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# MRC Mini-Magnet

**Monthly Update—January 2008**

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## New Acting Surgeon General RADM Steven Galson

To read his latest message to MRC Volunteers, go to:

<http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov/MessageSurgeonGeneral>

## Upcoming Events

**January 17-20—2008 Grand Rapids Camper, Travel & RV Show, DeVos Place—MRC & CERT Information Booth—Thank you to those of you who have volunteered your time. Report to DeVos Place about 5 minutes before your shift. Remember—parking may be a challenge. Come early!**

**January 25-27—2008 Huntin' West Expo, Delta Plex**

**February 21-24—2008 RV Expo, Delta Plex—MRC Information Booth—Need Volunteers**

**March 7-9—2008 West Michigan Women's Expo, DeVos Place**

**March 13-16—Ultimate Sport & RV Show, De Vos Place—Need Volunteers**

**May 2-4—Citizen Corps Conference—Ramada Inn, Grayling**

**May 10-11—Basic Wilderness Life Support Training (Tentative)**

## 2008 Citizen Corps Conference

### A Conference for the Front Line Volunteer

Region 6 and the Michigan State Police-Emergency Management Home Security Division will be co-hosting the 2008 Citizen Corps Conference: A Conference Designed for the Front Line Volunteer. Attached is a agenda and registration form.

### First 10—First Served!

The conference is being held at the Ramada Inn in Grayling on May 2, 3, and 4. There is no cost (except for a \$25 committal fee from each registrant) for 70 volunteers (10 from each region). Your room, meals, and training materials will be covered using Citizen Corps Grant dollars and a Region 6 grant allocation.

Once those dollars are expended, each region can select another 10 volunteers to attend, but there will be a cost of \$200 each to attend (again this includes their lodging, meals, and course materials). Regions decide who they send, but only FRONT LINE VOLUNTEERS will be accepted. This conference is not designed for the Fire Fighter, police officer, emergency manager, coordinator who oversee's a Citizen Corps program.

**Check your emails for more information.**

**RESPOND IMMEDIATELY  
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED!!!**

## MRC Deployments

In May 2007, the Reno County MRC (KS) sent 10 nurses and assistants to Greensburg, KS in response to the South-Central Metro response to the EF-5 tornado. MRC volunteers provided tetanus shots to responders working in the disaster area. At the same time, Reno County experienced flooding and the MRC assisted the local health department provide tetanus shots in flooded areas.

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*Have you been sipping from your goblet? Remember...you are unique and special!*



## This Weekend's Camper Show Volunteer Schedule

Thursday, January 17—3:00—6:00 pm 6:00—9:30 pm	Jack Stewart, Melissa Ponstein Jennifer Goss, Vernon Goss
Friday, January 18—Noon—4:30 pm 4:30—9:30 pm	Julie Bulson, Tim Bulson Alexanne Stone, Sabrina Stone
Saturday, January 19—10:00 am—3:00 pm 3:00—8:00 pm	Miki Cain, Ann Ward, Art Ward, CERT CERT Volunteers
Sunday, January 20—11:00 am—2:30 pm 2:30—6:00 pm	Teresa Farah, Mike Farah Carole Wheeler, Jennifer Goss

## MRC Newsletter Survey Results (Highest to Lowest %)

- 1. What information would you like to see in the MRC Mini-Magnet?**
  - Upcoming Events—100%
  - Upcoming Trainings—100%
  - Upcoming Drills & Exercises—80.8%
  - Links to Regional Workshops—80.8%
  - Michigan Updates
  - Michigan Regional Updates
  - National Updates
  - Photos
  - MRC Achievements
- 2. How often would you like to receive a Mini-Magnet newsletter?**
  - Monthly
- 3. How would you like to receive your Mini-Magnet?**
  - Via Email—90.9%
- 4. What have we overlooked that you think would be an important addition?**
  - Whatever it takes to keep us informed, involved and active!
  - State of the Union from Senez Rodriguez, Executive Director. Names only of new volunteers.
  - Awards and achievements pertaining to local group.

## 2007 Awards

### Citizen Corps Volunteer of the Year

Dr. Richard J. Hodgson  
Director of Hyperbaric and Wound Healing,  
Spectrum Health

### MRC Volunteer of the Year

Ann Ward  
Deputy Chief, Grattan Fire Department

### MRC Splinter of the Year

Joanie Johnston  
Paramedic



Lt. Jack Stewart, Alexanne Stone & "Dr. Rick" Hodgson

## New Volunteers

**Juli Whaley**  
**Sarah Ann Leese**