The Patient Musing – February 2019

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

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Public Health Medical Material Management & Distribution

Medical material management and distribution refers to Public Health’s capability to receive, properly inventory, store, and distribute medical materials (both medicines and supplies, such as gloves, masks, and ventilators) to medical facilities and Point of Dispensing sites in the county during an incident. Medical materials sent to Steuben County could arrive from a number of sources – private, regional, state, and federal - in response to requests for help. To protect the health of our community, we train and review our emergency plans, ensuring we can effectively pass on medical assets to meet incident needs. Do you know someone with warehousing or logistical experience? Please encourage them to sign up as a ServSTEUBEN MRC Volunteer to help.

A Word From Our Director, Darlene Smith

You can help us prepare for community emergencies by preparing yourself. Do you have a home preparedness kit: Food, Water, Family Communication Plan, Flashlight, and a Battery Powered Radio to get information? Today is the day to prepare! Be Ready!!

ServSTEUBEN MRC volunteers from our local communities strengthen public health, reduce vulnerability, build resilience, and improve preparedness, response and recovery capabilities in Steuben County!

Encourage someone to volunteer as a Medical Reserve Corps volunteer today - 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**

To reach your ServSTEUBEN MRC Volunteer Coordinators
By e-mail publichealth@steubencountyny.gov or phone at (607) 664 - 2438

Please let us know about changes - your mailing address, email, phone numbers, or if you are unable to help out anymore.

Volunteers can always change their own information through their ServNY volunteer profile https://apps.health.ny.gov/pub/servny/

Thank You Shirley S. for Your Assistance Updating the MRC contact list We Appreciate Your Help
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Write Down Your Important Phone Numbers

- Electric company outage phone number/Web site:

- Natural gas company outage phone number/Web site:

- Oil/gas heat service phone number/Web site:

- Telephone company phone number/Web site:

- For more information about outages and public shelters, listen to or contact:

Meet Another ServSTEUBEN MRC Unit Volunteer Coordinator

Terry Moss

Terry has been a MRC Volunteer Coordinator for many years. Terry coordinates most of the administrative details of the ServSTEUBEN MRC: sending out new member packets, fielding calls and questions, and updating the MRC Unit activity log.

Thanks Terry for all of your excellent work!

MRC Tips & Tricks:
The State Education Department requires all Registered Nurses (RN) involved in vaccinating to be current in CPR.

We have identified a need for vaccinators in our emergency plans.

Even under emergency conditions, it is unlikely that the CPR requirement will be waived.

If you are a MRC volunteer licensed as an RN, whether active or retired, be sure you have a current CPR card that you can show at check-in, when you respond to a ServSTEUBEN MRC request for help.

12 WAYS TO PREPARE

- Sign up for Alerts and Warnings
- Make a Plan
- Save for a Rainy Day
- Practice Emergency Drills
- Test Family Communication Plan
- Safeguard Documents
- Plan with Neighbors
- Make Your Home Safer
- Know Evacuation Routes
- Assemble or Update Supplies
- Get Involved in Your Community
- Document and Insure Property

FEMA Infographic found at https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/133450