The MRC works with the Ashland EMA, County, City, & Village law enforcement & fire depts., Samaritan Hospital, Red Cross, Salvation Army, Mental Health & Recovery Bd. as well as the Ohio EMA, Ohio MRC, FEMA, Dept. of Homeland Security & U.S. Public Health Service to develop & coordinate disaster response to a variety of different hazards & disasters.

WE NEED YOU...
...to provide assistance & expertise to our response teams.

We are looking for:

People with special skills
including video producer, animation specialist, digital illustrator, tv commercial designer, publicity specialist
graphic artists, computer specialists, translators, health educators, epidemiologists,

Licensed Medical Professionals and Others with Medical Experience
including nurses, doctors, pharmacists, veterinarians, dentists, PTs, nursing assistants, respiratory therapists & others.

Mental Health Professionals
including counselors, social workers, therapists, psychologists, psychiatrists, clergy, ...

& volunteers to provide basic support services

Please mail this form to:
The Ashland County-City Health Dept.
ATTN: MRC COORDINATOR
1763 State Route 60
Ashland, OH 44805-9287
**WHAT IS THE MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS?**

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a volunteer group with state & national connections to the U.S. Public Health Service that brings health care professionals & others together to support local public health, emergency & medical services. As the events of Sept. 11, 2001, & Katrina in 2005 unfolded, many medical professionals reacted by offering to help, but found they could not. Over the last few years, steps have been taken to help provide the rapid response needed in a disaster. A key function of the MRC is to provide members with specialized training & preparation.

**WHO CAN VOLUNTEER?**

The Ashland County-City Medical Reserve Corps is looking for 2 types of volunteers:

- Medical and health care professionals with an active license from all health occupations, including those who are practicing, retired or non-practicing.
- Support volunteers who do not perform medical care, but who are essential to emergency health care response.

**WHAT DO VOLUNTEERS DO?**

Volunteers are needed for both emergency & non-emergency purposes. When an extended-care facility suffers a power outage, fire or storm damage that requires moving patients, MRC volunteers will respond. If a storm requires a call center for directing persons to locations where they can get medicines, food, shelter, etc., volunteers will respond. During times of non-emergency, volunteers are involved in preparing & distributing health education & disaster-preparedness materials, & have the chance to serve as public health ambassadors. Activities include providing educational sessions on health topics of public interest & raising awareness of health issues.

**HOW DO I VOLUNTEER?**

It’s easy!

Just send an email to rherbst@ashlandhealth.com or call 419-282-4295 to get a registration form & learn about volunteer opportunities.

"I strongly encourage all of you—all able medical and health professionals, even ordinary citizens who can help with non-technical tasks—to join your local Medical Reserve Corps unit."

Richard Carmona, MD, MPH, FACS
Surgeon General
US Department of Health and Human Services

"We ask you to help us build the best possible volunteer medical and public health corps. By strengthening our communities, we also strengthen our nation."

Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary
US Department of Health and Human Services

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Endorsed by the Summit County Health District, Akron Health Department, Barberton Health Department, Summit County Emergency Management Agency, Akron Regional Hospital Association and Ohio Citizen Corps.