



## Disasters strike without warning

The Marion County Medical Reserve Corps needs volunteers to help make this a stronger, healthier and better-prepared community.

Many corps members are just like you — nurses and doctors, office and warehouse workers, technicians and contractors, homemakers and retirees — who believe in keeping Marion County healthy, prepared and resilient. They share your commitment to helping others and making a difference.

## Corps members are part of the solution

Volunteers help in many ways:

- Provide help for public health and emergency response
- Participate in mass vaccinations and community disaster drills
- Promote disease prevention
- Assist the health department

## Training

In an emergency, local resources get called upon first, sometimes with little or no warning. As a member of the Medical Reserve Corps, you can be part of an organized and trained team.

Volunteers train to improve their skills and knowledge. Sometimes the training is coursework, and other times it is part of a hands-on drill or exercise conducted with Marion County partner organizations. Continuing education units and credits are available for some programs.

Corps volunteers will have opportunities to exercise alongside emergency responders in realistic simulated disasters. Training may include:

- The national Incident Command System
- Radiation response
- Home care
- Special needs shelters
- Environmental health
- CPR and first aid
- Psychological first aid
- Personal, family and community preparedness

## Personal satisfaction

As a corps volunteer, you have a chance to help make this a stronger, healthier and better-prepared community. You will be volunteering to help Marion County in a time of extreme need. The corps lets volunteers give back to their community.

## Corps volunteers are public health ambassadors

You worked hard in your career to master your skills: medicine, public health, safety, logistics, communications or others. As a corps member, you can put those skills to use, helping some of the most vulnerable members of your community.

Your role will be to practice your skill or profession as an individual called up at the time of a disaster, or as part of an organized response team. We will match your skills, competencies and license or registration levels with your responsibilities during a disaster.

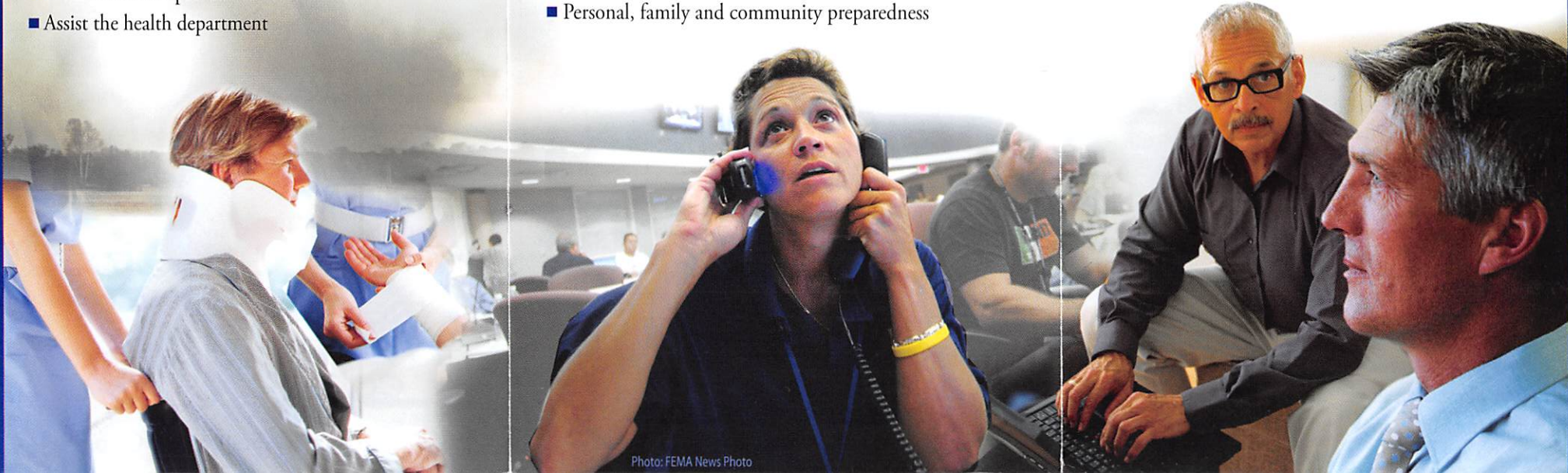


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# Q & A

**Q** *What kind of time commitment is involved?*

**A** Once the initial orientation and training courses are complete, you can decide how much time you are willing to give to the corps.

**Q** *Do I need disaster experience?*

**A** No, all volunteers are welcome and training is available.

**Q** *Do I need medical experience?*

**A** We need people with other skills too: clerical, communications, security, inventory and more.

**Q** *I'm retired. Can I still volunteer?*

**A** Yes you can! Just tell us your license status when you register.

**Q** *What about liability protection?*

**A** Properly registered volunteers are protected when on an assigned Department of Health mission. Call us for details.

**Q** *What else should I consider?*

**A** Make sure that your family is cared for if you respond. Emergency response can be physically and emotionally difficult, so you may need to evaluate your personal medical conditions. Consider work and other commitments before you respond.

## Why join now?

If you register now, we can verify your license and credentials, match your skills with the program's needs, and connect you with training opportunities. Only volunteers who are registered and trained can deploy in state-activated emergency responses.

## How do I join?



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# The next time, you're needed...



## ... join us!

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# When disaster strikes...will you be there?



*Volunteers building strong, healthy and prepared communities*

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