

Western Tidewater Medical Reserve Corps – Coordinator Letter

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I usually start these letters with something like “a lot has happened” - - - well, I can honestly say that a lot has happened since the last letter (March 2016); most of it I remember; somethings I don’t recall so vividly, and somethings are coming back to me slowly.

Thanks for all of the kinds thoughts, cards, letters, and visits while I recovered.

Before I had my accident, I was in the process of updating some electronic Volunteer records (I was going to send out a paper copy of your Volunteer Summary Report, but opted to send emails to all of you). I have received ~45 updates to date; please continue to send me updates. As far as I can see we have:

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| 3 | Temporarily Unavailable Volunteers |
| 174 | Volunteers |
| 2 | <i>Potential Volunteers are completing their electronic applications</i> |
| 4 | <i>Transferred Volunteers (waiting on 1 other to notify me of which location)</i> |
| 3 | <i>Unsubscribed Volunteers (for reasons at their request)</i> |

The national site is down (*for reasons I can’t recall*) so I don’t have visibility on where we are standing compared to other National Frontier/Rural Health Districts, but, from what I am hearing and seeing, I think that we are continuing to make a positive difference and have an impact in our region.

Thanks to everyone who contributed their time, talents, and energies with the slated events (*Rock ‘n Roll Marathon, National Night Out, Taste of Suffolk, Church and Community Health Fair, IOW County Fair*) while I was out of the office!

I’ll be working out of the Isle of Wight Health Department Office in Smithfield for a while until I feel better again and drive safer! In the meantime, I’m updating lots of forms, files, and documents as we head into the fall a winter months; I’m still working short days, but getting stronger and building (re-building) my stamina daily. I still have some appointments with various doctors.

I know that we have some community outreach events coming up this fall and winter and that we will have some additional training opportunities as I feel better; but if you require certification, qualifications, and trainings and you don’t see something – say something. I may have missed something or forgot to announce things. Peanut Fest and training events are the next things I need to tackle!

S/ Jim