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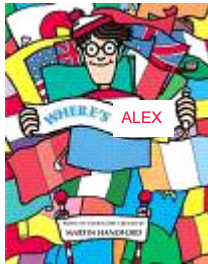
Weekly Update—April 16, 2007

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Where's Alex?

This week Alex will be at the **MRC National Leadership and Training Conference** in Providence, RI from April 17-20. If you need to contact her during next week please contact her via cell phone: **616-826-0428** or email at: **Alexanne13@comcast.net**

She'll be coming back with reports on best practices in building, branding, expanding and funding the MRC. Some of the exciting topics being covered are: MRC Core Competencies, Working Together to Build a Strong MRC Brand, Volunteer Recruitment and Retention, Forging Powerful Partnerships, and Integration with MMRS (Metropolitan Medical Response System).

Topic of Keynote: "Pandemic Influenza: Link to Local Community Volunteers" + Keynote speakers include:

Rajeev Venkayya, MD - *Special Assistant to the President for Biological Defense Policy, White House Homeland Security Council*



Dr. Rajeev Venkayya's office is responsible for coordinating U.S. Government preparedness and response activities for pandemic influenza, including the development of the *National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza* and the recently-released *Implementation Plan*.



RADM Kenneth Moritsugu, M.D., M.P.H. -

Acting Surgeon General

Rear Admiral Kenneth P. Moritsugu, was appointed the Deputy Surgeon General by Assistant Secretary for Health and Surgeon General David Satcher on October 1, 1998. Dr. Moritsugu has been Acting Surgeon General since the retirement of Vice Admiral Richard H. Carmona.

As if those two alone aren't enough, additional Conference speakers include:

Joseph Henderson, MPA, *Senior Management Official, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, New York State Dept. of Health, Office of the Commissioner*

CAPT Robert Tosatto - *Director, Medical Reserve Corps Program*

Michael Caldwell, MD, MPH - *Commissioner, Dutchess County Dept of Health (NY)*

RADM (Rear Admiral) Michael Milner, *Dept. of Health & Human Services*

David R. Gifford, MD, MPH - *Director, Rhode Island Dept. of Health*

Admiral John O. Agwunobi - *Asst. Secretary for Health, Dept. of Health & Human Services*

Brian Flynn, EdD - *Associate Director, Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress*

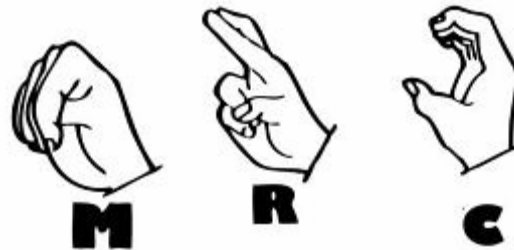
We'll get a recap of this Conference at our meetings on April 25th and 26th. Please try to attend as we'll talk about what applies to us and how best to move forward with some new and exciting tools!

Why CERTainly ...

This past Saturday was the CERT First REGIONAL PRACTICE CALL OUT!

What does that mean? CERT members were given a tiny heads up that there was going to be a call-out on that day but other than the core planning group, no one knew when, where or what to expect.

Weather wasn't as bad as predicted and turnout was great. A fun, safe play time was had by all! Below are just a few photos borrowed from the CERT website; to see more visit www.cert-wcm.net



Special Needs communities are always a concern as we work with disaster preparedness and emergency response. Thanks to Matt for doing his homework on this, we have a May appointment set up to begin working with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Services in Grand Rapids. They are planning to participate in our May CERT Final exercise and, from there, begin to work with MRC and CERT to provide assistance with the deaf and hard of hearing in recruiting, planning, exercising, and public awareness.

Important Dates:

Wednesday, April 25th, MRC Information & Training Meeting (Note change in date from our regular 3rd Thursday meeting):

The training portion will be an update from the National Conference - (the first hour) and the 2nd hour will be an update on what we're doing including preparation for the AWLS class. Info & Training meeting goes from 6:00 -8:00 pm and pizza will be provided for dinner. RSVP to Alex so she'll know how much pizza pie to order.

Thursday Morning the 26th - MRC Executive Committee Meeting

from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. in the MRC Conference Room at 678 Front Avenue NW, Suite 235.

*"Some people go through life trying to find out what the world holds for them only to find out too late that it's what they bring to the world that really counts."
~ Anne of Green Gables*