



A Newsletter for our ServSTEUBEN Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Volunteers

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Steuben County Public Health Turns 100 Years Old - ServSTEUBEN MRC Unit Turns 5 Years Old!

The year was 1918. The “war to end all wars” was coming to a close. An influenza pandemic swept the nation and the world. And Steuben County Public Health had its beginning with one TB nurse to help control the spread of TB.

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September 23, 2013 was the date ServSTEUBEN MRC Unit #2562 officially became a unit of the national Medical Reserve Corps. This recognition capped much hard work that had gone on for years earlier, to recruit and utilize volunteers in support of public health and community needs. We are so glad you are a part.

A Word From Our Director, Darlene Smith



It’s very important to me and to our collective efforts to have you as a ServSTEUBEN MRC volunteer. Thank you for being willing to serve Public Health and the community in this way.

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) program is a national network of local groups of volunteers engaging local communities to strengthen public health, reduce vulnerability, build resilience, and improve preparedness, response and recovery capabilities.

ServSTEUBEN MRC is the local unit for Steuben County.

Interested in joining? See our webpage for Instructions on how to sign up as a ServSTEUBEN MRC Volunteer:

<https://www.steubencony.org/pages.asp?PID=232>

****Important Notice****

You may have noticed e-mails to all ServSTEUBEN MRC volunteers have been coming from the sender “**Steuben County**” at:

ServNY@health.ny.gov

Please save this e-mail address to your contacts so you don’t miss out on training announcements and updates.

However, to reach your ServSTEUBEN MRC Volunteer Coordinators directly or ask a question, please e-mail: publichealth@steubencountyny.gov

ServSTEUBEN MRC Needs:

We are actively seeking out one or more volunteers to help us by making phone calls from our Bath, NY Public Health Office to verify contact information for ServSTEUBEN MRC Members.

Please call us or email publichealth@steubencountyny.gov if you would be willing to help.

We are very
THANKFUL for YOUR
service!

**ServSTEUBEN MRC
Volunteers Participate in
2018 Point of Dispensing
Exercise**

The annual Public Health exercise, held in April 2018, focused on providing vaccinations to large numbers of people - definitely one of the purposes for establishing the ServSTEUBEN MRC Unit.

Over 20 ServSTEUBEN MRC Volunteers answered the call and came out to help in the exercise.



Welcome Matthew Marmor to the ServSTEUBEN MRC Unit.

“It is an exciting time to be your Public Health Emergency Coordinator and one of the ServSTEUBEN Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer Coordinators. I look forward to working with you during 2019, be it at emergency preparedness opportunities, trainings, or exercises.”

Matthew



ServSTEUBEN Volunteer Coordinators are able to contact you by phone, send you an email, and even text you with information. We use a computer system that sends notifications using information from your personal volunteer profile.

We test the system multiple times a year in order to know we can reliably reach ServSTEUBEN MRC members should an emergency need arise.

A drill message was sent out on November 30th, and all ServSTEUBEN MRC members should have received this notification by phone.

If you did not receive the November 30th notification drill message from us, please call the Steuben County Public Health Office at 607-664-2438. We want to be sure you are receiving our notifications.

Your ServSTEUBEN MRC Training Corner:

Do you have a FEMA Student Identification (called a FEMA SID) number? ServSTEUBEN MRC members are encouraged to have a FEMA SID.

The FEMA SID serves as your unique identifier and is used to register for FEMA training and independent study courses, such as IS-100 or IS-200.

Registration for a FEMA SID is free and easy.

<https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>

**ServSTEUBEN MRC
Members Provided
Preparedness Outreach at
the 2018 Steuben County
Fair – Thanks Volunteers**