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Marion County Health Department Recruiting Volunteers for Medical Reserve Corps

Last fall, the Marion County Health Department received funding from the Department of Homeland Security and the National Association of County and City Health Officials to establish a Medical Reserve Corps in Marion County. The newly formed Marion County Medical Reserve Corps (MCMRC) is a volunteer organization that promotes a safe, healthy and prepared community by establishing a core network of trained medical professionals and community volunteers who contribute their skills and expertise during local and statewide public health emergencies. The health department is currently recruiting volunteers to participate in the Marion County Medical Reserve Corps.

Marion County Medical Reserve Corps volunteers work in coordination with existing local emergency response programs. “One reason we’re establishing a medical reserve corps is to ensure that we have a pool of trained volunteers on hand who can help respond to emergencies when needed,” said Public Health Division Director Pam Heilman. All Marion County communities are served by the MCMRC.

Volunteers are needed with medical backgrounds – both practicing and retired, which include physicians, nurses, dentists, paramedics, pharmacists, veterinarians, behavioral health specialists and EMTs. Non-medical members are also needed to provide services such as administration, counseling, translating, technical and communication support.

People interested in learning more about this volunteer opportunity may contact Susan Davidson, MCMRC Community Coordinator at (503) 361-2631, or visit the website at <http://www.co.marion.or.us/HLT/ep/MRC.htm>.

The Medical Reserve Corps is national program and an integral part of Citizen Corps, the Department of Homeland Security's grass roots movement that actively involves every citizen in making our communities and nation safer, stronger and better prepared. The MRC is administered by the Department of Health and Human Services.

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