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Our goal is to allow local volunteer medical and health professionals contribute their skills and expertise throughout the year as well as during times of community need.

Our Medical Reserve Corps unit is made up of medical and support volunteers who can assist our community during an emergency, such as an earthquake, an influenza epidemic, a chemical spill, or an act of terrorism.

**We wish you a rewarding experience as a Medical Reserve Corps volunteer.**

## Mission Statement

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## Christian County Medical Reserve Corps



A force of dedicated volunteers who stand ready to support the community in the event of a public health emergency

## Uniting Communities Preparing the Nation

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A partnership between the Christian County Health Department and the Christian County Emergency Management.

# Uniting Communities - Preparing the Nation

CHRISTIAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ~ CHRISTIAN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Engaging volunteers to strengthen public health, emergency response and community resiliency.

Major local emergencies can overwhelm the capability of first responders, especially during the first 12-72 hours. Citizens that are prepared to take care of themselves, their families and others during times of crisis will allow first-responders to focus their efforts on the most critical, life threatening situations.

## POSSIBLE ACTIVATIONS:

- MASS VACCINATIONS
- MASS PROPHYLAXIS
- MASS MEDICAL CARE
- COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL
- PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

## Benefits to the Community:

### Organized Team Approach...

An organized, credentialed and trained Medical Reserve Corps means that volunteers can effectively respond to local emergencies. Members should take the responsibility to become familiar with their community's response plan, know what materials are available for their use, know who their partners in the response are, and know where their skills can be utilized to their best advantage and in a coordinated manner.

By creating a Medical Reserve Corps that is linked to emergency plans across the county, the members of the CCMRC can truly benefit the community by knowing what their role is during an emergency. They will already have been identified, credentialed and trained. They will also know how they fit into the emergency plan and how best to respond so that they are a positive support structure for the first responders.

## Uniting Communities

Preparing the Nation In his 2002 State of the Union Message, President Bush called on all Americans to make a lifetime commitment of at least 4,000 hours—the equivalent of two years of their lives—to serve their communities, the nation and the world. President Bush announced the creation of USA Freedom Corps to help Americans answer his call to service and to foster a culture of service, citizenship and responsibility.

### The Citizen Corps

is the component of USA Freedom Corps that creates local opportunities for individuals to volunteer to help their communities prepare for and respond to emergencies. Our partners throughout the county have the common goal of helping the community prevent, prepare for, and respond to crime, disasters, pressing public health needs and emergencies of all kinds.

### The Medical Reserve Corps

The Medical Reserve Corps Is the component of the Citizen Corps that will bring together local health professionals, community volunteers to provide support services and others with relevant skills.



A nationwide network of organized volunteers strengthening the health and safety of their communities