacks will be provided)

Location: The Churchill School, 301 East 29 St, Manhattan.

Thursday, May 31th – LIJ Decon Exercise – please note the change in date!

Our colleagues at Long Island Jewish Medical Center are planning a decontamination exercise, and MRC is once again invited to role-play patients. The exercise will be based on a patient surge/decontamination event due to exposure to a dirty bomb. Those of you who participated last year know how important MRC's role was to the exercise. We had a lot of fun, too.

Time: 11:00AM – 4:00PM.

Location: Long Island Jewish Medical Center, New Hyde Park, Queens. Free parking will be provided, as well as food. We will need 40 – 50 MRC members for this event. **Please let us know if you will need parking, and if you are willing to get wet!!**



NEW!: Tuesday, June 12th - Assisting Older Persons in Times of Emergency

– Linda Whittaker, Assistant Commissioner, NYC Department for the Aging, will conduct this training. In a disaster or emergency, do you know how to assist the older persons in your family? In your community? In shelters or PODs? Learn from an expert.

Time: 6:00 – 8:00

Location: TBA

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

CITIZENS CORPS TRAINING

June 2, 3, 4 – *New York Says Thank You* Documentary Screenings

As a follow-up to *Volunteers Creating Change*, the 6th annual Disaster Volunteer Conference, the NYC Citizen Corps Council is sponsoring three complimentary screenings of *New York Says Thank You*. *New York Says Thank You* is an epic story of healing and patriotic heroism that charts the journey of four New Yorkers whose lives were touched by September 11 —as they travel the country to help communities rebuild after their own disasters. Along the way, these individuals grow, face their emotions, and ultimately triumph over tragedy through an amazing community effort that evolved from a five-year-old New York City boy's idea to help others. The complimentary screenings will be held on Saturday, June 2 (1 PM), Sunday, June 3 (6 PM), and Monday, June 4 (7 PM) at Anthology Film Archives (32 Second Avenue, Manhattan).

To get your complementary tickets, visit: www.NYC.gov/citizencorps

June 11 – Con Edison 101

Conducted by Con Edison in conjunction with NYC CERT and the NYC Citizen Corps Council, this workshop provides NYC disaster volunteers with a greater understanding of Con Edison and increases one's awareness towards utility incidents. For more information about Con Edison, visit www.conedison.com.

The workshop will be held on Monday, June 11 from 6 – 9 PM at Con Edison – The Learning Center (4382 Vernon Boulevard, Long Island City).

To register, email Justin Land at citizencorps@oem.nyc.gov your name, email and mailing address, phone number, volunteer organization affiliation, need for kosher meal, and the title and date of the training you are interested in registering for. Space is limited. A light dinner will be provided.

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Articles of Interest

Spotlight: JAMA Article Highlights the MRC

This month, the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) published an article on the Medical Reserve Corps. The article is excerpted below. The full text article is attached.

National Emergency Alert System Goes Live

The Commercial Mobile Alert System went live earlier this month. This national alert system allows the public to receive emergency alert notifications on their mobile phones without having to sign up or pay for the service. This system is the product of a partnership between the Federal Emergency Management Agency, (FEMA), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and phone carriers. To read more about this, go to:

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/National-Emergency-Alert-System-Goes-Live.html>

Message Mapping: How to Communicate During the Six Stages of a Crisis

Effective communication and messaging during an emergency was a hot topic at ASTHO's recent Joint Preparedness Policy Committee and Directors of Public Health Preparedness Executive Committee Meeting. Everbridge, a company that specializes in emergency notification systems has produced a white paper that provides guidance for mapping a communications strategy. To access the report, go to: <http://forms.erepublic.com/gt-paper-promo-opt-in-landing-page-default?elq=234f31859cef4c0c9e55bd736f17e027&elqCampaignId=646>

After completing a free registration, the report will be delivered via email.