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# MRC: Prepared, Ready, Respond



- National network of medical and non-medical volunteers
- Prepare volunteers through trainings, drills and exercises
- Respond to:
  - Disease Outbreaks
  - Natural Disasters
  - Acts of Terrorism & Bioterrorism
- Volunteer roles:
  - Testing & Community Screening
  - Epidemiology & Surveillance
  - Mass Vaccination & Medical Surge
  - Behavioral Health & More!



# MRC History



- Precipitating Events:

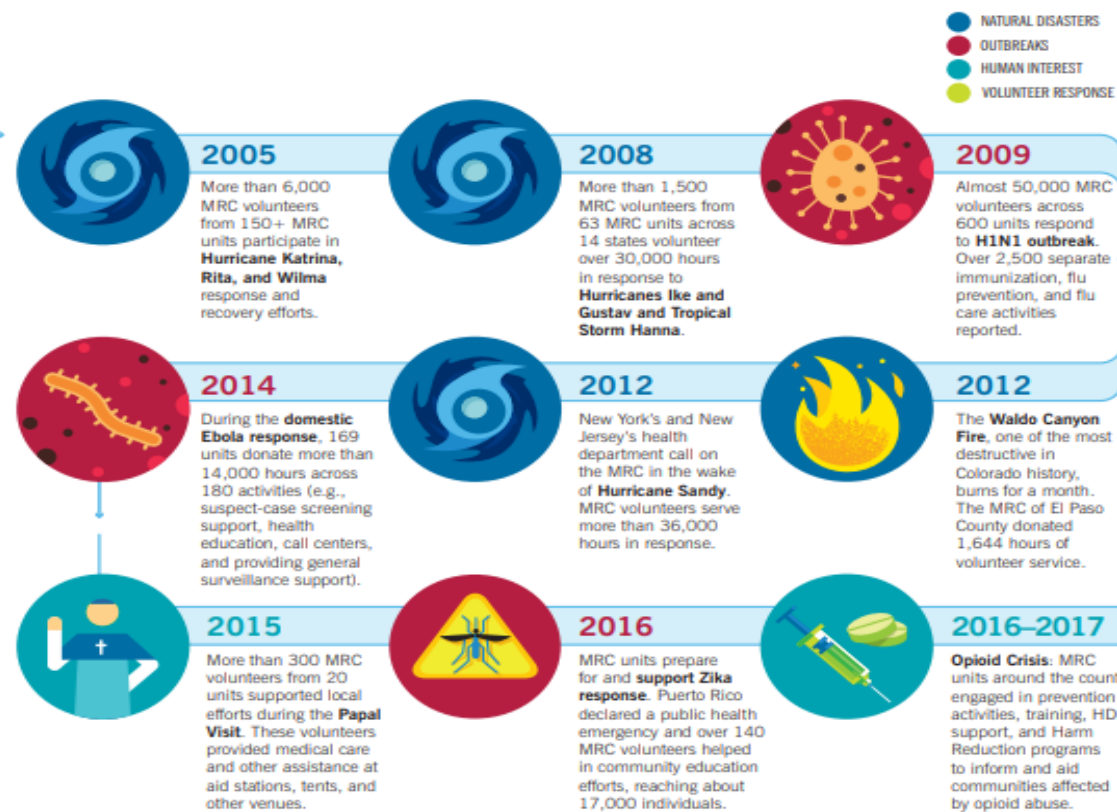
- September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 terrorist attacks
- October & November 2001 Anthrax events
- President G. W. Bush calls for a “Coordinating Council... working to strengthen our culture of service and help find opportunities for every American to start volunteering.”
- 2002: HHS launches MRC Program
- 2006: MRC officially established by Congress



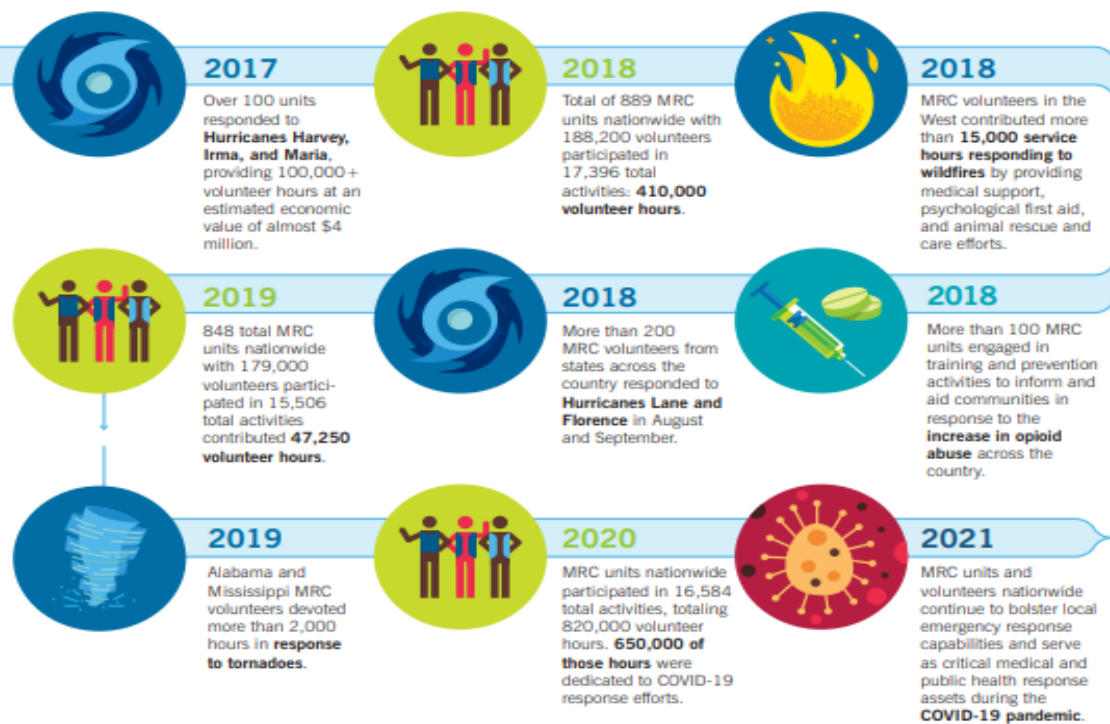
State of the Union Address; January 29th, 2002



