

Peninsula MRC Celebrates 10 Years of Work

This October marks the 10 year anniversary of the Peninsula Medical Reserve Corps. Throughout the last decade, Peninsula MRC volunteers have served the Peninsula and Hampton Communities by donating their invaluable time and expertise. Together, volunteers have given countless hours of service in Public Health Outreach, Training, Exercises, and Emergency Response. While fulfilling the need to build strong, healthy and prepared communities, volunteers have been able to participate in activities from Animal Welfare to a Zombie Apocalypse.

Through a strong connection with the MRC Units in the Eastern Region, Peninsula MRC volunteers have been able serve with other MRC Unit volunteers on regional efforts such as Opsail, and the Rock 'n Roll Half Marathon.

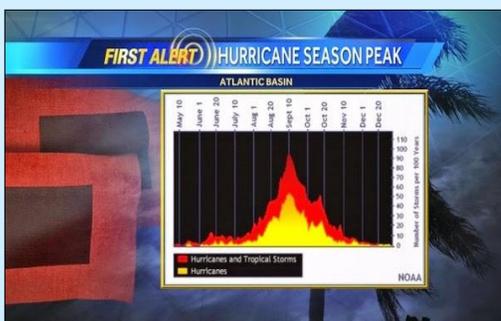


Volunteers will be honored on Saturday, **October 18 (originally 25th)** from 10 am until 2 pm in a theme coined “History and Memories” by the Peninsula MRC Program Manager, Teresa Winstanley. The program line-up includes a tribute to volunteers, a special guest speaker from Langley AFB, special awards, and learning activities. A potluck lunch will be served. The event will take place at the Peninsula Health Center.

Medical Reserve Corps Milestone

Capt. Rob Tosatto, Director for the Division of Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps reported in September that “through times of change and strain, we are continuing to see growth and endurance in the MRC network. With the recent addition of two new Units, the MRC Network now has 1,000 units! These Units are in all 50 states and most territories, have over 205,000 volunteers, and serve jurisdictions covering over 91% of the U.S. population and more than 73% of the U.S. land area.”

Hurricane Season Peaks With No Named Storms



A combination of atmospheric conditions get the thanks for this "quiet" year so far: dry air from Africa suppressing development of storms over the open waters, strong wind shear, cooler-than-normal sea surface temperatures and higher-than-average surface pressure.

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Volunteer Recognition—Service To Our Communities—Thank You!

Shelter Support Unit Training—Sidney Fink, Dale Bull, Claudia Spurill, Pat Olson, Chuck Olson, Molly Edgette, Diane Downing, Tim Winstanley, Amber Jenkins, and Michele Hoffman.

IMPACT 2014—Evelyn Alvarado, David Alvarado, Dale Bull, Molly Edgette, Jamie Ethridge, Misty Smith

Hampton Shelter Exercise—Amarlia Osouna

Back to School Immunization Clinics—Molly Edgette, Monica Wells, Alexis Upton, Tina Rector, Barbara Smith, Amarlia Osouna

Emerging Infectious Diseases—Ebola and MERS—Miriam Dalziel, Diane Downing, Richard Garfield, Tamara Hartless, Steven Neilson, Brenda Sarno, Dan Sarno, Barbara Smith, Tim Winstanley

Rock 'n Roll Half Marathon—Dale Bull, Pam Nicholls, Amarlia Osouna, Caroll Register, Stacey Shuler, Claudia Spurill, Helene Drees, Sam Tate

Paws on the Rivah Pet Preparedness—Martha Clift, Michelle Sheeler, Tim Winstanley

