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Portage County Health Department thanks its 145 Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Volunteers

Portage County Health Department would like to say thank you to its 145 MRC Volunteers. The Portage County MRC Unit was established in 2006. Since then the volunteers have assisted at vaccination clinics and participated in drills and trainings. In 2011 MRC volunteers gave over 30 hours at community flu vaccination clinics in October. But you do not have to have a medical license to join MRC.

The Portage County MRC is a varied group of volunteers that bring valuable skills to our community. It includes medical and non-medical county residents working together to support local public health, emergency, and medical services. MRC volunteers become part of our local emergency preparedness team. **During 2011 volunteers also assisted in a mock drill to set up an Alternate Care Center site for assisted living residents who needed to be evacuated during a simulated emergency.**

Individuals interested in becoming MRC volunteers can register and have access to training available online at the new Portage County MRC website found at www.co.portage.oh.us/mrc/. Training can also be done at the Portage County Health Department by appointment. If you are already a Portage County MRC volunteer, check out the new website for training updates. If you are interested in become a MRC Volunteer or would like more information, visit the website or contact Kim Villers, Portage County Health Department Emergency Preparedness Coordinator at 330-296-9919 ext. 118, or kvillers@portageco.com.



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