# It's All About Service: A brief history of the Medical Reserve Corps



Over the last five years, MRC units throughout the nation have been called upon to serve their communities during an increasing number of severe public health emergencies and disasters. MRC volunteers have risen to the occasion, assisting in a variety of natural disasters and communicable disease outbreaks, as well as ongoing public health emergencies such as the opioid epidemic.



# MRC Present



## United States

- 300,000 Volunteers
- 800 Local Units
- 48 States

## Albany County

- 2677 Volunteers
- 1104 Clinical
- 1573 Non-clinical



- Local MRC unit leadership can vary in size depending on:

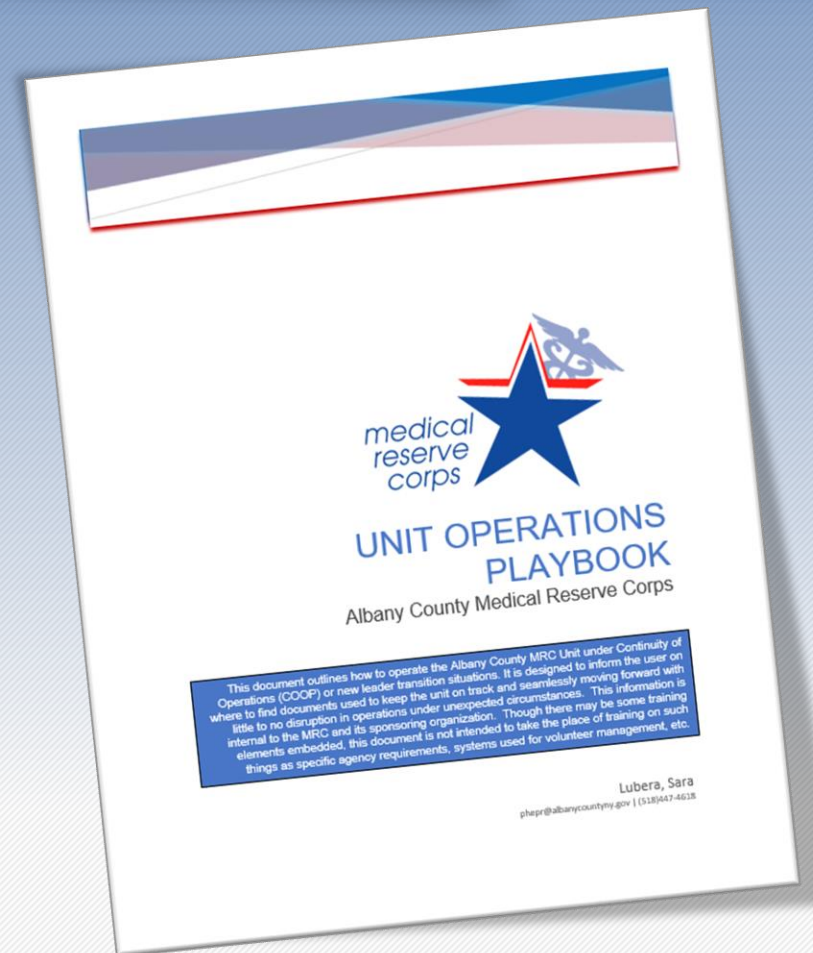
- Population size
- Available resources
- State and Local laws



# Strengthening the MRC



- Personnel transitions can:
  - Reduce unit responsiveness
  - Reduce economic efficiency
  - Limit unit capacity
- Each MRC creates a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)
- The COOP is detailed in the Unit Operations Playbook
  - Contains all vital unit documents and information
  - Updated regularly throughout the year
  - Does not replace personnel training
  - Limits operational disruptions during unexpected circumstances
- The Playbook:



# ServNY Enrollment

<https://apps.health.ny.gov/pub/servny/>



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