

The Medical Reserve Corps is a national network of more than 200,000 volunteers across approximately 800 units throughout the United States and its territories. The MRC program was implemented by President George W. Bush shortly after September 11, 2001 terrorists attacks, when citizens were eager to volunteer in support of emergency relief but there was no organized approach to channel their efforts. The sole purpose of the MRC is to recruit, train, and activate medical and non-medical volunteers to respond to disasters and other public health emergencies.

## TN MRC

Tennessee currently has 13 MRC units and approximately 17,000 volunteers. Among the 13 MRC units in Tennessee, the South-Central Unit (Unit #1615), encompasses 12 counties including: Bedford, Coffee, Giles, Hickman, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Marshall, Maury, Moore, Perry, and Wayne County. The South-Central MRC unit currently holds just shy of 600 medical and non-medical volunteers.



or reach out to your local MRC Coordinator Kinley Reed 931-797-4387 Kinley.Reed@tn.gov



**Upcoming Training** 

Regional Hospital Call December 15th 2:00pm (third Thursday of every month)

Radiation Tabletop Exercise January 10th Location TBD

Next HCC Meeting January 24th Location TBD Board Members - 11:00am Lunch - 11:30am Full Coalition -12:00pm



The Medical Reserve Corps is a way to support your community and share your skills and knowledge. As a volunteer, you may be asked to respond to disaster events such as floods, tornadoes, and disease outbreaks. Additionally, you will become part of a team that cares about the health and safety of their communities. On November 9th, local MRC volunteers served the community by providing flu vaccinations at the Maury County Health Department during TDH Fight Flu '22.

These trainings can be found on SCRHCC Website https://www.scrhccoalition.org/ Please email christina.gerstein@tn.gov with questions or for meeting invites.

## SCRHCC REGIONAL SUPPLY CACHE

A regional cache of medical supplies and equipment has been purchased with grant monies from the National Hospital Preparedness Program. These supplies and equipment are available for request by any hospital or healthcare facility in the South Central Region. Items purchased for the cache are meant to provide extra capacity to our region when responding to or impacted by a disaster event. Purchase of items has been based on hazards common to our region. Based on regional hazard vulnerability assessment, our most likely disaster would result from Tornados or Severe Thunderstorm/Straight-Line Winds causing multiple casualties or displacement of residents and/or visitors needing shelter.

INVENTORY: The regional stockpile of medical supplies and equipment is located on the campus of Southern Tennessee Health System Lawrenceburg (STRHS Lawrenceburg). STRHS Lawrenceburg has the responsibility to rotate items with their own stock to keep them from expiring as well as to keep an annual inventory.

REQUESTING ASSETS: Because assets are limited and more than one area of the region may be affected at any one time, the assets will be deployed on a first-come, first-served basis. Regional Cache assets may be requested by a hospital or county emergency manager when any of the following conditions exist in their service area:

- When an emergency that threatens to overwhelm local medical resources has occurred,
- Evacuation/overcrowding of facility,
- Facility water outage,
- Multiple fatalities have exceeded the county morgue capacity

For more information, a copy of the Coalition's Cache plan is located on our website under *Members Portal*.

# **COALITION IN ACTION**

On November 3-4th, SCRHCC sponsored a 2-day TECC course. The 2nd edition of NAEMT's Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) course teaches EMS practitioners and other prehospital providers how to respond to and care for patients in a civilian tactical environment.The event consisted of lecture, hands on skills, and practical scenarios.









On November 12th, the Coalition sponsored a MERI Cadaver Lab. The cadaver lab provided practitioners with a unique opportunity to practice advanced, life-saving skills on human tissue. 54 particpants were in attendance at the cadaver lab including nurses, EMTs, paramedics, and paramedic students from Motlow Community College.



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#### **Mission Statement:**

The South Central Region Healthcare Coalition (SCRHCC) is a multi-agency coordinating group that primarily assists the hospital/healthcare community and other emergency response agencies to jointly prepare for, respond to, and recover from disaster events. The SCRHCC supports collaborative planning and information sharing among a broad range of hospital/healthcare partners and emergency response agencies in order to protect, promote, and improve the health and well-being of people in Tennessee.

# **Grant Requirements**

### Yearly by June 30th

- Update Coalition HVA
- Updated Membership List
  Member Type, legal name, and address
- Update Coalition Response Plan
- Specialty Surge Annex Requirements

FY 22-23 Radiation Surge Annex (Draft due April 1, 2022 and Final due June 30, 2022) and Tabletop exercise.

- Review the latest guidance for Ethical Allocation of Scarce Resources
- Regional Medical Response and Surge Exercise (MRSE)
  Surge 20% of staffed hospital beds
- Identify equipment purchased with HPP dollars
- Impact Story

One-pager impact story of the coalition's contribution to an initiative or response during an emergency to demonstrate return on investments.

• Members complete and submit AAR/IP for incidents, events, and exercises

### **Twice a Year**

#### Review HHS emPOWER Data

Public health authorities and their partners in TN use HHS emPOWER Program data and tools to strengthen emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation. https://empowerprogram.hhs.gov/ During the Gatlinburg wildfire, the Tennessee Department of Health used the emPOWER Emergency Response Outreach Individual dataset to rapidly identify at-risk individuals that may be in danger and partnered with the National Guard to conduct life-saving outreach to over 70 oxygen dependent at-risk individuals, one of which was evacuated to receive medical care.

#### Identify deployable equipment and resources intended to be shared in an emergency

Due August 31st

### Quarterly

#### • Redundant Communication Drills

Telephone, Internet, radio, cellular, satellite, other

### Resources

#### https://www.scrhccoalition.org/

#### FEMA: https://www.fema.gov/

Training: https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/nationalpreparedness/training

Course List: https://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.aspx?lang=en

Student ID: https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid

CMS: https://www.cms.gov/

#### TN Department of Health: https://www.tn.gov/health

TDH EP: https://www.tn.gov/health/cedep/cedep-emergencypreparedness.html

TEMA: https://www.tn.gov/tema

Children's Emergency Care Alliance: https://cecatn.org/

Hospital ICS Forms: https://emsa.ca.gov/hospital-incidentcommand-system-forms/

Nursing Home ICS Forms: https://www.cahfdisasterprep.com/nhics

Vanderbilt Program in Disaster Research and Training Landing - VU Disaster Recovery (emergencyltc.org)

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