



MRCSA NEWS

Medical Reserve Corps of Southern Arizona

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All-Hazards First Aid!

Our partners at ICSAVE provide potentially life saving all-hazards first aid training for MRCSA on May 19 from 9:00-11:30 am. (City of Tucson Ward 3 Office, 1510 E. Grant Road.)

ICSAVE will also offer CPR for medical professionals for MRCSA volunteer who require renewal of their certification. *There will be a \$20.00 charge for this training, which includes all training materials and card, payable by check or cash. Please register in advance for this CPR training.*

And Coming Up . . .

Looking forward - 2018 workshops and more!

- July 21 - ***Working With Partners in a Shelter Situation.***
- September 15 - ***National Preparedness Month Mobilizing Community Resources.*** Multi-agency Resource Center and Volunteer Reception Center Exercise
- November 2 & 3 - ***Pandemic Preparedness Workshop and Exercise*** in collaboration with Pima County Health Department and Arizona Dept of Health Services.

"Don't put boundaries on your heart!"

*BJ Miller MD
"What Really Matters at the End of Life"
DuVal Auditorium
March, 29, 2018*

National Mass Care Exercise

MRCSA will be collaborating with our partners in the Southern Arizona COAD during the 2018 National Mass Care Exercise on May 22. A key component will be the MARC, a new concept in resource management.

We will test our ESAR-VHP system which may request actual volunteer response.

The Arizona Poison and Drug Information Center announces a 24/7 Opioid Information Hotline for healthcare professionals.

*The hotline phone number is
1-888-688-4222.*

At the LOOP!



Our thanks to Shannon Dolan, Haley Gladwin, Monse Mejia, Kat Oliver, Daniel Villascueas and Mary Stebbins who volunteered to staff the first aid station at Brandi Fenton Park.

MRCSA collaborated with Pima County Health Department to staff two first aid stations for the celebration of the LOOP trail opening on Saturday March 17.

Our thanks to Barbara Craig, JTED students Samantha Ortiz, Abi Faber and Trevor Ormsby for staffing at Sam Lena Park. Thanks also to the JTED EMT program instructor Michelle Watson for her support.

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And In November . . .

Looking ahead, MRCSA will cooperate with the Pima County Health Department and the Arizona Department of Health Services for a two day Pandemic Preparedness workshop and hands-on drill.

- Friday, November 2 will be a full day workshop at the Tucson Police Department's Miracle Mile Service Center to be followed up on Saturday, November 3 with a half day Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) and Medical Counter Measures (MCM) drill.
- We encourage you to participate in both days. Friday's workshop is training for Saturday's hands-on drill.

LOOP2LOOP



Shannon Dolan, UofA College of Nursing at the LOOP



Barbara Craig, JTED students Samantha Ortiz, Abi Faber and Trevor Ormsby

ESAR-VHP Drill

MRCSA, in collaboration with the Arizona Department of Health Services' ESAR-VHP, conducted a notification drill for our Southern Arizona nurses on March 6.

With this drill, we were looking at response time and, later in the day, demobilization notification response.

The notification message was sent at 10:30 am and within 90 minutes, we had achieved a 43% response rate, while the afternoon demobilization message had an early 33% response. Both of these responses are at or above those in previous drills.

Our next test of the system will coincide with the National Mass Care Exercise on May 22.

If you have not previously registered with ESAR-VHP, please take a few minutes to complete your basic registration at:
<https://esar-vhp.health.azdhs.gov>

ESAR-VHP is a federally sponsored, state managed system for credentialing and notifying our MRCSA volunteers. We are only as efficient as your participation.

2018 Member Survey Results

Thank you! Your responses to our recent member survey tell us that:

- 80% prefer to continue workshops and meetings on their current schedule, Saturday morning between 9:00 and 11:30 am.
- 95% favor workshops conducted by subject matter experts.
- 89% want hands-on drills and exercises
- 84% are interested in neighborhood disaster planning
- 74% are interested in personal and family preparedness
- 68% request all-hazards first aid training
- 47% look for CPR for healthcare professionals
- 79% are currently registered with ESAR-VHP

Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security Health Security Headlines - March 16, 2018 - Jonathon Quick*

• Are We Prepared for the Next Pandemic?

- A dangerous virus, as yet unknown, has the potential to wipe out millions of us. Yet, public health bodies are mired in complacency.
- The risk makes the threat posed by Islamic State, a ground war, a massive climate event or even the dropping of a nuclear bomb on a major city pale by comparison.
- This is not alarmist fiction. It is highly plausible, based on scenarios developed by infectious disease specialists working with disease modeling experts.
- A model developed by a group funded by Bill Gates estimates that a perilous virus, spreading quickly in packed cities, could kill up to 33 million people in just over 200 days with significant economic impact according to Bank of America's Global Pandemic Primer report.
- Three reasons why we aren't deploying everything we have to make sure the next disease outbreak doesn't turn into a global catastrophe:

1. Fear: We all fear death. When we let it override our rationality, we make things much worse.
2. Denial and complacency: Denial undermines the trust needed to combat an epidemic. Complacency sets in when the last epidemic passes.
3. Financial self-interest: Governments plead that there is no budget for preparedness. Vaccines never get developed because pharmaceutical companies cannot balance investment versus potential income.

We know how to stop the next pandemic. There is no excuse for unpreparedness. We must act decisively. The threat is real.

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