



MARCH 2024

# PHILADELPHIA MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS



The Philadelphia Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a network of volunteers organized locally to improve the health and safety of their communities. Our unit was founded in 2005, when it became clear that a pre-credentialed and trained volunteer workforce was needed to support our communities. We currently have over 7,400 registered volunteers, many of whom are clinicians.

# 2023 IN REVIEW

As we enter a new year, we reflect on 2023 as a year that was filled with service, community impact, and unwavering dedication from many of our volunteers. Throughout 2023, our diverse team of volunteers participated in various training sessions that strengthened the readiness and skills of our unit. Some of the trainings that we've hosted include Stop the Bleed, Psychological First Aid, virtual Overdose and Awareness training, Canvassing training, and many others.

Beyond our commitment to strengthening volunteer skills through training, we deployed 368 volunteers to support city-sponsored special events, including Broad Street Run, Wawa Welcome America festival, and the Philadelphia Marathon. Volunteers supported first responder flu clinics in the fall as well as vaccination clinics for at-risk populations throughout the year. Between trainings and deployments, Philadelphia MRC volunteers recorded over 1,100 hours of service!

As we look back on 2023, we express profound gratitude to our volunteers. Your dedication has made a lasting impact, and we're excited about the service opportunities that 2024 will bring. We extend our deepest appreciation to each volunteer, both clinical and non-clinical, for their tireless efforts and unwavering commitment. **Thank you** for being the heartbeat of the Philadelphia Medical Reserve Corps!

## SAVE <sup>THE</sup> DATE

**March 9, 2024:** Mass Pill  
Dispensing Training & Exercise



# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Susan and Julie are experienced nurses with over two decades of expertise. They have showed dedication to our unit as they've generously given their time to our efforts. Throughout the year, their remarkable commitment shined through as they deployed almost weekly to our homeless outreach and vaccination clinics. We cannot express how invaluable their volunteerism has been to us and the community.

"I have had the privilege to work with some of the most dedicated public health nurses and staff that I have ever come across." -Julie

"It's been very rewarding and I've gotten much more from this than I could have imagined." -Susan



## 2023 PHILADELPHIA MRC HIGHLIGHTS



Workforce Savings

**\$65,318+**



# of Volunteers

**7,456**



# of Deployed  
Volunteers

**368 +**



Volunteer Hours  
Served

**1,158+**



Number of  
Trainings

**11**



# **MASS PROPHYLAXIS: LEVERAGING THE MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS**

A key strategy in public health, mass prophylaxis acts as a swift and proactive shield against the onset and spread of infectious diseases by implementing widespread preventive measures, such as vaccines or medications, to large population groups. The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) serves as a valuable component in a mass prophylaxis response. MRC volunteers can be quickly trained and deployed to support these efforts through rapid response, community outreach, and logistical support. The Medical Reserve Corps enhances the effectiveness of mass prophylaxis responses by offering a trained and dedicated group of volunteers to support vital work. Our ability to quickly deploy makes us an invaluable asset in safeguarding the public during emergencies.

**To learn more about how the MRC is involved with mass prophylaxis response, please attend our training and exercise on Saturday, March 9!**





# MASS PROPHYLAXIS TRAINING

## AGENDA

### Philadelphia Medical Reserve Corps: Mass Prophylaxis Training

Saturday, March 9, 2024

Center City, Philadelphia, PA 19107

9:30am-1:00pm



**Training Description:** We are holding a training and exercise for MRC volunteers to learn more about points of dispensing (PODs) and mass distribution of oral medication. Volunteers will gain an understanding and familiarity of the roles the MRC would serve during a public health emergency where oral medications need to be distributed quickly to large sections of the population.

**Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) will be available for Nurses, Pharmacists, Social Workers, and Physicians!**

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| <b>9:30am-10:00 am</b>   | <b>MRC Check-In</b>   |
| <b>10:00am-10:30 am</b>  | <b>Welcome Remarks and MRC Overview</b>                             |
| <b>10:30am-11:00 am</b>  | <b>Access and Functional Needs in Emergency Response</b>            |
| <b>11:15am- 12:00 pm</b> | <b>Mass Prophylaxis Overview</b>                                    |
| <b>12:00pm- 1:00 pm</b>  | <b>Mass Prophylaxis Exercise and Debrief<br/>JITT &amp; Hotwash</b> |
| <b>1:00pm</b>            | <b>Adjourn</b>  |