

Western Tidewater Medical Reserve Corps

Letter from the Coordinator – 8 December, 2012

Good day Volunteers;

As we prepare to close out 2012, I want to take a few moments and loudly applaud your many successes over the last year. As a unit, you have collectively accomplished more than what was expected, anticipated and ever before seen in the history of our team! I for one, have personally gained from your knowledge, skills and abilities and trust that as a member of our team you have noticed our growing strength, unity and levels of personal commitment.

I know that volunteerism takes time and effort and that in some instances requires more than you can fit into your busy schedules and because of that I value your commitments, service, and contributions immensely!

Each quarterly, I am required to report the status of five reportable “Event Type” categories: Emergency Response, Exercise, Program Support, Public Health and Training. So far this year:

- 14 volunteers provided ~96 hours of Exercise Support during 2 events
- 37 volunteers provided ~205 hours of Program Support during 15 events
- 41 volunteers provided ~574 hours of Public Health support during 22 events
- 55 volunteers provided ~403 hours of Public Health support during 26 events

You’ll notice that I didn’t mention Emergency Response in the above figures; that’s because we were not requested or required to respond to any emergencies. Had we been requested, I am confident that we are better trained, equipped and ready to support our communities than we have ever been before.

In total, our unit will have provided well over 1300 hours of service before we close out 2012. Collectively, we have achieved a milestone and proven that we are a formidable force within the Western Tidewater Health District; congratulations on this significant achievement!

We have a couple of important assist visits (inspections) coming in 2013. Each of these visits will help us to identify where we need additional focus and how we can improve to better our unit and ourselves as we best carryout our mission, goals and objectives. I am incredibly proud of your accomplishments this year and I truly look forward to working with each of you in 2013.

Sincerely yours;

Jim

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Please provide any contact data updates to the MRC Coordinator

Thank you for all that you do!

**Our success is determined by the actions, reaction, response and dedication of the Volunteers within the unit.
If you are interested in taking a more active leadership role in the unit please contact me.**