

# San Mateo County Medical Reserve Corps and the Midcoast Community Council

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# What is the Medical Reserve Corps?



A network of volunteers, organized locally to improve the health and safety of their communities

MRC units engage volunteers to strengthen public health, improve emergency response capabilities, and build community resiliency

MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals, as well as other community members without healthcare backgrounds

# Why the MRC is Needed?

- Post September 11, 2001.
- Organized approach to channel medical and public health professionals' volunteer efforts.
- Recruitment, training and unified response system.
- Focus on community health needs during a disaster and other public health emergencies.



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# Where are MRC Units Roots?

- **FEDERAL** - Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR), part of HSS
- **STATE** - Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) – California Department of Public Health (CDPH)
- **COUNTY** - Local Emergency Medical Services Agency, a division of San Mateo County Health
- SMC MRC only deploys through a formal activation and call down from one of these agencies.



# San Mateo County MRC



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# The Mission of the San Mateo County Medical Reserve Corps

is to collaboratively serve in assuring the health of the public during emergencies and disasters.

## Vision

- A group of clinical and support professionals who are trained, capable and equipped to deploy to efficiently and effectively provide medical care
- Unified organizational and command structure with representation from all interested communities
- Participation at community events – “locally” and reciprocally County-wide



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# SMC MRC Capabilities & Activities

- Quarterly MRC Member meetings
- Member of the Region 2 MRC Coordinators Group
- Training Plan for MRC Members:
  - Health/medical-based training (CPR, BLS/First Aid, Wilderness First Aid, Stop the Bleed, etc.)
  - Emergency Management (ICS, Ham Radio, etc.)
  - MRC Core Competencies
- Participate in County Exercises, Training and Events
- Maintain Coastside Emergency Operations Trailer & Equipment



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# Current Direction

## Volunteer Engagement & Growth

- Engage new stakeholders and community groups across the County.
- Focus efforts on local community, public and private organizations, COAD/VOAD groups, medical associations, and educational institutes.

## Health & Emergency Response Training

- Quarterly purpose-driven training for MRC members.
- Participation in County sponsored emergency preparedness and/or response activities.

## MRC Preparedness

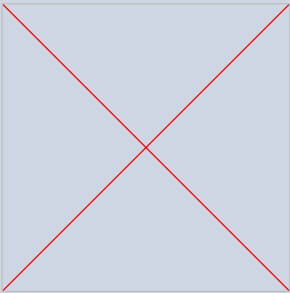
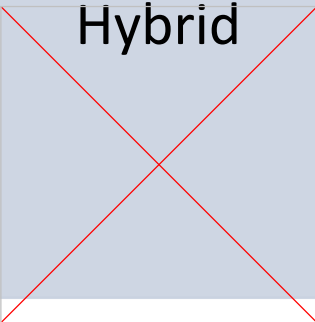
- Maintain and expand emergency medical health disaster response cache on the Coastsides.
- Training on field treatment / medical care in shelter operations.
- Cache inventorying and new equipment acquisition as needed.



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# Get Involved & Spread the Word

| Email                                                                                                                                                     | Attend                                                                                                                                                                | Join                                                                                                          |
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| <p>Email</p> <p><a href="mailto:mrc@smcgov.org">mrc@smcgov.org</a></p>  | <p>Next meeting</p> <p>Wednesday August 5th</p> <p>6 - 7:30 PM</p> <p>Hybrid</p>  | <p>Join the listserv</p>  |



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# Thank You and Questions?



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