



"I have a mandate from our President to focus on medical preparedness, including homeland security, the war on terrorism, and improving

public health. The **Medical Reserve Corps** is critical to our many national preparedness efforts."

Vice Admiral Richard H. Carmona
Surgeon General

United States Public Health Service

The **Medical Reserve Corps** Program Office is based in the Office of the United States Surgeon General. It functions as a clearinghouse for information and best practices to help communities establish, implement and maintain **MRC** units across the nation. The **MRC** Program Office hosts a website, sponsors an annual leadership conference, provides technical assistance and coordinates with local, state, regional and national organizations and agencies to help communities achieve their local visions for public health and emergency preparedness. **MRC** Regional Coordinators, stationed nationwide in the 10 HHS Regional Offices, also facilitate and encourage coordination between **MRC** units.

For more information regarding the Medical Reserve Corps, please go to the following sites:

<http://www.citizencorps.gov/programs/medical>

<http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov>

http://www.co.collin.tx.us/homeland_security



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**MEDICAL
RESERVE CORPS**



The Medical Reserve Corps program is sponsored by the Office of the Surgeon General, in cooperation with the White House's USA Freedom Corps and the Department of Homeland Security's Citizen Corps.



MRC Mission

The mission of the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is to establish teams of local volunteer medical and public health professionals who can contribute their skills and expertise throughout the year and during times of community need.

What is the Medical Reserve Corps?

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) was founded after President Bush's 2002 State of the Union Address, in which he asked all Americans to volunteer in support of their country. MRC is a specialized component of Citizen Corps, a national network of volunteers dedicated to ensuring hometown security. Citizen Corps, along with the Corporation for National and Community Service, and the Peace Corps are all part of the President's USA Freedom Corps, which promotes volunteerism and service throughout the nation.

MRC units are community-based and function as a way to locally organize and utilize volunteers – medical professionals and others – who want to donate their time and expertise to promote healthy living throughout the year and to prepare for and respond to emergencies.

MRC volunteers supplement existing local emergency and public health resources.

Who Can Volunteer?



In the event of a large-scale public emergency in Collin County, persons 18 years and older with a variety of skills and experiences, both medical and non-medical, will be needed to assist and support the existing emergency management infrastructure. Currently, the Collin County Medical Reserve Corps needs volunteers with a variety of skills, including:

- Physicians
- Nurses
- EMTs & Paramedics
- Pharmacists & Pharmacy Techs
- Mental Health Professionals
- Phlebotomists
- Mortuary Services Professionals
- Veterinarians
- Security
- Clerical Support/Data Entry
- Health Care Educators
- Others with specialized skills related to health care or emergency services.

What is the Role of MRC Volunteers?

Support local public health initiatives and the goals of the Department of Health and Human Services' Healthy People 2010, while advancing the priorities of the Surgeon General:

- Promoting disease prevention
- Improving health literacy
- Eliminating health disparities
- Enhancing public health preparedness.

Assist local hospitals and health departments with surge personnel needs.

Participate in mass prophylaxis and vaccination exercises and community disaster drills.

Train with local emergency response partners.

And more...



To Register to Volunteer, please follow these steps:

- Go to:** www.MetroplexVolunteers.com
- Select:** Collin County
- Select:** Register to Volunteer
- Enter:** Your Information, Availability, Skills, Etc.

Note: If using a pop-up blocker, it will be necessary to temporarily disable the program

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