

## How do I apply?

Apply online at [www.gchd.org/mrc](http://www.gchd.org/mrc).

Medical Reserve Corps

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### Mission

The purpose of the Medical Reserve Corps is to strengthen communities by establishing a system for medical and public health volunteers to offer their expertise throughout the year, as well as during times of community need.



The Galveston County Medical Reserve Corps (GCMRC) is a part of the National Medical Reserve Corps based in the Office of the United States Surgeon General. The Galveston County Health District is the lead agency for the GCMRC.

### We Need Your Help



GCMRC members will be added to a notification network to receive timely information about disaster threats and specialized training opportunities. In the event of a public health emergency, Medical Reserve Corps volunteers might be asked to help administer vaccinations, distribute urgently needed medications, man a phone bank using pre-scripted responses to caller's questions, assist with crowd control, pass out forms, or other duties.

There are 3 tiers of membership in the GCMRC.

Click blue [Download an application here link](#)  
Read the page instructions, then fill out the form.  
Complete the online application.

Galveston County MRC is part of:



**GALVESTON COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT**  
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# Galveston County



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



Galveston County MRC assisting Texas City Breast Cancer Awareness Walk.

## What is the Galveston County MRC and what do members do?

Galveston County MRC helps serve the community's public health needs after a disaster. It also has a role in disease prevention and personal preparedness.

Galveston County MRC is part of the national Medical Reserve Corps program operated from the U.S. Surgeon General's office. Unit volunteers assist with:

- ◆ Immunization administration
- ◆ Public preparedness outreach
- ◆ Environmental health surveillance
- ◆ Communicable disease surveillance
- ◆ Point of Dispensing operations
- ◆ Drug/medical device safety
- ◆ Medical assistance
- ◆ Data collection

MRC volunteers come from all walks of life. A desire to serve combined with skills and abilities that can be used to benefit your neighbors are the main criteria shared by MRC volunteers.

Although "medical" is a portion of the name,

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MRC training with National Weather Service.

not all volunteers have a medical background and not all job assignments require medical training.

MRC volunteers come from

- ◆ Medical
- ◆ Law enforcement,
- ◆ Fire
- ◆ Emergency medicine
- ◆ Teaching
- ◆ Legal
- ◆ Military
- ◆ Religious
- ◆ Administrative
- ◆ and other backgrounds.



# Become Part of Galveston County MRC

## Why join today?

In a disaster, everyone wants to help. Unfortunately many spontaneous volunteers who show up to help cannot be used. The pre-registering and pre-credentialing of volunteers allows the Galveston County MRC to match the skills of volunteers to the needs of the community.

*Medical Reserve Corps volunteers help maintain essential Galveston County Public Health functions before, during and after disasters.*



MRC briefing on ZIKA and Preparedness Community Assessment.

## What you get in return for your volunteer service

MRC volunteers receive:

- ◆ ID cards
- ◆ Identifying clothing
- ◆ Emergency preparedness equipment
- ◆ Training

Volunteers are fully covered against liability for their actions when performed in good faith as part of the MRC unit during an official training exercise or event.

The most significant return on your investment of time and talents is self-satisfaction. People who volunteer in their communities find that doing good things while being part of something larger than themselves offers tremendous emotional and personal rewards.

## Can you see yourself doing any of these jobs?

We seek Medical Reserve Corps volunteers who have the expertise and ability to help us perform the following activities.

**Skilled Position** – requires license to perform assigned tasks

- ◆ Medical/health assessments
- ◆ Mental health assessments
- ◆ Immunizations
- ◆ Pharmaceutical response to epidemic or pandemic
- ◆ Patient evacuation
- ◆ Medical care
- ◆ In-hospital care
- ◆ Veterinary services

**Support Position** – requires no license – tasks assigned according to needs combined with an individual's knowledge, skills, abilities, and interest. May involve working with a certified or licensed individual. Just-in-time training would be provided.

- ◆ Environmental health surveillance
- ◆ Communicable disease surveillance
- ◆ Data collection
- ◆ Data entry
- ◆ Command staff aides during emergency operations
- ◆ General clerical and recordkeeping
- ◆ Assist persons in skilled positions



## For more Information

Contact MRC Unit

Coordinator

Richard Pierce

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## Volunteer expectations

- ◆ Attend scheduled meeting and training events as available
- ◆ Participate in disaster deployments as available
- ◆ Participate as available in non-disaster events such as flu shot clinics and community outreach events.
- ◆ Maintain certifications and credentials for relevant capabilities they offer to the team
- ◆ Assist in the leadership and operation of the unit
- ◆ Recruit other volunteer candidates they believe would be assets to the unit

## To become a member

- ◆ Submit application at: [www.gchd.org/mrc](http://www.gchd.org/mrc)
- ◆ Attend meetings/training events
- ◆ Complete IS-100 and IS-700 training online

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