MEDICAL RESERVE CORP WORKGROUP

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I. Welcome and Introductions/ H1N1 MRC Activity

II. Updates from individual County units
   a. Medina: At the end of April participated in a Hazmat Exercise. Included most first responders in Medina County. They have been working on the H1N1 situation.
   b. Portage: opened a called center in Kent, first time they send out a notification and activation. Ran the call center Monday thru Saturday. Fifteen MRC volunteers. Very positive experience, feel under Operations in ICS. Were able to recruit new volunteers because of this. Three managers, just in time training for volunteers. Kent State was very accommodating to Portage County and the MRC. Most of the volunteers were nurses and a few CERT individuals. Health department decided to stick with the call center because of their positive case. The EMA provided refreshments for the volunteers. VRC training two more orientations in June, this will then give them three groups that will then be able to through set up in July. In fall Portage will do a set up exercise.
   c. Mahoning did not utilize their MRC during the H1N1 outbreak. Mahoning had two spring trainings. Are considering offering a full shelter training in June with the American Red Cross. They need to have at least 12 individuals in attendance. They are willing to open it up to other MRC units within the region. The Hands-on- Volunteer Network is going to be offering a special needs shelter training in the fall. The Citizens Corp training is rescheduled for June 25th.
   d. Summit did not utilize their MRC during the H1N1 outbreak. They did conduct a spring training in collaboration with Stark County. Summit County is looking to offer an online MRC 101 training so the volunteers could do the course on-line instead of coming to a 4 hour training.
   e. Stark: (via email – thanks Tim) No MRC activity with the H1N1 situation. No need to notify or utilize the volunteers. No one even requested information or help. Held a VRC stations training and drill on April 2. Went OK. Joined Summit MRC on April 18th. Poor turnout despite all the requests to host trainings on weekends and weeknights. Updating assigned VRC staff in the Ohio Responds database. Sorting out a way to properly have a Citizen Corps and an MRC. They are both combined here, but the requirements and activities are different and we need to "separate" them.
   f. Tuscarawas MRC were put on stand by for H1N1activities. There was never really a need to call them up for any opportunities. Meeting held with the Tuscarawas MRC volunteer in March and April. Although the MRC was not utilized for the H1N1it was discussed about making that an MRC drill. There is also a chance that the Tuscarawas MRC will be utilized for a district drill.

III. Policy and Procedure Workgroup Report
   a. The Policy and Procedure Workgroup has met one time and plans on meeting again. They had to cancel their last meeting due to H1N1. They will provide an update to the group at the next meeting.

IV. VRC Staff in Ohio Respond Database
   a. In order to mark MRC volunteers as VRC (Volunteer Reception Center) specific so you can run reports to pull those volunteers out in the event you wanted to alert them separately for example if you needed them to be alerted before the other volunteers to set up.
   b. The volunteer needs to establish under Team Assignment that they are a VRC volunteer when they fill out their record. The administrator could always go in and add this team assignment to already established volunteers.
   c. To pull out the volunteers who are assigned as VRC volunteers for alerts when you go into the section where you set your search perimeters and choose the drop down for customs fields and under that highlight VRC under team assignments.
   d. This will pull up only those who are a VRC volunteer for the alert. Basically you are defining your search by picking VRC to only pull those names that are identified in the system as VRC volunteers.

V. Next meeting/Adjournment
   a. The next meeting is scheduled for July 14th at 1330 via Go-To-Webinar and conference call. A reminder with the log on information will be sent out closer to the date.