

Virginia Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Program Updates

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- The Virginia MRC Program is 22 years old as of Sep 2025
 - Born out of 9/11 and October 2001 anthrax letters; emergency response focus
 - Funding for MRC has ebbed and flowed over time
 - Federal Grants: PHEP/HPP
 - Recent additional funding through COVID, MRC RISE, ELC, Public Health Workforce, Public Health Infrastructure and MRC-STSTRONG grants
 - MRC-STSTRONG Grant will end on Dec 31, 2025 (affects funding for 9 positions)
- Current Strength:
 - 22.8K volunteers as of Aug 2025
 - 730 new volunteers recruited in State FY2025
 - Over 22K volunteer service hours, and over 14K training hours in State FY2025
- New Initiative this fall: “Friends of Virginia MRC” 501(c)3 Organization
 - Will be Volunteer Led
 - Purpose: Advocacy, fund-raising, grants and general support to MRC Units in Virginia
 - Should be fully established by early 2026