

# BAY COUNTY AREA MRC NEWS



Bay Area  
Medical Reserve Corp  
ESF-8

## Mission Statement

To augment local community health and medical services with pre-identified, trained and credentialed volunteers during emergency medical operations and vital public health activities.

## Purpose

The Florida MRC Network was established to effectively facilitate the use of private volunteers in emergency response.

## Overview

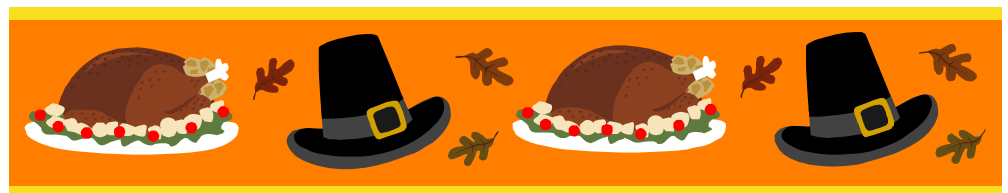
The Florida Medical Reserve Corps Network comprises 29 local sites, covering 56 of Florida's 67 counties.

MRC sites are community-based and function to locally organize and utilize health professionals and other volunteers who want to donate their time and expertise to promote community health and respond to emergencies.

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# Happy Thanksgiving



## REQUIRED TRAINING FOR MRC MEMBERS

All MRC members are required to take the following training courses. These courses are free of charge. Click on the links below and follow the registration instructions. Each training session takes approximately 1.5 hours to complete and you earn CEU's for each one. Please print your certificates and forward them to the Bay County Area MRC OR update your SERVFL profile with the information.

Introduction to Incident Command System, ICS-100 –  
<http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is100.asp>

NIMS An Introduction - <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is700a.asp>

MRC Core Competencies Training - <http://www.nova.edu/allhazards/>

If you have already completed these courses, please update your profile on SERVFL or forward the information to Jeneice O'Connor.

The deadline for completing the courses is December 31, 2011.



**Achooo! It's flu season!  
Don't forget your flu shot!!**



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**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.....**

We need your help to make this newsletter informative, interesting and beneficial to everyone with the Bay County Area Medical Reserve Corps. Please submit all ideas to Jeneice O'Connor.

Are you or someone you know on the MRC an exceptional volunteer? Would you like to share the story with us? Please submit any nominees for our new "MRC SPOTLIGHT". We would like to acknowledge those volunteers who go above and beyond the call of duty.

We currently have 80 pending applications for the Bay County Area Medical Reserve Corps. These are transfers to the Bay County Area MRC due to the recent closure of the Chapter 110 and SNS groups. If you are one of these transfers, please contact either Don Rich or Jeneice O'Connor and let them know if you would like to continue serving on the MRC.

The Bay County Area MRC is currently recruiting for two new teams. We are looking for volunteers for the Special Needs Shelter Team and for a Mass Prophylaxis Team. Please contact Don Rich at 850-872-4455 ext. 1292 or Jeneice O'Connor at 850-872-4455 ext. 1246 if you or someone you know is interested.

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Have you had any changes to your address, phone number or e-mail address that we should know about? Please give us a call or send us an e-mail so we may keep our registry current.