

# Lewis County Medical Reserve Corps Unit #1760



## What is the Lewis County MRC?

The Lewis County MRC unit was created to locally organize and utilize volunteers. When a public health emergency occurs, the need for volunteers is tremendous. The Lewis County MRC supplements existing emergency services when a disaster is of a magnitude that overwhelms existing resources. Further, Lewis County MRC volunteers provide relief for overworked personnel in the event of an emergency.



## What is the purpose of MRC?

- Recruit health professionals and non medical people into volunteer service
- Train and educate members
- Assist with surge personnel needs
- Integrate volunteers and first responders for emergency response
- Participate in non-emergency essential public health services, such as health education and community outreach



## What will you gain from volunteering?

As a volunteer, you will be able to use your skills to help your community, network with others, and participate in a community-wide emergency response effort.

## Can we count on you?

As a volunteer, your community may need your skills when:

- Local resources are stretched by an epidemic or infectious disease that requires mass vaccination or medication dispensing
- Other emergencies occur, such as severe weather or other natural disasters
- Large numbers of people are sick or injured
- Education and preventative measures are needed

## Why join today?

In a disaster, everyone wants to help. Unfortunately many spontaneous volunteers who show up to help cannot be used. The pre-registering and pre-credentialing of volunteers allows the Lewis County MRC to match the skills of volunteers to the needs of the region. This increases the efficiency of volunteer assignments and reduces the work of processing volunteers during an emergency.

### Who can volunteer?

MRC volunteers include medical, mental health, and allied health professionals, such as physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, pharmacists, dentists, and veterinarians. Other community members, such as interpreters and legal advisors can also fill vital roles.

### What is the registration process?

To join the Lewis County MRC, you must:

1. Fill out an application
2. Sign a consent for a background check, to share information with federal, state, and local offices as needed, and to verify your credentials.
3. Show current licenses and certifications

An orientation and some training are required before you can be deployed.

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and Prepared Communities**



### Where can I find an application?

Online application instructions are on the Lewis County MRC webpage at:  
<http://lewiscountywa.gov/publichealth/medical-reserve-corps>

### How do I get more information?

If you have questions, you can contact MRC Coordinator Ed Mund at (360) 740-1227 or email: [Ed.Mund@lewiscountywa.gov](mailto:Ed.Mund@lewiscountywa.gov)



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