

# MRC Mini-Magnet

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## Tight Squeeze!

The MRC Monthly Training and Information Meeting on Wednesday night the 25<sup>th</sup> was

**exhilarating!** We had 18 attendees and have officially

outgrown the conference room. We are moving the meetings to a new location - soon to be announced! We can't ask for a better problem to have than too many volunteers!

**The exhilaration** didn't stop there, followed on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> with an exciting Executive Committee meeting, the pace is picking up! One of the things decided by the Executive Committee is that quarterly meetings are too far apart. We've decided to meet every 6 weeks as the MRC picks up it's pace.

**Incredible!** Basic Disaster Life Support (BDLS) class in Big Rapids on April 24<sup>th</sup> was also excellent. Attended by Alexanne Stone, Josh Trumpie and Ann Ward, from Kent County, we joined 68 other MRC and CERT volunteers, and medical professionals for the 6-hour class. Those to whom it applied received 4 CEUs from the class. **Thank you to Connie Maxim, Damon Obiden and Dr. Jerry Evans** for their presentations. This is an excellent class. If you didn't have the chance to attend, we'll keep you in the loop for the next one.

**Thank you** to the MRC Volunteers who have agreed to help this year's Kent Career & Technical Center healthcare students test their skills. We'll be spending time evaluating their procedures and assisting in helping them prepare to work in the "real world".

We are aware of the following people who have graciously volunteered: David Foster Eager, Vicki Huffman, Alexanne Stone and Ann Ward.

If you have volunteered directly through KCTC and Jim Allore, please let Alex know so she can get you on her list. If you would still like to volunteer, here is the information: May 14-18 - 6:55 am - 9:15; 9:15 - 11:30 am; or 12 Noon - 2:15 pm. Call Jim Allore directly to register: (616)292-7224.

## Trainer Opportunities

The Region 6 training opportunities are still available. These would be based on your availability and provide you with a small stipend for your travel and time to train Medical First Responders throughout Kent County and beyond in several different disciplines. Again, these "Competency Based" classes are being developed by the Region and you will be provided with the entire PowerPoint presentation, handouts, tests and answers, etc. You will also be trained as a trainer in the areas for which you qualify.

There are actually some who have volunteered to become trainers and will start training when the Region's program is underway. Those are: Mike Farah-EMT-P, Ed Trachtman-Physician, Ann Ward-EMT-P & Deputy Fire Chief, Carole Wheeler-RN, and Christine Wojtaszek-RN. Please let Alex know if you are interested.