

Greater Westfield & Western Hampden County
Medical Reserve Corps Inc.
& Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Neighbors Helping Neighbors



ABOUT GWMRCERT

Unit Description:

The Greater Westfield & Western Hampden County Medical Reserve Corps, Inc. (GW&WHC MRC Inc.) offers a corps of personnel who are trained to provide high quality pre-hospital care and reliable communications during crises, as well as health promotion education that will enhance the public health preparedness and ability to respond to natural or man made emergencies in a community/regional manner.

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

- It is run by a board of directors
- It is registered on the Massachusetts Health and Homeland Alert Network (HANN)
- It is a member of the Westfield Emergency Management Agency (WEMA), Westfield LEPC, and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), Region III & IV
- It is registered as part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Citizens Corps Program (CCP)

Mission Statement:

The Greater Westfield & Western Hampden County Medical Reserve Corps, Inc. is dedicated to educating people who can make a difference in the lives of the residents living in a local community, be it large or small. This Educational portion imparts knowledge, develops skills and fosters attitudes that will help re-establish the belief that neighbors helping neighbors makes a strong self reliant community that can survive anything by pulling together in times of natural or man made disasters or public health emergencies. The mission of the Medical Reserve Corps in Western Massachusetts is to improve the health and safety of communities and their residents by organizing and utilizing public health, medical, safety, and non-medical volunteers. The Medical Reserve Corps continues to build the capacity of each community to better respond to local, county, and regional natural or man-made disasters or public health emergencies.

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Goals/Objectives:

- To facilitate the dispersal of timely and informative knowledge promoting disease prevention.
- To help eliminate health disparities
- To Improve the level of knowledge and emergency response capabilities for the general public in our communities and regional areas.
- Develop a communications network in Western Massachusetts that will be able to respond to all emergencies regardless of weather conditions, or availability of electrical power.
- Provide a Field Kitchen capable of stand alone food preparation that can be brought to any location in support of MRC Volunteers and victims during times of man made or natural disaster or special events attended by MRC Units in New England.
- Set-up and run shelter operations

Greater Westfield C.E.R.T (Community Emergency Response Team)

The Greater Westfield C.E.R.T. is partnered with GWHCMRC.

About CERT

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

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VOLUNTEER

Anyone can volunteer

Whatever your experience or training; medical or non-medical your community needs you. In Massachusetts there are 48 MRC units. Because each community has different needs, the MRC units throughout Massachusetts vary in structure and activities. Learn more about the local MRC unit in your area.

Massachusetts MRC units participate in a variety of activities.

- **H1N1 Flu Pandemic 2009-2010:** MRC volunteers staffed vaccination clinics in Westfield
- **Health Screenings:** MRC volunteers provide free health screenings at senior living residences, homeless shelters and community events.
- **Medical Surge:** MRC units augment hospital and emergency medical service operations by staffing basic and advanced life support.

You can choose to support daily public health activities, volunteer during emergencies – or both. We understand that your work and personal commitments will determine your availability. Required training is offered in a classroom setting, via CD ROM, through self-guided study materials and online. It's our goal for you to be trained and ready when you're needed.

- **Seasonal Flu Vaccinations:** Yearly, MRC volunteers support school and community based seasonal flu vaccination clinics for at risk populations.
- **Disaster Response:** MRC volunteers provided support to community members after the 2011 Tornado, Hurricane Irene and the October Snowstorm

To become a volunteer please contact us at: gwmscert.org



COMMUNITY SERVICE

During the 2009-2010, MRC members assisted at the flu vaccination clinics for the City of Westfield

In June of 2011, members of our MRC volunteered in both Monson and West Springfield in the aftermath of the Tornado. In West Springfield, MRC members provided medical and food service staff to assist at the shelter that was open for 30 days. Over 150 people were sheltered for the month of June due to the Tornado.



In August of 2011, the MRC set up and were prepared to manage a shelter for the City of Westfield at the North Middle School if needed due to potential flooding from Hurricane Irene.

In October of 2011, we managed the shelter for the City of Westfield after the Snow Storm. For eight days from October 30 - November 6th, we provided medical services to residents in need of care, distributed meals and maintained a safe overnight shelter for over 150 people each night at facilities on the campus of Westfield State University.



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TRAINING

The Medical Reserve Corps offers classes in:

- Heart Saver Basic Life Support
- CPR
- Blood Borne Pathogen
- CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)



- Massachusetts 1st Responder Recertification

Our instructors will come to your office, warehouse or facility and instruct your staff.

We bring the instructor, materials and practice mannequins, you provide a space to accommodate the class.

Certification cards will be distributed after successful completion of course materials and testing.

For more information: gwmrcert.org

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CONTRIBUTE

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GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Our New Mobile Field Kitchen includes all the items listed below.

Please help us support our communities by making a donation in an amount listed for an item to cover our purchase of that item.

Your Name/Company Logo will be placed on a personalized name plate on the item you support.

Your Name/Company Logo will also be listed on the exterior.



Refrigerator	\$3,000
Freezer	\$3,800
Serving Counter	\$1,800
Griddle	\$3,200
Fryer	\$1,400
Underbar sink unit	\$700
Sink, Two compartment	\$1,200
Sink, Hand	\$150
Work Table	\$200
Range, Gas	\$1,600
Equipment Stand	\$300
Refrigerated Counter, Sandwich Top	\$2,400
Convection Oven, Gas	\$3,200

