



San Diego County Medical Reserve Corps

What is the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)?

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a community-based, organized group of local medical and health workers who can serve as volunteers during a local health emergency. Volunteers perform duties that match their backgrounds, skills, and expertise.

What is the mission of the MRC?

The mission of the San Diego County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is to enhance San Diego County's ability to respond to public health emergencies or disasters with a team of trained health professionals. The MRC accomplishes this by:

- Recruiting, pre-credentialing and training health care professionals
- Involving volunteers in response drills and exercises
- Linking MRC members with local public health initiatives and education campaigns for ongoing community engagement

Why join the MRC?

Pre-credentialing volunteers prior to an event allows San Diego to be better prepared to respond quickly and efficiently during a time of disaster.

Joining the MRC provides you with an opportunity to make a meaningful impact in your community by lending your expertise and assistance at a time when it is most needed. You can make a difference!

*Why wait? Make a difference
by volunteering for
San Diego County's MRC!*



Who can volunteer?

A wide range of licensed medical and/or mental health professionals is needed, such as:

- Physicians and physician assistants
- Nurses (includes nurse practitioners, registered nurses, licensed vocational nurses and nurse assistants)
- Psychologists, counselors and other mental health professionals
- Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians
- Paramedics and emergency medical technicians
- Dentists
- Veterinarians
- Other health professionals and non-medical volunteers

A large-scale disaster or disease outbreak would require the help of thousands of local health professionals.



What do MRC volunteers do?

During an emergency, volunteers might be called on to enhance existing medical emergency response programs. This may include working at:

- Mass vaccination/prophylaxis sites
- Disaster shelters
- Field treatment sites

Volunteers may also be needed for other tasks, depending on the specific needs of the disaster or public health emergency.

What about liability for volunteers?

MRC volunteers are registered with the California Disaster Service Worker Volunteer Program (DSWVP). This program provides volunteers with Workers' Compensation if they are injured performing disaster service work and, in addition, provides limited immunity from liability.

MRC volunteers will complete paperwork and take an oath as a registered Disaster Service Worker (DSW) with the County of San Diego. This will ensure the MRC volunteer will be covered under the Emergency Services Act of California Government Codes if activated.



How do I join the MRC?

To obtain a MRC application:

- Contact the MRC Coordinator:
Email: mrcvolcoord@sdcounty.ca.gov
Phone: (619) 285-6429
Fax: (619) 285-6531
- You may also request an application by mail at the following address:

MRC Volunteer Coordinator
County of San Diego
Health and Human Services Agency
Emergency Medical Services
6255 Mission Gorge Road
San Diego, CA 92120

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