

Cupertino Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Over 600 community members have trained for disaster response. What part will you play?

- Search & Rescue
- Care & Shelter
- Communications
- **Medical Reserve Corps**
- Block Leader

What do I have to do?

Medical Professionals need only:
Attend 1 hour orientation
Keep contact information current

Additional training is required for non-medical support members.

Partners in Preparedness

- City of Cupertino
- Santa Clara County Fire Dept
- Cupertino Medical Center
- Santa Clara County Public Health
- California Preparedness Education Network



WHAT WILL BE YOUR ROLE WHEN
A DISASTER HITS?



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City of Cupertino Medical Reserve Corps



Be Part of the Solution!

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“I have a mandate from our President to focus on medical preparedness, including homeland security, the war on terrorism, and improving public health. **The Medical Reserve Corps** is critical to our many national preparedness efforts.”

Vice Admiral Richard H. Carmona
Surgeon General
United States Public Health Service

When disaster strikes... everyone can help!



“The **Medical Reserve Corps**, is one way the health professionals can volunteer during large-scale emergencies, such as an influenza epidemic, a chemical spill, or an act of terrorism. MRC volunteers also work to improve the overall health and well-being of their neighborhoods and communities.

“Working together, we are strengthening our communities and, in turn, strengthening our nation.”

Tommy G. Thompson
Secretary
U.S. Department of
Health and Human
Services



www.medicalreservecorps.gov

Quick Facts

About the Medical Reserve Corps

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) program was officially launched as a national, community based movement in July 2002. It was formed in response to President Bush’s call for all Americans to offer volunteer service in their communities.

The purpose of the **MRC** Program is to strengthen communities by using their expertise to promote public health throughout the year as well **during times of emergency.**

The MRC Program is a specialized function of Cupertino’s Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program.

Both are components of Citizen Corps, a national network of volunteers dedicated to making sure the families, homes, and communities are safe from terrorism, crime, and disasters of all kinds. Citizen Corps is part of the President’s USA Freedom Corps

MRC Volunteers include:

- Physicians
- Physician’s assistants
- Nurses
- Pharmacists
- Psychologists
- Dentists
- Veterinarians
- Paramedics
- Emergency Medical Technicians

What do MRC Volunteers Do?

MRC volunteers work in coordination with existing local emergency response programs.

Medical Professionals familiarize themselves with the City’s disaster response plans and emergency medical supplies stored around the City. *Minimum participation requires a 1 hour orientation session and providing emergency contact information. Additional training is available.*

CERT Volunteers participate in the medical response by receiving free advanced first aid training and providing first aid support at community events.

Specialized volunteers

- Ham radio communication
- Spiritual aid
- Legal advice
- Disaster translation services
- Logistics and more!

The **Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)** plays an integral part in our preparedness and response strategy. It provides an organized way for medical professionals and volunteers to offer their skills and expertise during local crises and throughout the year. Locally-based MRC volunteers can assist during large-scale emergencies, such as earthquakes, influenza epidemic, or acts of terrorism. MRC volunteers also work to strengthen the overall health and well-being of their neighborhoods and communities.