



New York City Medical Reserve Corps



March 2011

ServNY Record Update

Thank you to those of you who have already updated your record. This is very important because you cannot be deployed unless your record is up to date. Recently, we had a request for vaccinators that only went to fully registered volunteers in ServNY.

If you have not already updated your record, please call:

Rebecca at 212 676-8285

Ramona at 212 676-8137

Hallie at 212 676-8331

They will be happy to assist you with updating your file.

If you no longer wish to be a member of MRC, please send an email to: healthmrc@health.nyc.gov. In the subject line please write: DELETE and your first and last name.

Congratulations to Nan Canter – the winner of our Record Update raffle for the month of February!

MRC Spring Trainings

They're here! An amazing array of trainings for MRC members. They include:

April 6	- MRC Orientation	6:00pm – 8:00pm
April 13	- Psychological First Aid (for non-mental health professionals)	6:00pm – 8:00pm
May 7	- CPR/AED PRO (for health care clinicians) Saturday	12:00pm – 5:30pm
May 10	- POD Training	3:30pm – 8:30pm
May 14	- CPR/AED Community & Workplace (for non-clinicians) Saturday	12:00pm – 5:30pm
May 17	- All Hazards Part 1 (Mental Health Professionals only)	6:00pm – 9:00pm
May 18	- All Hazards Part 2 (Mental Health Professionals only)	6:00pm – 9:00pm
June 2	- Emergency Response to Nuclear Disasters	6:00pm – 8:00pm
June 15	- Psychological First Aid (for non mental health professionals)	6:00pm – 9:00pm
June 22	- MRC Orientation	6:00pm – 8:00pm
June 30	- SNS: The Strategic National Stockpile of Medications	6:00pm – 8:00pm

See the attached description of trainings and the attached registration form to register for trainings.

MRC Emergency Notification Drill –

MRC NOTIFICATION DRILL - THE NEXT TEST OF THE MRC EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM WILL BE DURING THE WEEK OF March 28th.

The system will e-mail you, and then call you up to 3 times on each of your phones to attempt to reach you.

THE CALL WILL COME FROM AREA CODE 212

After you say hello (required), a computer will first ask you to press a key for an important message. Please listen to the entire message and press “2” when prompted at the end of the call. You cannot reply to a voicemail message. If the call will go to a nurse’s station,

department office, or private office, please alert your colleagues to the fact that you are part of the MRC and will receive a test call during the week of March 28th and ask them to please not hang up on it.

We understand how busy all volunteers are, and appreciate your patience with these tests and every effort you make to ensure that the calls are answered whenever possible.

**Reminder: Operating a Community Reception Center: A Workshop for the NYC
MRC Radiological Reserve Corps – Friday, March 25th**

To register, go to: <http://dohmhcrsymposium11.eventbrite.com/>

Save the Date: MRC Volunteer Recognition Event!

Thursday, April 21st from 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Baruch College

Stay tuned for more details!

Save the Date: 5th Annual NYC Disaster Volunteer Conference

Tuesday, May 24th at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, Harlem, NY

This year's theme: Enhancing Cultural Communication

This Conference is sponsored by Citizens Corps.

More details to follow.

Online Symposium – Community Recovery From Disaster – March 21 – 25, 2011

From March 21 – 25, the Public Entity Risk Institute will be holding its first free 2011 online symposium. The symposium will provide practitioners and public officials practical information about the latest research and lessons learned about the economic, social, physical, institutional and interdisciplinary dimensions of disaster recovery. This online symposium will investigate how these dimensions of disaster recovery could affect your community, and offer lessons that will help you prepare. This symposium program will be moderated by Dr. Laurie A. Johnson, Principal of Laurie Johnson Consulting and a senior science advisor to Lexington and Chartis Insurance companies. Registration is required. For additional information and to register for the symposium, visit the [Public Entity Risk Institute](#).

Conference – Lessons from Adversity: Strengthening Preparedness with Reflections from 9/11 – April 7 – 8, 2011

On April 7 – 8, the Institute for Disaster Mental Health at SUNY New Paltz and the NYS Office of Emergency Management will be hosting *Lessons from Adversity: Strengthening Preparedness with Reflections from 9/11* in New Paltz, NY. To help prepare for both 9/11 commemorative events and future disasters, the conference will provide a careful review of lessons learned over the past decade. Both Ali Gheith and Julie Taylor are included in the long list of distinguished presenters. For additional information, including how to register, visit: www.newpaltz.edu/idmh/conference.html.

Resource – Photographs Relating to Disaster and Emergency Management, 1998 – 2008

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then the approximately 8,000 photographs recently released by the Federal Emergency Management Agency is a fortune in disaster documentation. The collection, now available through the National Archives, covers a range of FEMA work, including Hurricane Katrina and Tropical Storm Kay, tornados and flooding, political leaders, damaged landscapes, and survivors. Browse the images individually or search by keyword, but take a moment to peek into this treasure chest of disaster graphics. For additional information, visit: <http://blogs.archives.gov/online-public-access/?p=4400>.