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On behalf on the Bay County Health Department, thank you for your interest in the Medical Reserve Corps. We hope you will join our MRC team and offer your services in times of need. Your expertise, dedication, and professionalism is very much appreciated.

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**BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING:**

- ◆ A sense of pride and accomplishment through community service and involvement.
- ◆ Networking and interaction with like-minded peers.
- ◆ New experiences.
- ◆ Learning opportunities and skill development.
- ◆ Training opportunities.



# Bay County MRC

The Bay County Area Medical Reserve Corps is a team of health care, administrative professionals, and others who volunteer their time and skills to help prepare our community for large scale emergencies.

During a natural or man-made disaster, Bay County area first responders and hospitals may become overwhelmed by the need for medical care from our residents. Medical Reserve Corps members are trained and called to assist during these times of need.

**Who can volunteer?** Practicing, retired, military veteran or otherwise employed medical professionals, such as doctors, dentists, nurses, emergency medical technicians, pharmacists, respiratory therapists, nurses' assistants, veterinarians, healthcare students and others who live or work within the Bay County area.

**What will volunteers do during an emergency as an MRC volunteer?** Bay County Area MRC volunteers will be utilized to support local community resources in emergency preparedness and response through the integration of the Emergency Support Function 8 (ESF8) in Bay County. The hurricane Katrina event brought new challenges to our community that our MRC met with vigorous support.

**License Required?** Current State of Florida license is required by Florida Statute for healthcare providers, such as physicians and nurses in order to practice medicine, however, the healthcare knowledge and experience of our retired physicians and nurses are valuable assets as well and serve as much needed contributions to the welfare of the residents of our community. Limited licenses may be obtained at a nominal fee.

**Liability Insurance?** MRC volunteers work in conjunction with the Department of Health and receive limited sovereign immunity and worker's compensation for medical costs incurred during an official event, so personal liability insurance is not needed to volunteer with the MRC.

**Training Opportunities?** All volunteers will be given the opportunity to receive training and certification in CPR and basic First Aid. Additional training will include topics such as disaster planning, incident command systems, community response plans, weapons of mass destruction, and other areas of bioterrorism. Some training will be made available free via Internet (some offer free CME, CNE, or CEU credits). Field exercises and Public Health simulation exercises will be a part of the training offered as well. Disaster Preparedness trainer is Don Rich at 850-872-4455 ext. 1292

MRC currently recruiting Respiratory Therapist for the Bay County Special Needs Shelter when activated. Also, actively recruiting medical personnel to volunteer at Bay County Red Cross general shelters during activation periods.