

## 150<sup>th</sup> MRC Unit Shelby County Medical Reserve Corps

### Happy National Volunteer Week!

April 17-23 marks National Volunteer Week of 2022. I'd like to take this moment to say THANK YOU for selflessly serving our community. You have risen to challenge after challenge to share your talents with your friends, family, neighbors, and community. We, however, would like to celebrate you throughout 2022 with some upcoming exciting news you'll find in this newsletter. The American Presidency Project Proclamation of 2021 says it well *"We are living in a moment that calls for hope and light and love. Hope for our futures, light to see our way forward, and love for one another. Volunteers provide all three. Service—the act of looking out for one another—is part of who we are as a Nation. Our commitment to service reflects our understanding that we can best meet our challenges when we join together. This week, we recognize the enduring contributions of our Nation's volunteers and encourage more Americans to join their ranks."*

THANK YOU!

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### MRC in Action

(Jan-Mar of 2022)

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| <b>Total Number of MRC Missions</b>                    | <b>6 Total:<br/>- COVID Vaccine PODs &amp; Logistics</b> |
| <b>Number of MRC Volunteers Deployed</b>               | <b>17</b>  |
| <b>Total Number of MRC Volunteer Hours Contributed</b> | <b>71</b>  |
| <b>Economic Value of Hours Contributed</b>             | <b>\$3,921.17</b>  |

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National Association of County & City Health Officials

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS  
Medical Reserve Corps COVID-19  
*Respond, Innovate, Sustain, and Equip Awards*

National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)  
Release Date: February 6, 2022  
Application Due Date: March 4, 2022, by 11:59pm PT

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## Exciting News for the 150<sup>th</sup>!

We just received some amazing news! The National Association of County and City Health Officials opened a competitive funding opportunity for MRCs across the country called the MRC COVID-19 RISE awards. These awards were created to provide resources to units in support of COVID-19 response efforts. As NACCHO states, *“these awards will prioritize building capacity for the MRC to respond, innovate to evolving requirements, sustain staffing requirements, and equip MRC units or state coordinators with resources needed to support their mission.”*

Our unit submitted a proposal, and we were recently notified that **we received an award!** So, what does this mean for our unit? Over the remaining months of 2022, we will work on several projects to enhance the deployment-readiness of our volunteers. This award includes several components including issuing new badges, enhancing our ability to process new applications, increasing our MRC deployment supplies (e.g., MRC vests, PPE), and enhancing our MRC inventory process. While this award did not allow for the purchase of MRC t-shirts, we will continue to pursue funding to get one to each member asap.

**This RISE award will allow us to align with our 2022 Vision in many ways. Please see the next page for IMPORTANT updates for ALL 150<sup>th</sup> Unit MRC Volunteers.**

## National News



The national MRC webpage has moved to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) site. You can check it out [here](#).

The National Association of County and City Health Officials has released the [2020 Network Profile of the Medical Reserve Corps](#). This report highlights survey results of MRC units across the country during 2020. It illuminates the many contributions of the MRC during this time and the importance of the over 800,000 MRC volunteer hours in 2020 which supported multiple missions across the country.

### Rising to the Challenge: MRC Answers the Call in Unprecedented Times



**NACCHO**

THE 2020 NETWORK PROFILE  
OF THE MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS



## **How the 150th will Rise to the 2022 Vision: Important Updates for each Volunteer**

Our new RISE award will support our 2022 Vision in many ways and support important unit needs. Deployment supplies, new badges for all, improved inventory and more will support our overall vision in **further developing and strengthening our MRC unit this year. Everyone will need to:**

### **★ Indicate MRC Volunteer Status - Required Test Notifications**

Starting in May, volunteers will receive a TNVM (Everbridge) test notification. This will be like the MRC calls you are used to; however, it will involve a required response answering whether you'd like to remain in the unit or have your information removed. This will not only provide needed information but will test our capability to answer TNVM calls to prepare for emergencies. A reminder and detailed instructions will be sent later. How to prepare?