Blood Pressure Screenings (45)—Brenda Sarno

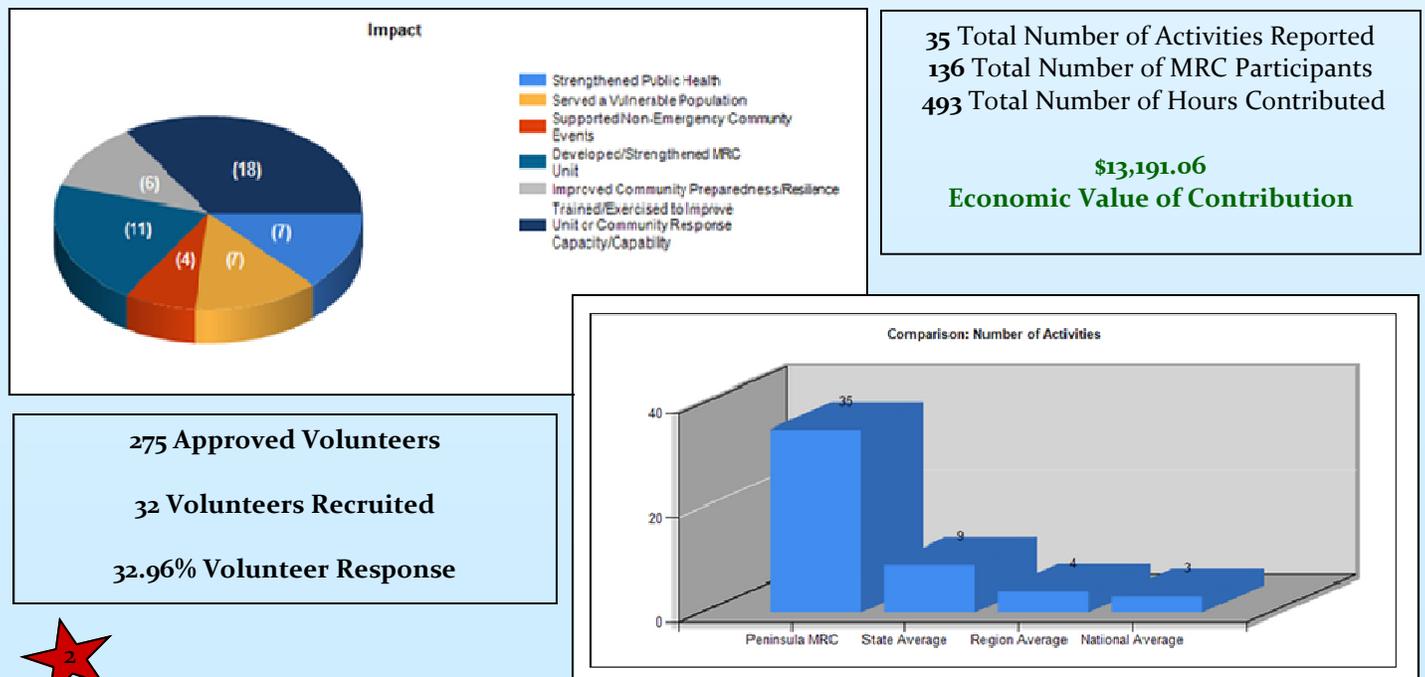
Training (Orientation, IS-100, IS-700, First Aid/CPR/AED)—Anne Carstens, Saidat Richardson, Susan Hughes, Jamie Karpa, Eugene Reimer, Amber McNair, Dionna Payne, Shanita Robinson, Grace Nowadly, Nichelle Santiful, Jose Hernandez, Keisha Baker, Ben Burrell, Sheryl Burrell, Molly Edgette, Sidney Fink, Eugene Reimer, Barbara Smith, Pat Olson, Mark Pulver, Maranda Oliver, Rachel Williams, Sha'Von Faison, Haynes Diersing.

Administrative Support—Leah Cassada, Fran Doyle, and Amber McNair

Peninsula MRC Statistics and National Unit Comparisons

July 1, 2014 - September 30, 2014 (Q1-2015)

Peninsula MRC (Unit # 257)



Event Highlights—July, August, September

There are always plenty of activities to keep Peninsula MRC volunteers engaged.



Clockwise from above left: Paws on the Rivah—Pet Preparedness at Yorktown Market Days; The Yorktown Harley Owners' Group hosted the Peninsula MRC at their monthly meeting; Connecting Partners—Emergency Managers from Hampton Roads meet Operation Blessing lead staff to learn about collaborating on capabilities.

Coming Up—Peninsula MRC Pipeline Of Events

October 18, 2014—**Peninsula MRC 10th Anniversary Celebration (originally planned for 10/25)**

November 15, 2014—**Free Rabies Clinic—James City County**

Peninsula MRC Calendar of Events:

<http://www.evhc.org/events-2/category/medical->



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Website: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/MRC/peninsulamrc>

VVHS (Virginia Volunteer Health System):

www.vamrc.org/vvhs (via google chrome)

TRAINVirginia: <http://va.train.org>

