



UC Volunteer News

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July 2022

**A
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September 2022**

National Preparedness Month Lunch and Learn Session

**Tuesday, September 13, 2022
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

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Please email Dawn.Hickey@tn.gov if you would like to attend.

2022 MRC Fall Training

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Introduction to Mental Health Preparedness: 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

IS-100: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

IS-700: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Training will be held by Zoom meeting.

Volunteers still needing to complete these classes will be notified by email.

NACCHO RISE Award

The Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response (ASPR) and the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) recently offered a funding opportunity for the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) units and state coordinators across the nation. The MRC COVID-19 RISE (Respond, Innovate, Sustain and Equip) awards are intended to provide resources to the MRC network to support COVID-19 response efforts. Approximately 350 awards were available.

On March 18th, the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) units across the state of Tennessee were notified that have been awarded a \$50,000 RISE Award. This award will fund a media campaign to promote the MRC across the state. The media campaign will consist of billboards, radio, and TV commercials. The campaign is scheduled for fall 2022.

NACCHO Network Profile of the Medical Reserve Corps

Below are continued findings from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)'s MRC Network Profile survey.

Training:

- 97% MRC units conduct training for their volunteers
- 78% MRC units have a written volunteer training plan

Training Opportunities:

- Introduction to Emergency Response (Incident Command)
- Personal Preparedness (Personal, Family and Pet Preparedness)
- Medical/First Aid (Psychological First Aid, HIPPA, CPR, Stop the Bleed)
- Disaster Response (Points of Dispensing)

Unit Capabilities:

- Emergency Preparedness – mass vaccination or mass dispensing, disaster resilience and emergency operations center
- Non-Emergency – community trainings, preparedness campaigns, and support at health clinics

Most Effective Recruitment Methods:

- 1) Word of Mouth
- 2) Social Media
- 3) Call to Action from State/Local Government

Barriers to Recruitment:

- 1) Unit Leader Time Constraints
- 2) Funding
- 3) Competing Volunteer Organizations

Community Partnerships

- 1) Local Health Departments
- 2) Emergency Management Agencies
- 3) Fire/EMS
- 4) Healthcare Coalitions
- 5) Other MRC Units

To review the entire report, visit: <https://bit.ly/2020MRCNetworkProfile>

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