

# NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

## GREATER WESTFIELD MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS & CERT

### FIND US ONLINE

*Who Are We? What Do We Do?*

*Need to know more about us?*

Trainings, events and community service information is available on our web site [www.gwmcert.org](http://www.gwmcert.org) and our FaceBook page [www.facebook.com/gwmcertorg](http://www.facebook.com/gwmcertorg).



Please **LIKE** us on FaceBook. Spread the word. We need new members, both medical and *non-medical*. We also need contributions from the community to continue our mission of community service.



**MEMBERSHIP MEETING** –*Saturday, December 1st, 4pm-6pm* at Westfield State. Please attend as we need to update all CORI's and organize our Response Teams. More info is available online. We welcome new members. Tell your friends and neighbors to get involved to insure that our families and communities are prepared.  
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As you will see in this issue, we have been busy expanding our capacity to respond during emergencies with our Mobile Disaster Field Kitchen and by providing support services to our communities.

On **September 29th** at the *Colonial Harvest Day* in Westfield, we dedicated the Mobile Disaster Field Kitchen in memory of Joseph Barnes. It was the first time we used the kitchen and we sold over 175 meals to raise funds for the MRC.

#### Community Service

Monday **October 1st**, the MRC team

supported shelter operations for residents displaced by a fire in senior housing on Washington Street. A shelter was set up at our MRC community partner, the Central Baptist Church, and we provided medical care alongside ARC volunteers

*On the Road:* Tuesday **October 30th** our Mobile Disaster Field Kitchen served its first breakfast for 75 Westfield G&E workers before their day of storm repairs at the WG&E Operations Center.

**November 7th** we rolled to West Springfield to provide dinner for 25 volunteers at the Flu Clinic sponsored by the West Springfield Board of Health at the Boys & Girls Club.

### VALLEY GIVES 12-12-12

Valley Gives is a one-of-a-kind celebration of generosity for western Massachusetts. On 12.12.12 residents of Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties will join together for 24 hours in special events and online campaigns to make gifts to their favorite charities.

In a single day it is hoped thousands of Valley residents will deliver an outpouring of support for the nonprofits working to make the region an amazing place to live.

Every gift will have greater impact as participating non-profits will be eligible for significant cash awards that will go directly to fund their good work.

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, The Greater Westfield & Western Hampden County MRC, Inc. needs the support of our community to help our community.

Please tell your friends and neighbors about this

opportunity to support us so we can support our communities when we are needed. Funds raised will help pay:

\* For license fees, registration and insurance for our vehicles.

\* Purchase of propane fuel for our Mobile Disaster Field Kitchen & fuel for generators.

\* Training materials & emergency support equipment.

More info is available online at [www.gwmcert.org](http://www.gwmcert.org)

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(CERT)

The Greater Westfield & Western Hampden County MRC. Inc. is 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Your support helps us help our community.

Your contribution is tax-deductible.

**Please send your contribution in any amount. to the address below.**

**Thank you**

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## TRAINING

**Tuesdays at Westfield State University - Wilson Auditorium**

For More information and to register for classes please go to [www.gwmrcert.org/training.htm](http://www.gwmrcert.org/training.htm) to register. A portion of the class fee supports the GWMRCERT.

DATE	TIME	CLASS	FEE
1/29	6-11pm	CPR for Professionals	\$65
2/5	6-11pm	Emergency Oxygen	\$35
2/12	6-11pm	Heart Saver CPR/AED	\$60
2/19	6-8pm	Blood Borne Pathogens	\$20
2/26	6-9pm	Restaurant Emergency Training	\$25
3/5	6-9pm	CPR for Professional Recertification	\$50
3/19	6-11pm	Mass 1st Responder Recertification 1 of 4	\$75 (4 classes)
3/26	6-11pm	Mass. 1st Responder Recertification 2 of 4	
4/2	6-11pm	Mass. 1st Responder Recertification 3 of 4	
4/9	6-11pm	Mass. 1st Responder Recertification 4 of 4	

### MRC Core Competency Train-a-Thon

**Westfield State University Saturday January 26, 2013 9:30 am to 4:00 pm**

- MRC 101 \* Psychological First Aid \* Incident Command System - ICS 100b
- Please register online at [www.gwmrcert.org/training.htm](http://www.gwmrcert.org/training.htm)

### MEMA GRANT

GWMRCERT has received a grant from MEMA in the amount of \$7,450 as part of a federal Citizen Corps Grant Program.

Funds will go towards training materials, generators and other emergency supplies for our CERT (Community Emergency Response Team).

12 members of our MRC received their CERT training in 2011. Watch for upcoming CERT training and you can be a part of our CERT

For more information about CERT, please go to <http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/>

### FUNDRAISING

As a 501(c)(3), non-profit we depend on financial support from our communities, both individual and corporate to continue our mission.

Please tell others about the important work we do and direct them to our website and FaceBook page.

If you know of an individual of company that would be interested in making a donation or being a sponsor, we have Information Packets that we can send to them about our organization. All donations are welcome in any amount and are tax-deductible