

CNY REGIONAL

Medical Reserve Corps

Serving Cayuga, Cortland, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Onondaga, Oswego and Tompkins Counties



Central New York Medical Reserve Corps: Annual Report 2015

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Overview of the Central New York Medical Reserve Corps

The Central New York Medical Reserve Corps (CNYMRC) is an eight-county regional volunteer program. Our mission is to recruit, train, and organize healthcare and support professionals to enhance existing public health and emergency response capabilities during times of crisis.

The CNYMRC is an active participant in preparedness and response activities in the Central New York region. The CNYMRC is housed within County Health Departments with the Onondaga County Health Department as the lead agency. The CNYMRC partners with Departments of Emergency Management, the American Red Cross, hospitals, and other community organizations in our region.



The CNYMRC provides training opportunities to its volunteers in the form of online, in-person, and in the field training. Trainings address all aspects of disaster preparedness with an emphasis on mass prophylaxis, hospital operations, and mass casualty events across the region. The goal is to increase the capacity of CNYMRC volunteers to prepare for and respond to public health and emergency response needs within the region.

The CNYMRC's participation in community events throughout our region enhances team building within the unit while assisting community partners with executing their events.

2015 CNYMRC Membership

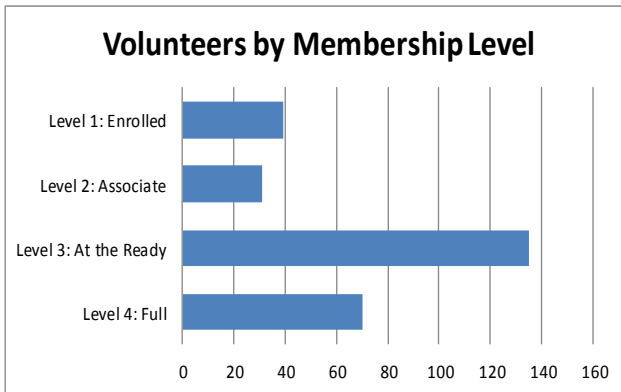
As of December 31, 2015 the CNYMRC has 275 registered volunteers: 161 (or 59%) are healthcare volunteers and 114 (or 41%) are support volunteers. Forty-nine new volunteers joined in 2015. Almost all (249 or 91%) volunteers reside in the CNYMRC counties. The remaining 26 reside in contiguous counties or attend college in our region while permanently residing elsewhere.

Professions Represented:

Physician	18
Physician Assistant	5
Nurse Practitioner	16
Nurse	79
Dentist	1
Pharmacist	7
Respiratory Therapist	1
EMS Professional	17
Mental Health/Counselor	7
Veterinarian	3
Other Public Health/Medical	7
Support	114
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP:	275

County of Residence

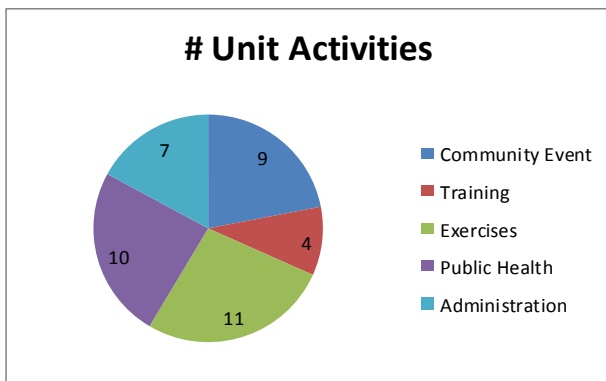




The CNYMRC has four membership levels. Volunteers at Levels 1 and 2 are encouraged to complete required training within the first year of enrollment. Those who are unable to complete the required training in the first year of membership must recommit to the unit and complete training within the second year. Any who have not completed training within the first two years may be removed from the roster. Volunteers in Levels 3 and 4 have completed required training. Of the unit's 275 volunteers, 205 (or 75%) have completed required courses allowing these volunteers to assist during a

crisis as well as participate in drills and exercises in accordance with their healthcare licenses. Seventy (or 25%) unique volunteers participated in unit activities in 2015, keeping or achieving Level 4 Full Membership.

