

## What is the MRC ?

The Greater La Crosse Area Medical Reserve Corps Unit is community-based and provides the opportunity to locally organize and utilize volunteers – medical and non-medical, who want to donate their time and expertise to respond to public health emergencies, supplement community disaster volunteer needs, and support/facilitate community preparedness throughout the year.

MRC volunteers supplement existing local emergency and public health resources.



Our **vision** is a community where people help each other by preparing themselves and being ready to respond to help others in a public health emergency.

Unit administrative agency:



LA CROSSE COUNTY

**La Crosse County  
Health Department**

**300 4<sup>th</sup> Street North  
La Crosse, WI 54601  
Phone: 608-785-9872  
Fax: 608-785-9846**

*The civilian, volunteer  
Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is  
a national network of volunteers working  
to ensure the health and safety  
of our country and communities.*

*The Medical Reserve Corps program  
is headquartered in the Administration for  
Strategic for  
Preparedness & Response.*

**For more information visit:**  
<https://aspr.hhs.gov/MRC>



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## Greater La Crosse Area Medical Reserve Corps

***Serving**  
Crawford, La Crosse  
Monroe, & Vernon  
Counties*

**PREVENT  
PREPARE  
RESPOND:**

**Volunteers  
Building  
Strong,  
Healthy, and  
Prepared  
Communities**



# MRC– Greater La Crosse Area

## Why join?

- ❑ To learn personal and family preparedness
- ❑ To promote disease prevention
- ❑ To assist with receiving spontaneous volunteers after an emergency
- ❑ To assist with medical countermeasures dispensing/ vaccinating
- ❑ To support community recovery operations
- ❑ To support emergency sheltering operations
- ❑ To put your skills, education and energy to use



## What about training?

All Greater La Crosse Area MRC volunteers:

- complete a background check
- receive an orientation
- complete required training, including:
  - Incident Command System (ICS) 100
  - Psychological 1st Aid
  - CPR
- participate in opportunities for volunteer reception center support, shelter support, mass clinic support and a variety of other preparedness and response topics.

## Who can join?

**Medical** and **non-medical** volunteers\*:

- to promote/provide public health and safety education/activities in our communities.
  - Stop the Bleed
  - Compression-only CPR
  - AED use
- to train and exercise for response to a public health emergency when called to assist local health and safety officials.

### *Medical*

Physicians, nurses, dentists, behavioral health professionals, pharmacists, veterinarians, epidemiologists, and emergency medical providers.

### *Non-medical*

Interpreters, chaplains, legal advisors, educators, information technology, military staff, amateur radio, clerical, food service, childcare providers, etc.

*\*Volunteers must be 18 years of age.*



## How can I join?

Persons interested in becoming a member of the MRC-Greater La Crosse Area Unit can visit [weavrwi.org](http://weavrwi.org) to complete an on-line application.

Or contact the La Crosse County Health Department with any questions at 608-785-9872.



## What about liability?

MRC volunteers are registered in the Wisconsin Emergency Assistance Volunteer Registry (WEAVR) and are protected for participation in established unit training and deployment.

*§895.48 Wis.Stat.  
42 U.S.C. 14051 et seq.*

**Strengthening the  
Public Health Infrastructure  
and Building  
Community Resilience**