

WARREN COUNTY MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS NEWSLETTER

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NEXT WARREN COUNTY MRC MEETING IS OCTOBER 27 at 7 pm at the Warren County Health Department

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SAVE THE DATES

2005 Region II
Medical Reserve
Corps Conference
October 22, 2005

**WARREN COUNTY
MRC MEETING
October 27**

at 7 PM

If you want to attend
please notify Sheila
Risley at 908-689-
6693

NJ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES (NJDHSS) LAUNCHES MEDICAL RESERVE

On August 5, 2005, the NJDHSS released an official announcement about the NJ MRC.

Working with county and local health departments, the NJ MRC is hoping to recruit and coordinate volunteers to assist during a public health emergency.

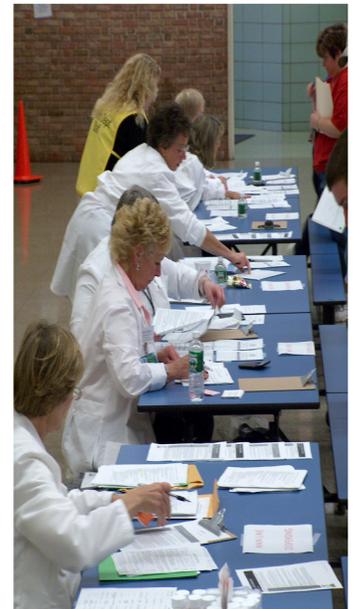
The program is designed to identify and register individuals who are willing to serve and volunteer their skills, expertise and time within their county, city or municipality during a terrorism event or a natural

disaster.

The NJMRC was created under the auspices of the NJ Citizen's Corps program, a federally organized program that is designed to strengthen our state's overall homeland security activities.

Training and education will be provided by county and local health agencies.

Health care professionals who are either practicing or retired and community volunteers can register online for the NJMRC at www.njmrc.nj.gov.



October 2, 2004 TED Exercise
"Operation Scarlet Pestilence"

THE WARREN COUNTY MRC COORDINATOR, STEPHEN BRICKMAN

Stephen Brickman served in the military as a pharmacist and worked for the Veteran's Administration as a pharmacist. He has retired from the VA and now serves as a volunteer for the agency. Steve has had training as a nuclear biological, chemical warfare defense officer. Steve was part of the medical security during the "Tall Ships" event in New York City in 2000 and also responded to the terrorist attack in New York on September 11, 2001. He is currently a member of the NJ-I Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT), a unit of the Department of Homeland Security federal response team. Steve is also a member of the NJ Naval Militia with a NJ homeland security mission and is a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trainee. Steve is a credentialed Radio Amateur Civil Emergency (RACES) operator for the Warren County Office of Emergency Management and is a member of the Warren County Public Health Emergency Task Force. He has participated in public health emergency preparedness exercises including "Operation Scarlet Pestilence" in 2004 and "TOPOFF 3" in April 2005. Steve lives with his wife in Lopatcong.

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

BIOTERRORISM PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE PROGRAM

- Wendy Sheay –Public Health Planner
- Samantha Caudill- Epidemiologist
- Tom Nigro-Information Technologist
- Thomas DeAngelo-LINCS Coordinator
- Sheila Risley-Health Educator/Risk Communicator
- Mary Van Horn-Public Health Nurse
- Jackie Bestrain-Clerk

ONLINE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITES

The University of Albany School of Public Health sponsors an online free course “**Terrorism, Preparedness, and Public Health: An Introduction**”. This interactive course is designed to give health professionals and the general public an introduction to the public health role in emergency response. Continuing education credits are available for anyone scoring 80% or higher on the examination. Go to (<http://www.albanycphp.org/learning/registration/>)

To view an online video “**History of Bioterrorism**” you may go to <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/historyofbt/> and download a QuickTime or Real Player video or download a Windows Medial Player video for offline viewing. These videos describe the Category A diseases: smallpox, anthrax, botulism, plague, tularemia and viral hemorrhagic fevers. To obtain information on Emergency Preparedness & Response go to <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/>

The **NJ Learning Management Network (NJLMN)** offers a variety of live satellite broadcasts available to first responders and health professionals. To register for a broadcast go to <http://njlmn.rutgers.edu> and follow the instructions to set up a personal account. After your account is established you may check the NJLMN Course Catalog and register for broadcasts that are offered at the Warren County Health Department. Broadcasts are videotaped for lending.

Incident Command System (ICS) Training Online

The Incident Command system is used to manage an emergency incident or a non-emergency event. It can be used for both small and large situations. ICS is a flexible, cost-effective and efficient management system.

Every incident or event has certain major management activities or actions that must be performed, even if the event is small and only a few people are involved.

The organization of ICS is built around five major activities: (1) Command (2) Operations (3)

Planning (4) Logistics (5) Finance/Administration.

It is recommended that all first responders and public health professionals be trained in ICS. To obtain free online training in ICS go to (<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/isl00.asp>)

IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR WARREN COUNTY MEDICAL RESERVE MEMBERS

It is important for all MRC volunteers to have proper ID for security purposes. During exercises and in a real event no one will be allowed to enter the clinic areas without going through a security checkpoint and displaying an approved identification card. MRC members need to complete the

application for an identification card from the Warren County Department of Public Safety Office of Emergency Management. After completing the application, it should be returned to Sheila Risley at the Warren County Health Department by mail or fax (908-689-3832). Members

will be notified when to report to the Warren County Communication Center to have the card made. If there are any questions about the ID cards, Sheila Risley can be contacted at 908-689-6693 or by email at srisley@co.warren.nj.us.