



New York City Medical Reserve Corps



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Please join us!

NYC MRC SYMPOSIUM: ESSENTIAL TOOLS FOR MRC RESPONDERS

When: Sunday, June 2, 2013

*Where: Emigrant Savings Building
49-51 Chambers St, Manhattan*

Time: 9:15 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Join us as we explore:

*Hot Triage: Are You Ready For A
Dirty Bomb?*

*Mass Casualties and the Impact on
Responders*

*Ethics & Altered Standards of Care
Risk Communication and Disaster
Response: Practical Insights*

To register, go to:

www.nycmrcevent.com

Why I Volunteer



Sree Panda, D.O.

Name: Sree Panda, D.O.
MRC Member since 2012

Profession: Wound Specialist Doctor
with General Surgery and Burn
background

What MRC/CCC activities have you participated in lately?

Hurricane Sandy Response
POD Training
Hepatitis A Response

Why do you volunteer?

I joined MRC in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. The main reason I joined in order to provide medical care to those in need affected by Hurricane Sandy. I have been part of MRC for 5 months. I have so far participated in mock training for managing wide spread influenza in NYC. I also participated in vaccinating patients to prevent Hepatitis A at the Chelsea health clinic.

I am honored to be recognized for my efforts.



Join us for Aids Walk NY 2013

NYC Medical Reserve Corps will again sponsor a team for the Aids Walk, which will be held on **Sunday, May 19th** in Central Park. This is an opportunity to show New Yorkers our MRC pride, raise money for a good cause, and get to know some great MRC members. Haddie and I will be walking and I hope you will join us. Last year we raised over \$1,000 to fight AIDS.



To learn more about the Aids Walk NY, to register for our team, and/or to donate, go to: http://awny2013.kintera.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?ievent=1052727&lis=0&knta_e1052727=443BC03C5AC945C3AEB28511373DA4D6&supld=0&team=5468421&cj=Y

MRC Needed for FDNY Exercise

FDNY has asked MRC for volunteers for the following exercise:

Date: Friday, May 10th

Time: 5:00pm – 9:00pm (light dinner will be provided)

Location: SI Yankee Stadium, Staten Island

To register, go to: <http://mrcstatenilandyankeestadium.eventbrite.com/#>

We will be setting up at the Staten Island Yankee Stadium right near the Ferry and the incident will be a Subway accident (right below the stadium)

Please note: the FDNY exercise on May 18th in the Rockaways has been postponed.



MRC TRAININGS

All Hazards Training for Mental Health Professionals

Date: Friday, May 10th

Time: 9:00am – 5:00pm

Location: NYC Department of Health, 42-09 28 Street, Long Island City, NY

To register, go to: <http://nycmedicalreservecorpsallhazardstrainingformental.eventbrite.com/>

What is the REST Team? The MRC REST (Resiliency and Emotional Support Team) is comprised of a core group of qualified, trained mental health MRC professionals who, when activated, can be rapidly mobilized to provide on-site disaster mental health services. The REST team provides disaster mental health services such as information and referral, Psychological First Aid (PFA) and crisis counseling. These services might be provided on site within DOHMH and/or at City-designated response sites.

Who qualifies to be a MRC REST Responder? MRC orientation is a pre-requisite for this course. This training is for Mental Health professionals only. You must have:

- A NYS license or certificate (i.e.- SW, Psychologist or therapist)
- Master's degree and at least two years Experience or 1 year experience with those experiencing trauma or Disaster
- Bachelor's degree and 2 years providing mental health services

****You only need to take this full day course once

This training is being offered through the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, office of Mental Health Disaster Preparedness and Response

CPR/PRO for Healthcare Professionals

Date: Saturday, May 11th

Time: 12:00pm – 5:00pm (snack will be provided)

Location: OEM, 165 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn

To register, go to: <http://nycmrccprpro.eventbrite.com>



This small group hands-on class provides professional level training. Certification cards will be provided to those who pass this training. This training has very limited enrollment and are for MRC members only. **Prerequisite for CPR/PRO:** You must have attended an MRC Orientation plus at least one other training or exercise or deployment in the last year.

