

MRCIL Webinar Notes 11/13/2018

Jeannette Tandez – Regional Updates:

- CMDR Skip Payne will be leaving the MRC Program at the national level to support ASPR's Division of Intelligence.
- The MRC program should be sending a message soon regarding the MRC Challenge Award.
- Emails will be sent to units who are behind in updating activities. It is important that all units update the profiles on the MRC website.
- The MRC website is still experiencing some technical issues. If you receive an error message, copy the message to an email and sent to the webmaster and cc Jeannette or send to Jeannette to forward to the webmaster.
- The Regional Catastrophic Planning Team: Citizen Preparedness Subcommittee is hosting the 2018 Whole Community Training Summit at the College of DuPage on November 29th.
- Jeannette will be meeting with the Office on Women's Health on Monday the 19th. The purpose of this meeting is to share information about priorities, initiatives, and programming to understand areas of intersection across our respective work and encourage collaboration around women's health issues of mutual interest. If you have any issues or ideas you want Jeannette to bring to the table as it relates to girls and women, please let her know by Friday.
- Next Quarterly Region 5 MRC Meeting will be held Thursday Dec 13th at 9am CT. The Salvation Army will be one of the guest speakers.
- The 2018 TA assessments will be starting soon for IL units. Jeannette is currently scheduling them for Ohio but Illinois will be next.

Dawn Davis – State Updates:

- The IL Helps volunteer notification drill which had been scheduled for Monday November 5th has been rescheduled for Wednesday November 14th. The drill will remain open for 24 hours to allow unit leaders to participate.
 - o Dawn is still investigating the use of IL Helps and SIREN concurrently for these drills and real activations.
- IL Helps training will be scheduled before the end of 2018.
- To this point, Bethanie has been managing payment for the use of the MRCIL website. A proposal will be submitted to IDPH to request funds from ESAR-VHP to support this.
- MRC Vet Program – Dr. Sandra Gilmore(DVM) will be reaching out to the MRC unit administrators to sign a letter of support for a veterinarian MRC in the very near future.
- MRC Pharmacy Program – The potential Pharmacy MRC should be preparing to submit for their MRC application by the end of this calendar year.
- Results of MRCIL elections
 - o Bethanie Albrecht – elected to North and South co-chairs
 - o Ben Thompson – Recording Secretary
 - o David Hopper – Treasurer

- The Citizen Corps program had been managed through IEMA but has recently been moved to IDPH OPR to be coordinated by Michelle Hanneken again.

Bethanie Albrecht: MRCIL Updates

- A Best Practices speaker had been scheduled for the webinar but could not attend. This speaker will be re-scheduled for the next MRCIL meeting.
- Since Bethanie was elected as north and south co-chairs, Cathy Paone (Madison County) and Jill Heinking (Mount Prospect) have agreed to serve as co-chair assistants for the South and North, respectively.
- Revisions to the By Laws have been made by the Executive Board. Revisions include the following sections:
 - o Conditions to be considered active MRCIL member
 - o Unit voting rights
 - o Election of officials and committee appointments
- By Laws will be sent to MRCIL members to review and provide comments.
- MRCIL members are needed to assist with the proposal to request ESAR-VHP funds for the MRCIL website. The MRCIL website has benefited IL units. Some volunteers have received information through the MRCIL website before going to the national MRC site or contacting individual units.
- MRCIL Workgroups need more MRCIL member representation.
 - o A summary of the Workgroups, activities accomplished in 2018 and anticipated 2019 activities will be sent to MRCIL members. It is necessary to increase participation to ensure that these workgroups address the needs of all MRCIL units.
- A workgroup will be established to plan and conduct the June 2019 MRCIL meeting to be held during the PHEP summit.
- Every year there is a Prairie State CERT Challenge to bring CERT volunteer together to demonstrate CERT skills and to train together. It has been proposed to conduct a similar skills challenge event for MRC volunteers.
 - o Skills to demonstrate would be specific to those recruited through MRC units.
 - o The event would serve as an opportunity to build relationships throughout the state between MRC units and volunteers.
 - o Send your comments to Bethanie regarding whether you feel this would be a worthwhile pursuit.

Unit Updates:

- The American Red Cross came to Jo Daviess County to host a psychological first aid training on November 1st that MRC members participated in as well as some of our COAD members
- Stickney Township MRC Unit will be coordinating the 2nd annual Adopt a Troop Operation Santa Drop Functional Distribution Exercise and has a Stop the Bleed Training scheduled in February.

- Rock Island County MRC is currently working on our 6th Annual Quad Cities Regional Disaster Conference, scheduled for April 2, 2019.
- Des Plaines has hired a part-time Citizen Corps coordinator whose goals include to revitalize the MRC.
- Madison held an orientation during National Preparedness Month during which 25 volunteers were trained. One volunteer represented an SIU nursing program and requested an orientation to be held in November which trained 10 student nurses. Madison has also implemented a substance abuse outreach project.
- Franklin-Williamson has implemented a Stop the Bleed program.
- Mount Prospect collaborated with the 10 northwest suburban villages and associated 9-1-1 call center district to hire an emergency management coordinator 2 years ago. In the last year this coordinator has held 2 meetings with the local emergency managers and MRC coordinators, CERT leaders and any other citizen corps groups with the goal of training for events and responding together as needed. In May 2018, this group provided a combined community Red Cross shelter management training in Palatine that was both didactic and practical with a shelter set up and mini-drill in the Village Hall basement. This model is a way to keep units trained and connected regionally.
- Macoupin used MRC volunteers to support their annual flu clinic.
- South Central Illinois MRC has utilized trainings at libraries to recruit MRC volunteers and has provided incident command training to long term care facilities.
- Woodford conducted a community seminar regarding public health preparedness for infectious disease which was open to MRC volunteers and the public. CEUs for nurses was available.
- Cook is in the process of revamping the unit as the new coordinator (Bethanie) has just been hired. MRC volunteers supported an employee flu clinic.