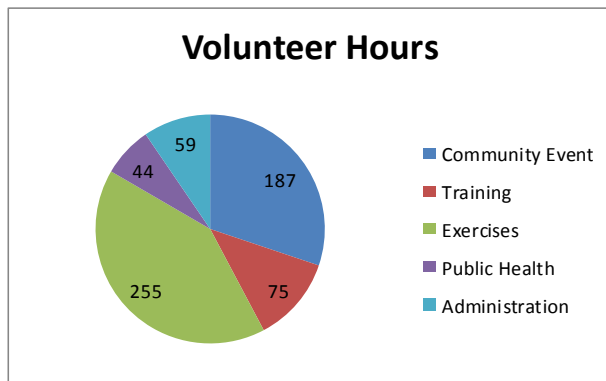
2015 CNYMRC Unit Activities



During 2015, CNYMRC volunteers participated in 41 unit activities in our region. Volunteers amassed 620 hours valuing \$16,943 (based on DCEMRC Economic Impact values).

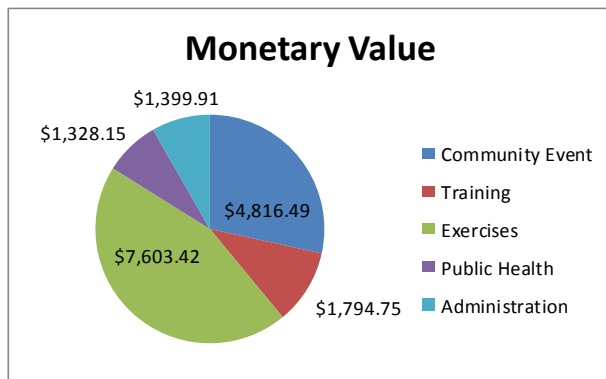
Administrative activities included Leadership Committee meetings and volunteer recruitment events.

Community Events included the Lake Effect Half Marathon, Komen Race for the Cure, Corporate Challenge, Syracuse Ironman, Cazenovia Triathlon, the First In Foundation 5K Run, personal preparedness education at events, and the Salvation Army Christmas Bureau.



Exercises included Point of Distribution (POD) exercises with county health departments, Syracuse University and Ithaca College and mock Ebola patient exercises by our Health Departments.

Public Health activities included rabies and influenza vaccination clinics.



Training included required unit training, unit activity training, and supplementary training.

Required Training

All CNYMRC members are asked to complete the following training: 1) Unit Orientation, 2) Personal Preparedness, 3) Psychological First Aid, 4) IS-700, National Incident Management System (NIMS), and 5) IS-100, Incident Command System (ICS). All healthcare volunteers are asked to complete CPR/AED or its

equivalent. Required courses are available online or as part of classroom instruction.

Communications Drills

Not included in the unit activities listed above are the three times a year ServNY Communications Drills. These drills prepare volunteers by exercising the notification system used by the CNYMRC during times of crisis. The notifications come as phone calls and/or emails.

The percent of volunteers confirming receiving the notification and the type of notification were as follows:

February 2015: Phone, 53.1%

June 2015: Phone and Email, 70.7%

October 2015: Phone and Email, 61.2%

2016 CNYMRC Unit Activities

Below are some upcoming unit activities for 2016:

Administration:

- * CNYMRC County Leader Program

Community Events:

- * Lake Effect Half Marathon
- * Komen Race for the Cure
- * Salvation Army Christmas Bureau

Exercises:

- * Point of Distribution (POD) exercises with Health Departments
- * POD exercises with partners
- * Other exercises as partnerships develop

Public Health:

- * Project Concern Education Interventions, when requested
- * Rabies Vaccination Clinics, when requested
- * Influenza Vaccination Clinics, when requested
- * Preparedness Education
- * Other public health activities, when requested

Training:

- * Required Courses Training Days, through partnership development and as needed
- * Finger Lakes Regional Training Center courses, when offered
- * Other training courses, when offered