

**Volunteers
Building Strong,
Healthy & Prepared
Communities**

If you live or work in any of
the 13 counties or 3 cities
of far southwestern
Virginia and you have the
skills, training and interest
in being a part of the
emergency response
system in your community,
please contact the
Southwest Virginia Medical
Reserve Corps today.

Each of us can make a
difference.

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**Southwest Virginia
Medical Reserve
Corps**



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What is the Medical Reserve Corps?

The Southwest Virginia Medical Reserve Corps is a cadre of volunteer health care professionals and community members trained to respond and assist the local Emergency Response Systems in the 13 counties and 3 cities that comprise southwestern Virginia. Throughout the region, citizens are prepared to assist with public health crises in the Lenowisco, Cumberland Plateau and/or Mount Rogers Health Districts.

The SWVA Medical Reserve Corps is one of 27 units in the Commonwealth of Virginia and one of over 700 throughout the nation organizing similar responses to natural and man-made disasters.

- Prepares volunteers for their emergency response roles in advance
- Provides additional manpower during large-scale emergencies
- Provide reserve capacity at the community level to respond to emergency public health needs and priorities.

Who Should Apply?

Practicing, retired or otherwise employed medical professionals, such as, but not limited to:

- Physician/Physician's Assistant
- Nurses—RN & LPN
- Dentists
- Pharmacists
- Veterinarians
- Paramedics, EMTs
- Mental Health Professionals
- Nurse Practitioners
- Massage Therapists
- Respiratory Therapists

Lay Community members will also play a vital role in the Southwest Virginia Medical Reserve Corps, such as

- Clergy
- Translators
- Administrative Assistants
- Educators
- Sign-Language Interpreters



SWVA MRC Volunteers assisting at statewide drill in October 2005

Reserve Corps Training



Training for MRC members includes Strategic National Stockpile, Incident Command System and Mass Dispensing. Elective training may include crisis intervention, CPR/First Aid, community preparedness and infectious disease control and response.

We are pleased to offer in-house group orientation and training to agencies, squads, medical practices, CERT teams, and other interested groups.

EMS and Law Enforcement CEUs may be available for selective training opportunities.

Once initial training is completed and medical licenses and/or certifications have been verified, the MRC member will be ready for activation

To submit an application, go to <https://vms.vdh.virginia.gov/vms/>.

For more information visit our website at www.vdh.virginia.gov/mrc/swvamrc

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