

CARING COMMUNITY NETWORK OF THE TWIN RIVERS

GREATER FRANKLIN-BRISTOL CERT/MRC



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UPCOMING EVENTS!

CERT and MRC Orientation Dinner Feb. 10, 2010

Location: New found Regional High School Media Center

Time: 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Welcome to our Newest Volunteers!

NIMS Certification Computer Lab February 24, 2010

Location: Plymouth State University

Time: 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Dinner is included free of charge. Director Jim Richardson will assist members in obtaining their certification that evening. Existing members are also welcome to attend. For new volunteers the National Incident Management System is a required core competency.

To register or for more information please contact Donna Quinn, Coordinator at 603-934-0177 ext 136

The Greater Franklin-Bristol Cert Team Non-Emergency Deployment requests

Director Jim Richardson, has been in discussions with the organizers of the Choose Franklin Day Long Celebration of the City to be held in May this year. Initial discussions have been centered around CERT team members participating in traffic details to assist the City of Franklin Police Department. An initial meeting with Chief Goldstein, Director Richardson, and event organizers will take place on February 8, 2010. Participation in this event will highlight the abilities of our CERT team to assist local law enforcement in their efforts to keep folks safe during the event.

Additionally, initial discussions have been held with event organizers of the Bristol Marathon which is expected to draw a large contingent of runners and walkers this year.

Stay tuned for further updates.

- The State of NH Department of Safety's State MRC Coordinator Curtis Metzger has announced that he has signed an agreement with the Division of State Police to have them bill the MRC Units in New Hampshire for background checks. What this means is that the local/regional units will no longer have find the funding to pay the \$15.00 per person for the checks. The funding will come from a grant administered by the Department of Safety through the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness Response. (check the acronym alley for that one)!

- Vista Corps Volunteer Alyson Cobb, has been actively recruiting new members statewide for the MRC Units. She is doing a great job and our unit has gotten 6 additional volunteers for her efforts. Alyson works through the Community Health Institute in Bow and is funded full time through a grant from ASPR as well. Alyson also coordinates and facilitates the monthly MRC State Coordinators and Directors meeting which brings together unit directors, affiliated partners, and other interested people to provide a central networking session. Thanks Alyson and keep up the good work.

MRC NEWS



Setting Up POD at Winnisquam Regional High School

- The Greater Franklin-Bristol MRC Unit volunteers have participated in 27 clinics held through-out the region since Nov. 11, 2010. To date our member agencies have vaccinated over 1,500 residents and others. Thanks for all the hard work.
- Unit Directors Jim Richardson and Donna Quinn, have recently drafted a Memorandum of Agreement stating that each unit would work together to market, recruit, and train units members. To the extent possible and without jeopardizing existing funding mechanism the majority of trainings will be conducted jointly. Additionally, by combining the purchasing power of both units supplies can be purchased at a discount.
- We are in the process of purchasing MRC clothing and marketing supplies which should be available within the next couple of months. We are attempting to purchase long sleeve jerseys as well.

What has cert been up to lately?



POD Manager Jim Richardson and CERT team member Maryska Gunter at Alexandria clinic.

- CERT Coordinator Ron Giles has stepped down from his position recently. We thank Ron for all his efforts in recruiting for us and wish him all the best. Due to Ron's efforts we now have additional volunteers for the program. We will all miss his big smile and remember the great Christmas Party Ron hosted this past season. Donna Quinn has agreed to fill the Coordinators position on an interim basis until the next round of funding becomes available. Jim Richardson has requested a budget revision from Volunteer NH our grantee which has been approved. As explained by Volunteer NH the check is in the mail.
- The CERT handbook is slated for completion in March of this year and after final approval by the Citizen Corps Council will go to print in April. This handbook is a combination of Standard Operating Procedures and Guidelines for our team members.

Marketing and Recruiting Efforts



CERT team member training

Acronym Alley

Ever wonder what all of the acronyms mean? Here is the code to figure some out. Look for new ones each month:

ASPR: Look on page one

FQHC: Federally Qualified Health Center

IS 317: Introduction to CERT Program