

Medical Reserve Corps

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Updates

We are updating identification cards. To be a part of the MRC it is important to have the new identification card. The new IDs are issued through a NJ ID system and include your picture and fingerprint. If you have not already applied for the new card, contact Cindie Bella, 973-631-5489, or cbella@co.morris.nj.us to find out how to apply.

The Morris County Office of Health Management continues to work on emergency preparedness planning with municipal health and the other Northwest Region counties. This year we will be focusing on Point of Distribution and Shelter Management exercises.

Gotham Shield



A radiological explosion in Union County was the scenario of the Gotham Shield exercise the week of April 24, 2017.

Morris County participated in parts of the exercise, with MRC attending the Radiological Reception Center that opened in Middlesex County.

The impact of a radiological event can affect a 50-mile radius and depending on wind, can affect a greater area.

Not only is there the immediate response of emergency responders, but the media response needs to be clear, concise, and delivered through multiple channel. Radiation is the most psychologically feared event for most people.

"Thank you for your leadership, friendship, and your service to the MRC and our nation."

MRC honors Captain Rob Tosatto who retires from 29 years of service with the U.S. Public Health Service, and over 13 years leading as Director of the MRC.

Cultural Competency for Disaster Preparedness

This e-learning program is designed to equip disaster and emergency personnel with knowledge and skills to serve all individuals, regardless of cultural or linguistic background.

If you are interested in including this content in your MRC Train transcripts or training plans, it is available through MRC TRAIN

www.mrc.train.org Search courses.

**Volunteers may be able to receive the following credit types upon completion of this course: 9 CEU/CE; 9 CME; 9 Emergency Medical Technician; 12 ADA/CERP: Continuing education credit hours

Zika—Latest News



What we know

- Zika is spread mostly by the bite of an infected *Aedes* species mosquito (*Ae. aegypti* and *Ae. albopictus*). These mosquitoes bite during the day and night.
- Zika can be passed from a **pregnant woman** to her fetus. Infection during pregnancy can cause certain birth defects.
- There is no vaccine or medicine for Zika.
- Local mosquito-borne Zika virus transmission has been reported in South Florida and Brownsville, Texas.

Note: On July 24, 2017, CDC issued updated **interim guidance** for healthcare providers caring for pregnant women with possible Zika virus exposure.

CDC’s top priority for the public health response to Zika is to protect pregnant women because of the risks associated with Zika virus infection during pregnancy.

CDC has interim guidance for healthcare providers caring for pregnant women with possible Zika virus exposure. This web tool is intended to help healthcare providers apply the updated recommendations for Zika virus testing, interpretation of results, and clinical care for a pregnant woman with possible exposure to Zika virus.

- This tool is intended for healthcare providers and public health officials in the United States and territories.
- CDC continues to evaluate all available evidence and will update recommendations as new information becomes available.

Upcoming Trainings:

September:
Preparedness in Action

October: Staffing a Medical Needs Shelter

November:
Incident Command System

Dates, Time and Location to be announced.



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