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Why I Volunteer



Caitlin Pelan, Registered Nurse

**Welcome to our new Civic Corps member
Jennifer Castillo!**



Hi all!

I am Jennifer Castillo. I recently graduated from Binghamton University with an Economics degree. Some of my favorite things to do are running, hiking and spending quality time with my little sister. I am thrilled and thankful to be part of the New York City Medical Reserve Corps team and I look forward to learning a lot these next ten months.

How long have you been a member of NYC MRC?

I just joined NYC MRC this month because I just relocated to NYC. In the past I have been actively involved with Miami-Dade's MRC, and I participated in many exercises and community outreach events.

What is your profession?

I am a newly licensed Registered Nurse. I have been involved in healthcare in some form since I turned 16 - the soonest I could start volunteering/shadowing EMTs on an ambulance service. I have worked in a physician's office as a medical assistant, as a CNA in a long term rehab center, and as an EMT on a volunteer 911 service. I'm very excited to begin working as a RN in NYC and finally having a larger scope of practice!

What MRC activities have you participated in lately?

I recently participated in the PECO (Post Emergency Canvassing Operation) exercise with the Department of Health and Public Engagement Unit. The PECO exercise was very insightful into the distribution of resources and identifying needs of community members after an emergency. I look forward to participating in future MRC activities and wellness events.

Why do you volunteer for NYC MRC?

I absolutely love volunteering with such an incredible group of dedicated health care providers. The passion and positivity of fellow volunteer is inspiring, and I feel grateful to be part of this group! I look forward to continuing to develop my patient care skills with The Medical Reserve Corps, and contribute as much as possible to the community.

Upcoming Trainings and Events

Disabilities and Functional Needs Workshop

Our mandate as NYC MRC members is to serve all New Yorkers. Learn more about providing services to people with disabilities and functional needs. This training is being presented by our colleagues at the NYC Emergency Management (NYCEM).

Date: Thursday, October 6

Time: 6:00 pm—8:00 pm, Registration and light supper at 5:30

Location: NYCEM, 165 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn

To RSVP go to: <https://a816-healthpsi.nyc.gov/MRCSelfServe/>

NYCEM is accessible. If you require a reasonable accommodation or other auxiliary aids and/or services please contact Eli Fresquez at 718-422-8947 TTY: 718-422-4660, Video Relay Service: 212-639-9675 or email at: efresquez@oem.nyc.gov seven (7) days before this event.



Improvised Nuclear Devices in NYC

Our Colleague, Mark Maiello, PhD will present information about Improvised Nuclear Devices (INDs) and what would happen if an IND went off in NYC. After last week's bombing in Chelsea, this is especially relevant.

Date: Tuesday, October 25th

Time: 6:00 pm—8:00 pm, Registration and light supper at 5:30

Location: CUNY Law, 2 Court Square, Long Island City, Queens

To RSVP go to: <https://a816-healthpsi.nyc.gov/MRCSelfServe/>



New Date: Meet the NY State Commissioner of Health

Dr. Howard Zucker, MD, JD, the NY State Commissioner of Health, is coming to NYC to meet with NYC MRC members to discuss with the volunteers the role of MRC and what they can do, how they can work with DOH, and what they are currently doing.

Date: Thursday, November 17th

Time: 6:00 pm—7:30 pm, Registration and light supper at 5:30

Location: 90 Church Street, 4th Floor Conference Room, Manhattan

To RSVP go to: <https://a816-healthpsi.nyc.gov/MRCSelfServe/>



Upcoming Public Health Events



In collaboration with our community partners, NYC MRC continues to provide blood pressure screenings and Zika information at soup kitchens, food pantries, and churches throughout the city.

We look forward to seeing you at one of these recurring events!

We have indicated what language is primarily spoken at each site, but English speakers are welcome as well.

