

Portage County Medical Reserve Corps



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Updated Core Competencies!

MRC Volunteers!

- The Competencies for Disaster Medicine and Public Health have been improved significantly to increase the knowledge for health care professionals and first responders!
- These **11** innovative competencies serve as the baseline of the level knowledge and skills that MRC volunteers should embody in protecting our community.
- As a result, the **MRC Training Guidelines will be improved** to better prepare our volunteers to strengthen public health, reduce vulnerability, build resiliency and adaptive capacity! The Competencies are listed below!

MRC Core Values!

- Community
- Action
- Resourcefulness
- Teamwork
- Diversity

New Volunteers!

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Competencies for Disaster Medicine and Public Health!

- 1.0 Demonstrate personal and family preparedness for disasters and public health emergencies.
- 2.0 Demonstrate knowledge of one's expected role(s) in organizational and community response plans activated during a disaster or public health emergency.
- 3.0 Demonstrate situational awareness of actual/potential health hazards before, during, and after a disaster or public health emergency.
- 4.0 Communicate effectively with others in a disaster or public health emergency.
- 5.0 Demonstrate knowledge of personal safety measures that can be implemented in a disaster or public health emergency.
- 6.0 Demonstrate knowledge of surge capacity assets consistent with one's role in organizational, agency, and/or community response plans.
- 7.0 Demonstrate knowledge of principles and practices for the clinical management of all ages and populations affected by disasters and public health emergencies, in accordance with professional scope of practice.
- 8.0 Demonstrate knowledge of public health principles and practices for the management of all ages and populations affected by disasters and public health emergencies.
- 9.0 Demonstrate knowledge of ethical principles to protect the health and safety of all ages, populations, and communities affected by a disaster or public health emergency.
- 10.0 Demonstrate knowledge of legal principles to protect the health and safety of all ages, populations, and communities affected by a disaster or public health emergency.
- 11.0 Demonstrate knowledge of short and long term considerations for recovery of all ages, populations and communities affected by a disaster or public health emergency.

