



Holbrook Emergency Management Agency

Stoughton-Holbrook-Avon-Randolph Medical Reserve Corps



October 2009

The Health Agents are reviewing the new Bylaws for the MRC. Once the review is completed, the MRC will be pursuing 501c3 status through the IRS. The end result will be a REGIONAL Medical Reserve Corps serving the needs of Stoughton, Holbrook, Avon, and Randolph!

MRC needs a meeting location: The MRC is looking for a location so we can hold monthly training meetings. I am looking for a site in all four towns, so the location can be rotated by town on a monthly basis. If anyone has any contacts and can help us locate meeting locations, please contact rick at holbrook_ema@yahoo.com

MRC Open Positions

We are developing our organization. Like every new organization, we are experiencing growing pains and some confusion. In mid-October, I will be contacting and interviewing individuals who have previously expressed an interest in the **Personnel Officer** position.

I am also looking for anyone who may be interested in acting as **Community Liaisons**. A **Community Liaison**, and some towns will have more than one, will do the following:

- Contacts local venues within each community to locate sites suitable for use as disaster shelters, training sites, or meeting sites.
- Helps Training staff arrange for training sites
- Helps personnel staff with recruiting

Community Liaisons are going to be very important to our future success, so please give consideration to helping us. Even if you are only able to conduct activities in your local neighborhood, you can help us!

I am also looking to create a group of **Dispatchers**. **Dispatchers** will take information from various sources, and forward it to various recipients, including HEMA, MEMA, and Medical Reserve Corps Members. This will help keep the information flow constant and not get broken if the one or two current dispatchers are unavailable. The prerequisites include email and instant messenger, a radio scanner for monitoring local police and fire departments, and a working telephone.

Communications and Shelter

HAM RADIO: A MOU is being considered to help ensure that the MRC will have adequate radio communications. A ham radio class has also been proposed. It is currently being considered for THURSDAY EVENINGS starting in early 2010. If anyone is interested, please let me know

HOLBROOK SHELTER PROGRAM: The Holbrook United Methodist church has formally agreed to become a disaster shelter, and will be registered through the Red Cross soon. Lighthouse Baptist Church, Brookville Baptist Church, Winthrop Congregational Church and St John's Church have expressed an interest and will receive a presentation during the month of October.

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Training

General Training: I am looking for people interested in sharing some of their expertise with the rest of the MRC. CPR, first aid, taking vital signs, operating generators, are just a few of the topics that I would like to add to upcoming training classes. A priority is to get the MRC members CPR and first aid 0 if we have a member who is able to volunteer to help us get this done, this would be a huge step in the right direction!

If you have something that you think would benefit the MRC, please contact me and we can set up a date.

ICS 100 / NIMS 700: I encourage everyone to visit the FEMA website at <http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.asp> and take the ICS-100a and the NIMS 700a Independent Study classes. These classes are online and can be taken at your own pace. Classroom sessions are also being planned, but no date has been determined at this time.

Shelter Training: Thursday, October 22 – **SHELTER OPERATIONS**. HOLBROOK PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING, ** Tentative** Time to be announced, but most likely 6pm – 9pm. This will be a CLASSROOM TRAINING where we will review the fundamentals of establishing a shelter. Limited to 22 participants total.

- ★ **PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**
- ★ **Deadline to Register is October 15th**
- ★ SEND AN EMAIL TO holbrook_ema@yahoo.com to register.
- ★ **Required classroom book can be downloaded at holbrookemergencycenter.org and click on Shelter Team.**
- ★ **Please note that date and location is subject to change!**

Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) Training: Eight people were recently trained as instructors for the Emergency Dispensing Site. Training for MRC and EDS members is being scheduled. We are looking for a suitable site to make training easier. This will be a three part course: EDS 1 (General introduction, 2hrs); EDS 2 (Additional Instruction, 2hrs); Job Action Sheets (2 hours). An EDS table top exercise will be planned after the classes are offered.

Events

- **Saturday, October 17th – OPEN HOUSE AT HOLBROOK FIRE DEPARTMENT**
1030 set up – 1100 Start - 1400 end
I would like three or four people to represent the Medical Reserve Corps and the Emergency Management Agency. You will be acting as recruiters and explaining what the Medical Reserve Corps does. Please send an email to holbrook_ema@yahoo.com
- **Saturday, October 17th - AVON/RANDOLPH HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY**, Randolph High School Parking Lot 0800-1200 Avon and Randolph residents can bring their Hazardous Household waste to be disposed of. See http://www.avonmass.org/health/Haz_Waste_Day_2009.pdf One or two MRC members would be useful to hand out MRC information. Please send an email to holbrook_ema@yahoo.com
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- **Saturday, October 31** (Halloween) **HOLBROOK 5K ROAD RACE**. 0800 – 1100. I am looking for 10 or more HEMA and MRC members for this event. We will provide light first aid coverage, while practicing radio procedures, equipment set-up, ICS, and hopefully have a nice stress free event. I would like to also do a “blood pressure clinic” if we available staff. SEND AN EMAIL TO holbrook_ema@yahoo.com if you can help
 - **November 18-20, 2009** - MRC Summit, Grand Pequot Tower Hotel, Foxwoods CT. One additional member of the MRC can attend, but must pay for lodging and expenses. (A Room can be reserved at a guaranteed conference rate) If anyone wishes to come, please contact me ASAP
 - ★ **DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 10!** If we have more than one person, I will try to come up with a fair way to choose the attendee.

General Announcements

Bottle and Can Drive: The Holbrook Emergency Management Agency is collecting bottles and cans to help fund its programs, including the CERT program and the Shelter Program. Please save those cans so they can be collected and redeemed.

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