



## ***Summer 2010 Introduction to MRC Federal Deployment Training***

The Office of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps (OCVMRC) is pleased to announce an exciting training opportunity for MRC volunteers and leaders who may be interested in future Federal Deployment activities. The Summer 2010 Introduction to MRC Federal Deployment Training will take place August 23-27, in Washington, D.C. Expenses for those attending the course will be covered by OCVMRC.

The course will begin with disaster preparedness and response related lectures and hands-on activities facilitated by subject matter experts from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, and OCVMRC. The course will also include a mass casualty exercise. It is expected that all applicants are fully committed to participating at the highest levels and attending the training in its entirety.

In an effort to ensure that participants are fully prepared for this training experience, all applicants must meet the eligibility criteria described below:

- Be an active member of an MRC Unit
- Be willing to deploy outside their jurisdiction to support a Federal response to a disaster or public health emergency
- Have an active and unencumbered professional license (medical professionals only)
- Have met MRC Core Competencies
- Completed IS-100 and IS-700
- Understand that physical and emotional challenges may be involved in the training and attest that he/she has no limitations

that would compromise their ability to fully participate in all aspects of the training program

We typically receive a high volume of applications and the selection process is competitive. Applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Unit Leader approval and recommendation – we place a heavy emphasis on Unit leaders comments on the application
- Profession – We pick professions that would be of most use during the medical and public health response to a disaster
- Previous disaster response experience
- Dedication to MRC as evidenced by active participation in their local MRC activities
- Other relevant work experience and training
- Balance with regard to Geography and Profession – we try to ensure each class has a mix of professions and each geographic region is represented

State Coordinators, Unit leaders may apply to attend this training as it may provide a useful opportunity to learn about federal deployment.

Individuals interested in attending the Summer 2010 Introduction to MRC Federal Deployment Training should click on the following link:

<http://www.naccho.org/topics/emergency/MRC/index.cfm>

If you have any questions, please send them via email to [MRCDeployment@hhs.gov](mailto:MRCDeployment@hhs.gov) or call LT Skip Payne at 301-443-4719.

## **Summer 2010 Introduction to MRC Federal Deployment Training Course Description**

**When:** The course will begin Monday morning August 23, and will conclude late afternoon August 27.

**Where:** Course attendees will stay in Washington, D.C. The training will be held at the hotel conference facilities and at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Headquarters.

**Expenses:** The Office of Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps (OCVMRC) will cover travel, lodging and food expenses. Individuals selected to participate in the training will receive detailed information about making travel and lodging arrangements.

### **Training Objectives:**

- Describe policies and procedures related to federal deployment of MRC members.
- Describe the physical demands on the individual during a federal mission
- Describe the legal protections and liability coverage for MRC members during a federal mission.
- Describe the ESF #8 Federal response assets
- Describe MRC roles and responsibilities
- List the three general categories of disasters.
- List the prevention and control measures associated with various types of disasters.
- List the primary causes of morbidity and mortality and associated factors due to various types of disasters.
- Understand the hazards associated with various types of disasters.
- Demonstrate the awareness of the public's perception of risk in various types of disasters.
- Understand the utility of US DoT and/or UN placards in hazmat response.
- Differentiate indications for selective use of air-purifying respirators versus atmosphere-supplying respirators.
- Demonstrate the ability to recognize the four main levels of PPE.
- Recognize the appropriate activities that are suitable for each of the hazard zones of a controlled hazmat scene.
- Define the term "mass casualty incident"
- Demonstrate an understanding of the color categories used during disaster triage

### **Training Agenda:**

Please note the agenda has not been finalized and is subject to change

#### Day 1

- Lectures by HHS personnel dealing with ESF # 8 response, and response assets
- Visit to the Secretary of HHS' Operations Center

#### Days 2, 3, and 4

- Training conducted by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Office of Terrorism Preparedness and Response subject matter experts on public health effects of disasters

#### Day 5

- MRC volunteers participate in the Mass Casualty Triage exercise
- State-of-the-art methods for disaster medical triage.
- Farewell and hot-wash

#### **Training Materials:**

Each participant will receive the following items:

- Guide on Preparing for a Federal Deployment
- A Go-Kit which consists of a backpack with a large number of supplies that will be useful on a deployment
- A USB of the course lectures