To register for these events, go to: <https://a816-healthpsi.nyc.gov/MRCSelfServe/>

Our Lady of Solace, 2866 West 17th St, Brooklyn

Sunday, October 2nd 10:00am—1:00pm

Language: Spanish

Salvation Army, 520 50th Street, Brooklyn

Tuesday, October 4 **and** October 18, 11:00am—2:00pm

Languages: Spanish, Chinese

Coney Island Lighthouse Mission, 2114 Mermaid Ave., Brooklyn

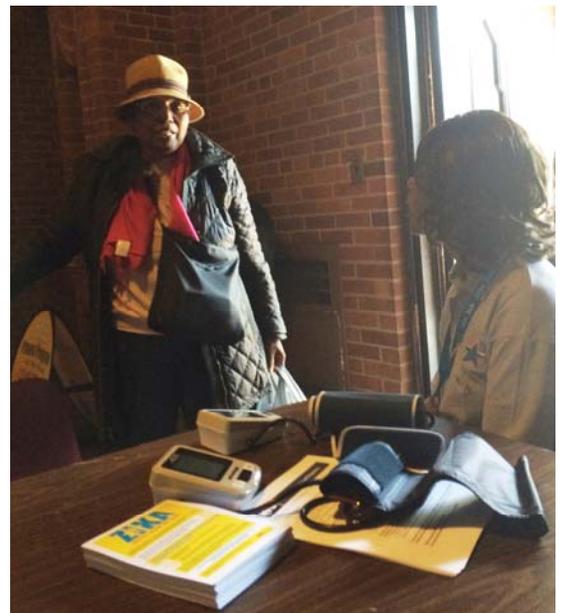
Thursday, October 13, 10:30am—1:30pm

Languages: Spanish, Chinese

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 5th Ave. between 59 & 60 Streets, Brooklyn

Sunday, October 23 10:30am—1:30pm

Language: Spanish



Be an NYC MRC Ambassador!

NYC MRC currently has 8,387 members

But we always need new members. Invite your friends and colleagues to join you as a member of NYC MRC.





In Memoriam

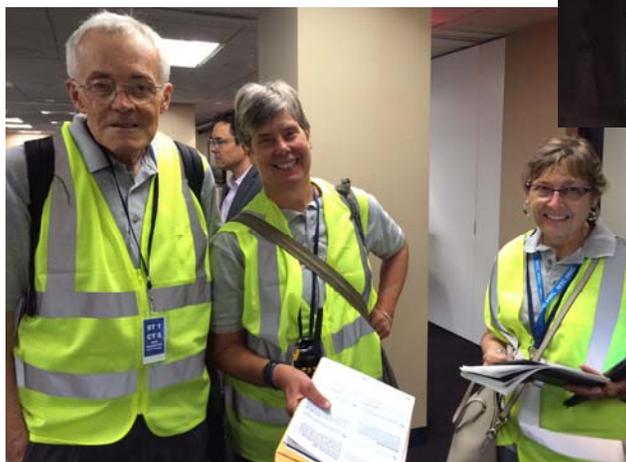


We are sad to share with you that our colleague **Anthony Smith** died in September. Anthony had been a member of NYC MRC since 2005, and was a member of the NYC MRC Advisory Board. Although Anthony had many physical challenges, he was always cheerful and insightful, and participated in many MRC activities. We will miss him.

NYC MRC Notification Drill Results

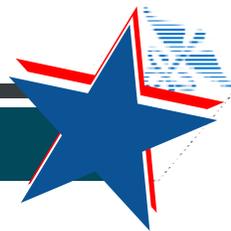
Thanks to all of you who participated in the Emergency Notification Drill in September.

We had a 61.1 % response rate (5122/8381). These emergency drills are required by the CDC. They also test the volunteers' knowledge of how to respond to a drill, and lets us know which emails/phone numbers do not work.



September 16
PECO Drill





MRC in Action



**Staten Island
Family
Preparedness
Day**



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**Special Thanks to our volunteer leaders
*Angeli and Daniella***

**Kings County
MRC Recruitment Day**