Weapons of Mass Destruction

Date: Saturday, June 8th

Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm (lunch will be provided)

Location: OEM, 165 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, NY

To register got to: <http://nycmrcweaponsmassdestructiontraining.eventbrite.com/#>

This course standardizes the minimum WMD awareness level training delivered by the Department of Homeland Security. The class covers terrorism, weapons of mass destruction (WMD), target assessment, and the awareness level mantra: RAIN (recognize, avoid, isolate, and notify). Upon successful completion of this class a certificate will be issued from the Center for Domestic Preparedness. This training is being offered by OEM. Due to the sensitive materials in this course, you must be a US citizen, and you must have a FEMA SID number. To obtain a FEMA SID number, go to: <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/nfa/about/attend/ftin.shtm>
This training has limited enrollment.



Using Social Media for Emergency Preparedness and Response

Date: Tuesday, June 25th

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm (5:30pm – registration and food)

Location: Churchill School, 301 East 29 St, Manhattan

To register, go to:

<http://mrcusingsocialmediaforemergencypreparedness.eventbrite.com/#>

The exponential growth of social media users combined with the smart phone use has fundamentally changed how the public and government gathers and communicates information, particularly during an emergency. Social media tools allow emergency managers to disseminate information to wider audiences, interact with the public, monitor social media networks to get better situational awareness and improve information sharing during an emergency. This training will introduce useful resources, show how social media is being used for preparedness and response, and show some of the powerful tools anybody can use to stay informed. There will also be hands on exercises, so bring your smart phones and laptops!

Conference



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Pediatric Disaster Mental Health Intervention (PDMHI) and Community Preparedness Networking Forum

Date: Wednesday, May 22nd

Time: 8:00 – 3:00

Where: Fort Hamilton Community Club, 101st Street and Fort Hamilton Pkwy, Brooklyn 11252
(you must show photo ID to enter the fort.)

Lunch will be provided

Maimonides Infants and Children's Hospital of Brooklyn in partnership with the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Center for Pediatric Emergency Medicine at MICH invite you to attend a training session in Pediatric Disaster Mental Health followed by a community networking forum to enable you to better respond to the needs of your patients affected by Hurricane Sandy.

This conference is open to all pediatric providers, including doctors, nurses and mental health professionals.

Register on line by May 15 at : <http://www.ny2aap.org/cgi-script/CSMailto/forms/sandy.htm>

Questions? Please contact Victoria Brown at vbrown@maimonidesmed.org

See attached flyer.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

The Importance of Drills: Why Boston Hospitals Were Ready

Seconds after the explosions in Boston, medical personnel manning the runners' first-aid tent swiftly converted into a mass-casualty triage unit. Emergency medical teams mobilized en masse from around the city, resuscitated the injured, and dispersed them to eight different hospitals in minutes, despite chaos and snarled traffic. The orchestrated medical response to the Boston explosions shows the importance and effectiveness of drills and vigilance. Click here to read more <http://www.newyorker.com/online/blogs/newsdesk/2013/04/why-boston-hospitals-were-ready.html>

Boston: A Real-World Test of Homeland Security

The Boston Marathon bombing was the largest homeland security operation in the nation since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Boston had engaged in two city-wide disaster drills over the past two years. To read more: <http://www.npr.org/2013/04/20/178002233/boston-a-real-world-test-of-homeland-security?ft=1&f=1122>

Nerve Agents Fact Sheet

The Center for Biosecurity of UPMC developed a fact sheet on nerve agents to provide information on the following: use of nerve agents in chemical warfare; their mechanism of action and physical properties; signs and symptoms of exposure; and basic information on diagnosis, treatment, control measures, and prophylaxis. To read more, go to:

http://www.upmc-biosecurity.org/website/our_work/biological-threats-and-epidemics/fact_sheets/nerve_agents.html

Human Infection With Avian Influenza A (H7N9) Virus – Update

As of yesterday, a total of 126 laboratory-confirmed cases of human infection with avian influenza A(H7N9) virus including 24 deaths have been reported to WHO. So far, there is no evidence of sustained human-to-human transmission. To read more, go to:

http://www.who.int/csr/don/2013_04_29/en/index.html