

# **Western Tidewater Medical Reserve Corps**

## **Letter from the Coordinator - 12 June, 2012**

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Good day Volunteers;

I have had the distinct pleasure of meeting, working alongside and learning from many of you during this last quarter and I greatly appreciate your continued willingness to share your knowledge, skills, abilities, and time for the betterment of our Western Tidewater communities!

The majority of my time during this last quarter has been invested in establishing initial and ongoing contact within our volunteer force, building solid community partnerships that responsibly integrate volunteers and activities, and consolidating paper and electronic records for all volunteers.

The following data is provided so that you can assess where we are as a unit:

<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>Sep 2003 - Dec 2011</b>	<b>Jan - Jun 2012</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Active Volunteers</b>	86	61	61
<b>Archived Volunteers</b>	Undiscoverable	24	24
<b>Incomplete Volunteer Applications</b>	1	0	0
<b>Volunteer Applications Not Approved</b>	Undiscoverable	0	0
<b>Volunteer Applications Pending</b>	Undiscoverable	0	0
<b>Volunteers Temporarily Unavailable</b>	Undiscoverable	4	4
<b>Volunteers in Unsubscribed Status</b>	Undiscoverable	0	0
<b>Volunteers Applications Working</b>	Undiscoverable	0	0
<b>Orientations Completed</b>	26	7	33
<b>Orientations Pending/Working</b>	0	4	6
<b>Badges Issued</b>	0	18	18
<b>Background Investigations Completed</b>	18	11	29
<b>IS-100 Completed</b>	5	0	0
<b>Alerts Issued</b>			
Activation	8	1	9
Awareness	17	5	22
Deactivation	0	0	0
Emergency	0	0	0
Exercise	8	1	9
Readiness	2	0	2
Training	10	2	12
<b>Community Events Completed</b>	2	17	19

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I remain tremendously excited about 2012 as our unit pace, involvement, and growth continues. Thanks for understand my personal learning curve with alert notifications via the automated Virginia Volunteer Health System (VVHS).

The first Background Investigation and Badge Issuance workshop (in lieu of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Meeting) proved to be a great success; thanks to those volunteers who took time to complete this requirement. There are still 3 opportunities to complete this requirements and I will be calling volunteers to coordinate this completion. I am extremely flexible in completing these requirements; however, we as a unit must ensure 100% completion of this task soon.

I will be working a proposed agenda for the next quarterly meeting; please be aware that all volunteers have an active voice and role in the meeting and agenda proposal process, so please communicate with me as required/desired. If the upcoming Psychological First Aid training that I am attending on the 14<sup>th</sup> proves valuable, I will ask the facilitator to conduct this during an upcoming unit training event. For general planning purposes, I intend to conduct our next quarterly meeting in mid Jul/early Aug in Isle of Wight County.

The effort to implement a routine business practice wherein Volunteers without e-mail access/accounts would receive a telephone call/ visit from a local Volunteer partner(s) in order to alleviate single points of failure and untimely notifications on my behalf has also proven successful as we are now down to one volunteer without e-mail access.

I have additionally written and sent out 103 letters to volunteers who had fallen through the cracks since 2004. Many of these potential volunteers were lost due to mishandling on our Coordinators behalf (I accept responsibility for those past failures). On Saturday, 9 June, I had the pleasure of meeting one of those 103 people, and I am pleased to report that she will be joining us shortly as an active member of the WTMRC unit; I have spoken to 2 other people and I expect them to join within the next few months based on their personal schedules.

Please make an active effort to attend the next quarterly meeting; your contributions are essential and I personally want and value your input! In closing, I request that you reenergize your social networking skills and invite a friend, a colleague, a business partner, an acquaintance, an organizational representative or your immediate and extended family members to our next quarterly meeting.

Sincerely yours;  
***Jim***

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***Please provide contact data updates to the MRC Coordinator***

***Thank you for all that you do!***

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