



Franklin County & Columbus Medical Reserve Corps

FC&CMRC Quarterly Newsletter

The Franklin County & Columbus Medical Reserve Corps (FC&C MRC) is dedicated to establishing teams of professional and medical volunteers to contribute their skills and expertise during disasters, as well as throughout the year for community health promotion.

Volunteer Spotlight

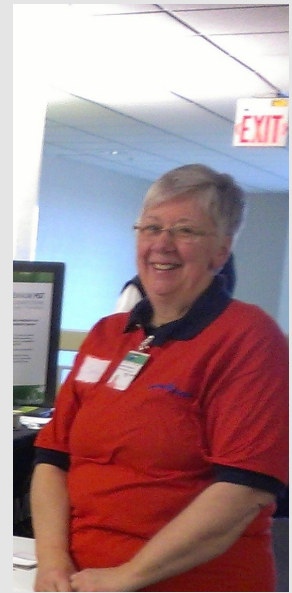
Name: Jackie Danalewich , MRC Leadership Team Volunteer

How long I've been here in Columbus: We moved here in the spring of 1986 from Connecticut.

How long have I been in the MRC: I think I started volunteering with the MRC in 2005 or 06. I think my first drill and orientation was at the all city exercise at Crew Stadium.

Special skills/interests: I have worked in the volunteer arena since the first day my oldest child started Kindergarten about 40 years ago. I have worked mostly in the medical support fields and law enforcement. In order to be effective in these areas I have tried to keep up with the basics like CPR, AED, First Aid and ICS through CERT. I have gone through the Westerville and Genoa Citizen Police Academy training and the FBI Citizen Police Academy. I continue training and volunteering with all of these departments. My special interest is with advocating for the most vulnerable populations (victims, elderly, homeless and mentally ill) within the medical and law enforcement settings. Volunteering with SARNCO (Sexual Assault Response Network of Central Ohio) and COSATF (Central Ohio Sexual Assault Task Force) has allowed me to support many people in the past 15 years. The MRC has helped me to understand and appreciate how Columbus and Franklin County fits into the care of the general population and the people I most desire to serve .

Something fun about myself: Probably working with people first and my pets second. At last count I had about 65 pets, all sizes and shapes (some as large as 8 inches). Most are gold fish and a few frogs. The goldfish will eat out of my hand and come rushing up when they see anyone coming. We spend many relaxing hours watching their antics.



CO MRC Volunteer Training Summit

What: An all day conference with training's on Working with Functional Needs in Disasters/Emergencies (this will include a panel presentation), an Active Shooter Training by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and a Point of Dispensing (POD) Set Up Drill

- Cost is free !
- Free MRC Shirt for attendees!
- Free pizza lunch!

Where: Columbus Public Health
240 Parsons Ave Columbus Ohio 43215 in the second floor auditorium

When: Saturday, April 16th, 20 from 8:00am till 3:00pm

We will be collecting canned goods for Mid-Ohio Food bank as a service project. Please bring at least ONE can to the summit.

Last Chance to Register! <http://goo.gl/forms/bph9NVbXt4>



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Successful Trainings/Exercises and Opportunities

Below is a highlight list of events/exercises and trainings the MRC participated in during January-March 2016

- MRC Online Orientation
- POD101 Online Training
- Special Needs Online Training
- FCPH Rabies Vaccination Clinic
- Leadership Team Meetings
- Summit Planning Meetings
- ID Badge Sessions
- Ohio Responds Admin Training
- POD Set Up Drill
- Mental Health First Aid Training
- Weather Spotter Training
- Preparedness Partner Webinar
- Free Produce Giveaway
- In Person Orientation
- Red Cross Shelter Support
- Red Cross Online Shelter Training
- Felbry College of Nursing Orientation
- Call Down Drill

Maternity Leave:

Tessa is excited announce that she is expecting her 2nd child on May 23rd, 2016. She will be on maternity leave over the summer months. Many of our normal activities will continue, but Tessa will not be in the office to answer questions. Training and volunteer opportunity emails will continue to go out during this time with opportunities but you will not see them on a weekly basis. Tessa looks forward to seeing everyone when she returns late summer!



A Note From Your Coordinators

Hi MRC Volunteers,

Thank you for the many hours of training and volunteering you put into our unit this winter! We appreciate all you do and look forward to a busy spring!

Thanks again, Tessa Fite and Trent Daugherty, FC&C MRC Coordinators



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Don't forget to check out our website at www.volunteermrc.org for links to upcoming events and pictures!

Red Cross Shelter Response 1.15.16-1.17.16

The FC&C MRC committed to providing volunteer nursing support to the Red Cross Shelter at the shelter at the Federson Recreation Center from January 15th-17th, 2016 at the request of Columbus Public Health and our local Red Cross chapter. 3 of our MRC nurses were able to provide over 20 hours of volunteer service, including an overnight shift. Our nurses helped secure needed supplies, including a pack and play for an infant. Thanks to those 13 nurses who responded that they could assist and to the ones who were utilized! As a reminder, the online ARC shelter training is a requirement to volunteer at the shelter. Email mrc@franklincountyohio.gov to get more info about how you can take it ahead of time!

Team Spotlight:

Language Team

Are you fluent in another language in addition to English? Are you willing to volunteer to help with language capabilities during a disaster? We would love to have you serve on a language team. This team does outreach in the community year round through participation in festivals and training. We meet on a semiannual basis. Contact mrc@franklincountyohio.gov to join or for more information.

The Numbers: Have it!

From January –March 2016

- We participated in 19 different training and volunteer opportunities.
- We engaged over 480 volunteers
- Hours given by volunteers totaled over 300 hrs worth \$7,485.00
- We welcomed 10 new volunteers to our unit!

Welcome to our New Members:

1. Brandi Jennings
2. Donica Key
3. Daniel Mazza Siegel
4. Katherine Seibert
5. Lisa Kauffman
6. Christina Tracy
7. Andrew Wittaker
8. Sharon Gombas
9. Chelsea Harrington
10. Joy Akunne