- MRC volunteers are required to keep their contact information up-to-date as timely notifications are paramount in response efforts. Please take this time to program #844-267-5321 into your phone as the Everbridge Caller I.D. Also, please update your contact information, add any missing information in your profile, and update your contact preferences at [www.TNMRC.org](http://www.TNMRC.org).
- Once you've gotten the call/text/email alert, another important step is confirming you've received the message by clicking the acknowledge button and/or making your selection from the provided options.

### **★ Gear Up – New, Required Badges**

Don't have a badge? Lost yours? We'll begin badging operations this summer for **ALL** MRC volunteers who wish to continue with the unit. Those who wish to continue will need the new, required 2022 badge. The goal will be to have those eligible receive a new badge by December of 2022. **To be eligible to schedule a badging appointment, volunteers will need to:**

- 1) Have all required unit trainings completed by the time of their appointment**
- 2) Respond to an upcoming TNVM notification test (See above)**

\*\*\*Please be advised, we will send a notification when badging appointments are ready to be made (later this summer) and share more details in the coming months. Appointments cannot be made at this time, so please continue to bring your official I.D. to volunteer shifts. In the meantime, please complete the required trainings to ensure you're eligible to obtain the new badge later this Summer. We appreciate your patience as we RISE to this challenge!

### **★ Complete the Unit's Four Base Required Training Courses**

The National MRC developed baseline competencies for all MRC Units to have as a foundation. The trainings required by our MRC Unit help to ensure our volunteers meet these competencies. The required training courses can be completed currently online found [here](#). All trainings are offered online through MRC TRAIN (instructions on pg. 4). We'll also resume in-person orientation trainings this summer as well. Upon completion, or if you've already completed the trainings, please email [MRC@shelbycountyttn.gov](mailto:MRC@shelbycountyttn.gov) with your name and attached certificates of completion to record your training status.

Training instructions (below) can also be found at: [2019-MRC-Training-Requirements \(shelbytnhealth.com\)](http://www.shelbytnhealth.com/2019-MRC-Training-Requirements)



## Shelby County Medical Reserve Corps Training

### Accessing and Registering for Courses on MRC- Train

**MRC-TRAIN** is an online training platform that allows MRC volunteers to access, register, and share MRC- related, public health, and emergency preparedness courses. Use the following instructions to access MRC-TRAIN and the courses below:

1. Login to MRC- Train at <http://www.train.org/mrc>
2. Search for courses by Keyword or Course ID#
3. To register for a course, click on the course title and then click the **+Register** tab.
4. Click **Launch**, the course will open in a new window



### Shelby County MRC Required Courses

- Shelby County MRC Orientation Course ID # 1086737
- FEMA IS-100.C: An Intro to Incident Command Course ID# 1078825
- FEMA IS-700.B: An Intro to the National Incident Management System Course ID# 1078831
- Personal and Family Preparedness Course ID# 1081145

### Recommended Courses

- Animal Emergency Preparedness Course ID# 1025307
- Personal Safety Course ID# 1081353
- FEMA IS-242.B: Effective Communication Course ID# 1052535
- Point of Dispensing (PODS) Course ID# 1037506
- Psychological First Aid Course ID# 1050404
- You Are Help Until Help Arrives Course ID# 1069847
- Public Health Principles Course ID# 1081358

Additional training opportunities can also be found at [www.ShelbyCountyMRC.org](http://www.ShelbyCountyMRC.org) under the "meetings and training" tab. These trainings will be post as they become available.



After creating an account on MRC- Train, in the profile setting, click the "Manage Groups" tab. In the "Join by Group" section search "Region 04- Tennessee- Shelby County Health Department Medical Reserve Corps."

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## We Want to Hear from You

Why do you volunteer? What additional trainings would you like to have the unit organize? Do you have a volunteer opportunity idea? We want to hear from our MRC volunteers! Please take this very brief, anonymous [survey](#) to provide some feedback to help us plan for the unit's future. Also, if you'd like to share your "why do I volunteer" answer in the next newsletter, please feel free to send it to me via email instead to be showcased and named as the source. Looking forward to hearing from you!

*"The best way  
to find  
yourself is to  
lose yourself in  
the service of  
others."*

*- Gandhi*

**Happy National Volunteer Week and thank  
you for all you do, MRC!**



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