2019 was a very busy year for the Madison County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). We were able to develop/strengthen our unit, strengthen public health, improve community preparedness/resilience, and trained/exercised to improve our unit or community response capacity/capability.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Our Madison County MRC unit continues to grow in members. This year, we added 63 new volunteers. Currently we have a total of 442 volunteers! The breakdown of our volunteers is as follows:

Dentists - 4
EMTs - 3
Licensed Professional Counselors (MO License) - 1
Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors - 5
Licensed Clinical Social Workers - 5
Licensed Clinical Social Workers (MO License) - 1
Licensed Physician’s Assistant - 1
LPNs (IL License) - 1
Medical Assistants - 0
Pharmacists (IL License) - 11
Pharmacist (Other Licenses) - 2
Pharmacy Technicians (SIUE School of Pharmacy) - 36
RNs (IL License) - 49

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OUR VOLUNTEERS (cont)
RNs/APNs (IL License) - 9
RNs (MO License) – 1
SIUE School of Nursing Students - 20
Veterinarians - 1
Other volunteers with skills, training, and expertise – 292
364 volunteers (82%) have attended a Madison County MRC Volunteer Orientation Training session.

Thank you for helping recruit additional volunteers who possess the dedication and commitment you have demonstrated.

OUR ACTIVITIES

Four Volunteers worked on/participated in data analysis, Madison County Youth Board, Madison County Mental Health Alliance, Anti-Vaping Campaign, Logistics for the fall full-scale exercise, and the Hazard Vulnerability Analysis.
These volunteers contributed 506.25 volunteer hours.

We held three Orientation Training sessions last year. SIUE nursing students, School of Pharmacy faculty and students, and other Madison County residents were in attendance. These fifty-seven volunteers contributed 124.5 volunteer hours.

We held a Volunteer Reception Center Drill with the Madison County Emergency Management Agency on April 27, 2019. Eleven volunteers contributed 17.75 volunteer hours.

On July 20, 2019, The Gateway Volunteer Network (GVN) held a Point of Dispensing (POD) 101 Training for MRC Volunteers in the bi-state (IL and MO) area. The training presented the purpose of PODs, discussed job roles, and included a hands-on exercise to apply learned material. Seventeen volunteers attended and contributed 52 volunteer hours.

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OUR ACTIVITIES (cont)

On October 8, 2019, fifteen MRC volunteers assisted Madison County Health Department staff with activities for the St. Louis Regional Full-Scale exercise. Volunteers helped in the Distribution area picking and packing supplies and distributing them to health department Closed POD partners. Volunteers also assisted in the staging area with check-in, assignments, and checkout. These volunteers provided us with the opportunity to fully test key portions of our plan and contributed **34 volunteer hours**.

Volunteer Recall Drills test our ability to reach all of you in a timely manner in the event of a public health disaster or emergency. Madison County Health Department initiated a One Call Now Alert Notification and Acknowledgement Drill of our 442 MRC Volunteers on June 18, 2019. This year 181 of our 442 volunteers acknowledged receipt of the message. This is a 41% response rate. The percentage of responses increased by 1% over last year (2018).

The MRC Volunteer Coordinator attended St. Louis Area Regional Response System Public Health and GVN committee (Cathy Paone, Chairman) meetings, statewide Medical Reserve Corps of Illinois (MRCIL) meetings and MRCIL Board Meetings (Cathy Paone, Board Member), Madison County Citizen Corps Council meetings, the national preparedness summit, and the Illinois Public Health and Health Care Coalition Preparedness Summit. She also spoke at the Edwardsville Township Social Service Safety Net Spring Forum and at an Edwardsville High School Health Occupations Class.

A heartfelt thanks to all of our volunteers for all their time (**734.5 hours**) and efforts to prepare to protect and promote the health and welfare of Madison County residents.

“**Alone we can do so little; Together we can do so much.**”

Helen Keller
OUR NUMBERS

Per national MRC reporting guidelines, we had a total of 45 activities for the year, were ahead of like jurisdictions in terms of number of activities each quarter, and your volunteer hours made a total economic impact of $18,415.00.

OUR FUTURE

The Madison County MRC continues to grow in numbers and to add new trainings and exercise opportunities for our volunteers. In 2020, we look forward to continuing to expand our volunteer program. Plans include: providing more trainings for our Madison County unit and continuing our regional GVN trainings, revising our Orientation Training curriculum to reflect the new emphasis on preparing for a pandemic flu outbreak, participating in the state-wide exercise in October 2020, and conducting quarterly Volunteer Recall Drills in order to increase our response rate.

We could not continue all of our efforts without your enthusiasm and support. Thank you so very much for helping us build the strength and resiliency of our unit!