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Eastern Highlands Health District Medical Reserve Corps Unit Recruiting Members

******* UPDATED RELEASE *******

Eastern Highlands Health District is recruiting volunteers from the Mansfield, Coventry and Tolland area for its Health District Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) unit. The Eastern Highlands Health District MRC unit is dedicated to helping serve the community's public health needs after a disaster. It also has a role in disease prevention and personal emergency preparedness.

The Health District's MRC is part of the national Medical Reserve Corps program operated through the U.S. Surgeon General's office. Unit volunteers assist with ongoing environmental health and communicable disease surveillance following disasters, help with immunization outreach, and offer personal preparedness information to help the residents of the Eastern Highlands Health District improve their ability to withstand the next disaster. Although "medical" is a portion of the name, not all volunteers have a medical background and not all job assignments require any medical training.

MRC volunteers come from all walks of life: medical, law enforcement, fire, emergency medicine, teaching, legal, military, religious, administrative, and other backgrounds. A desire to serve combined with skills and abilities that can be used to benefit your neighbors are the main criteria shared by all MRC volunteers.

The Health District will hold two Orientation Meetings on June 19th for persons interested in becoming a Medical Reserve Corps volunteer. The meetings will be held at the Audrey P Beck Municipal Building, 4 South Eagleville Road, Storrs, CT at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Interested volunteers should register to attend either meeting by emailing the MRC Director at john.degnan@ehhd.org or by calling 860-429-3325 before June 17th.

The national Medical Reserve Corps was founded in 2002. In the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 attacks, people across the nation sought some means of helping out. The MRC was formed as a way to provide structured opportunities to capture that enthusiasm. Today more than 200,000 people in nearly 1,000 units nationwide volunteer on behalf of their local communities.

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