

# WARREN COUNTY MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS NEWSLETTER

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## MEETING DATES

- October 9 (10 AM)
- October 18 (7 PM)
- December 11 (10 AM)
- January 17 (7 PM)
- February 19 (10AM)
- April 8 (10 AM)
- April 17 (7 AM)
- June 10 (10 AM)
- July 17 (7 PM)
- August 12 (10 AM)

## REMINDER TO OBTAIN COUNTY ID CARDS

If you have not received your county Identification card, please call Bill Hunt, WC OEM Planner, at 908-835-2070 to arrange an appointment to have one made.

## WARREN COUNTY MRC UPDATES

- **Meeting schedule for 2007-2008:** Beginning in October our unit will meet every other month during the day and once every three months in the evening. All members are encouraged to attend at least one meeting during the year. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. The meeting will be held at the Warren County Communication Center. The evening meetings will be held at the Health Department. Refreshments will be served.
- **Education and training:** All members are required to receive training that fulfills the requirements of the 8 Core Competencies developed by the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NAACHO). Several of these training courses are available online through FEMA at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is100.asp> or the New Jersey Learning Management Network (NJLMN) at <http://njlmn.rutgers.edu>. All MRC volunteers must complete training for the Incident Command System (ICS 100) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS) prior to participating in an exercise or responding to a real emergency.
- **The Region II MRC Conference:** Planning for the annual Region II Conference is underway. The tentative date for the conference is early October 2007. The conference organizers are attempting to reserve a facility located in northern New Jersey for the conference. More details will follow when the planning for the event is finalized.
- **WCMRC Advisory Board:** The board members will be working with the coordinators to develop new ideas and strategies for recruitment and retention of volunteers. The advisory board members are:
  - Dr. Frank Gilly, VP of Medical Affairs, Warren Hospital
  - Dorothy Harth, BSN, WC Supervisor of Public Health Nursing
  - Art Charlton, WC Director of Public Relations
  - Terry Clancy, Medical Care Coordination Center Coordinator, NJDHSS
  - Terry Steinhardt, RN, MSN, WCCC Director of Nurse Education Program

The Warren County Health Department will be moving to a new location in December. The new location will be in Oxford on Oxford Road next to Warren Haven. The exact date and directions will be sent at a later time.

**WARREN COUNTY  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

- **Claude Mitchell** – Health Officer
- **Tracy Hess**-Chief Sanitary Inspector
- **Dorothy Harth**- Division Head of Public Health Nursing
- **Donna Rue**- Health Educator/Partnership Coordinator
- **Susan Murphy**- Administrative Clerk

**Health Infrastructure  
Preparedness and  
Response Program Team**

- **Wendy Sheay** –Public Health Planner
- **Elizabeth Marrewt**-Epidemiologist
- **Tom Nigro**-Information Technologist
- **Sally Weirback**-LINCS Coordinator
- **Sheila Risley**-Health Educator/Risk Communicator
- **Mary Van Horn**-Public Health Nurse
- **Jackie Bestrain**-Clerk Typist

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTRATION THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY  
LEARNING MANAGEMENT NETWORK**

**All NJ MRC volunteers are requested to register on the NJLMN and to enter their training records online. All trainings and continuing education courses will be tracked on the NJLMN website.**

The NJ Distance Learning Network has been replaced with the NJ Learning Management Network (NJLMN). The new network will allow you to track your course registration activity, review your transcript of courses and continuing education credits and much more. The address is <http://njlmn.rutgers.edu>

This is also an opportunity to obtain free continuing education credits for professional certifications and licensure. Some course sponsors offer continuing education credits for nurses, doctors, EMTs and other health professionals. Check the course calendar for details on CEUs. Functions of the NJLMN include:

- Transcript information-list of courses, conferences, meetings you attended.
- Registration information, list of course, conferences, meetings for which you registered.
- Tracks your contact hours.
- A list of Course Provider Communities and their offerings.
- Community Site List-allows you to review site information and directions & locations.
- Program information (Courses needed for certificates or licensure).

**Operation HILAR**

On June 7, 2007 members of the WC MRC participated in an emergency preparedness exercise for pandemic influenza sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Health & Senior Services and Warren Hospital. The MRC volunteers assisted hospital staff on the floors with admission procedures and transport of the volunteer victims. The staging area for the MRC volunteers was in the hospital Emergency Operation Center. The MRC volunteers had the opportunity to observe the interactions and communication procedures between the incident command staff and the other key players during the exercise.

We greatly appreciate Warren Hospital for inviting our unit to participate in Operation HILAR. A special thank you goes to the Nancy Migliacci, Mary Ann Solimine, and Merle Morse for participating in the exercise. They did a great job!

