What is the MRC?

The MRC-La Crosse Area Unit is community-based and provides the opportunity to locally organize and utilize volunteers – medical and non-medical, who want to donate their time and expertise to promote healthy living throughout the year, and to prepare for and respond to emergencies. MRC volunteers supplement existing local emergency and public health resources.

Our vision is a community where people help each other by preparing themselves and being ready to respond to help others in a public health emergency.

Strengthening the Public Health Infrastructure and Building Community Resilience
MRC-La Crosse

Why join?

- To learn personal and family preparedness
- To promote disease prevention
- To assist with receiving spontaneous volunteers after an emergency
- To assist with mass clinic dispensing
- To support emergency sheltering operations
- To put your skills, education and energy to use

What about training?

All greater La Crosse area MRC volunteers receive an orientation, must complete required training, including Incident Command System (ICS) 100 and Psychological 1st Aid, receive a background check and are provided opportunities throughout the year to train in subjects including volunteer reception center support, shelter support, mass clinic support and a variety of other preparedness and response topics.

Who can join?

Medical and non-medical volunteers*:
- to promote/provide public health and safety education/activities in our communities.
- to train and exercise for response to a public health emergency when called to assist local health and safety officials.

Medical
Physicians, nurses, dentists, behavioral health professionals, pharmacists, veterinarians, epidemiologists, and emergency medical providers.

Non-medical
Interpreters, chaplains, legal advisors, educators, information technology, military staff, amateur radio, clerical, food service, childcare providers, etc.

How can I join?

Persons interested in becoming a member of the MRC-Greater La Crosse Area Unit can visit weavr.org or greaterlacrossemrc.org to complete an on-line application.

Or contact the La Crosse County Health Department with any questions at 608-785-9844.

What about liability?

MRC volunteers are registered in the Wisconsin Emergency Assistance Volunteer Registry (WEAVR) and are protected for participation in established unit training and deployment. §895.48 Wis.Stat. 42 U.S.C. 14051 et seq.

*Volunteers must be 18 years of age.