



Dear MRC Leaders,

This crossword puzzle is an option for inclusion in your local orientation programs for new and prospective MRC members. The intent is to have FUN while reinforcing basic MRC-related concepts!

You also could offer the crossword as an “icebreaker” for gatherings of existing members, and possibly for presentations with response partners with whom you’re seeking to build stronger relationships.

The intent is to introduce—or reinforce—fundamental concepts to MRC units nationwide. This exercise can offer additional consistency in the knowledge base of MRC membership.

If you would like to consider this exercise for your unit, consider these tips:

1. Review the concepts listed in the answer sheet (PAHPA legislation, history of the MRC, etc.) on your own. Discuss these topics as part of your orientation or general meeting/event. You might want to create and provide a handout of these materials for members to review.
2. Photocopy and distribute the blank puzzle to your members.
3. Allow 10–15 minutes for members to complete the puzzle, possibly working in small groups.
4. Review the clues with the group, and see how many answers the group was able to complete correctly.

We hope your members enjoy this exercise while learning more about the role of the MRC.

ENJOY!

Many thanks to Nancy Burns from the Upper Merrimack Valley MRC for her hard work and creativity in assembling this crossword puzzle.

MRC CROSSWORD PUZZLE CLUES

ACROSS

1. National network of local volunteer units that improves the health and safety of communities nationwide
8. Influenza A viruses found chiefly in birds
11. Document describing an agreement between two organizations (abbr.)
13. A measure taken to protect or prevent against exposure to disease
15. Guidelines to specify how a response organization should operate (abbr.)
17. System used nationwide to coordinate emergency preparedness and incident management among various federal, state, and local agencies (abbr.)
18. A furry friend that also benefits from emergency planning
19. Healthcare provider trained to provide pre-hospital emergency medical care; often in an ambulance (abbr.)
21. Legislation that codified the MRC Program (abbr.)
23. Allied health professionals that specialize in providing respiratory therapy (abbr.)
26. Auxiliary healthcare provider certified to assist individuals with basic healthcare needs, activities of daily living, and provide bedside care (abbr.)
27. Operating component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, based in Atlanta, whose mission is to promote health and quality of life by preventing and controlling disease, injury, and disability (abbr.)
29. It is crucial to _____ with our affiliates for coordinated response
31. The Office of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps is based in the Office of the U.S. _____
33. Unaffiliated volunteers who appear unexpectedly and show up spontaneously at disaster sites (abbr.)
35. As a community service, some MRC units support First _____ stations at local events
37. Clinics set up quickly for prophylaxis: Emergency Dispensing Sites (also referred to as PODs) (abbr.)
38. Type of volunteer that is the focus of the MRC; not in the military
41. Shh! Late at night in a shelter, clients are asked to remain _____ so everyone can rest
43. In preparing for a response, we prefer to _____ on the side of caution
44. Shorter name for influenza
45. Healthcare professional registered to implement the practice of nursing (abbr.)
46. During triage, medical personnel look first to assess the victim's Airway, Breathing, and Circulation, or _____
47. Agreeing to take someone's place by serving as a _____
48. Members of response organizations work together as a _____
49. To prepare for a range of deployments, most MRC units train for all-_____ response
53. Families and individuals are encouraged to develop a disaster _____
54. According to the Incident Command System, the Public Information Officer or _____, is assigned to speak with the media
57. Postal code for Hawaii
58. Type of preparedness exercise that stimulates discussion of various issues regarding a hypothetical situation or scenario; Often conducted while sitting in a conference room
59. Any _____ or woman who wants to serve their community is encouraged to consider joining or supporting their local MRC
60. The MRC promotes _____ and safety within local communities
61. MRC units prepare to supplement a response in case of an _____

DOWN

1. A mass disaster in which there may be casualties or people may be at risk (abbr.)
2. MRC units are encouraged to train their members by helping them meet the MRC core _____
3. The U.S. Surgeon General appointed in 2002, when the MRC program was launched as a demonstration project, was VADM Richard _____
4. Abbreviation for Organum Visus, the organ of sight
5. Postal code for Rhode Island
6. Advance practice clinician licensed to practice medicine with the supervision of a licensed physician
7. Large quantities of medicine and medical supplies to protect the American public if there is a public health emergency (abbr.)
9. Application or award for funding to develop an initiative or program
10. The Office of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps has a cooperative agreement with this organization (abbr.)
11. Postal code for Michigan
12. The Office of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps is housed in the _____ (abbr.)
14. Technical Assistance guides created to help developing and established MRC units
16. Private or Principal Investigator (abbr.)
20. MRC- _____ is an optional learning resource available to MRC members (abbr.)
21. Dispensing site where medications may be available and distributed to the public for prophylaxis (abbr.)
22. It is wise to gather supplies in preparation for the first few days of a disaster into a 72-hour _____
24. A standardized, on-scene, all-hazard incident management concept in the United States (abbr.)
25. Most prevalent discipline (type of health professional) represented in the MRC
28. It's important to plan for those who have Special _____ in case of disaster
29. Postal code for Pennsylvania
30. Paramedics are among the medical professionals who provide Advanced Life Support, or _____
32. Disaster response organization founded by Clara Barton: American _____
34. Members of the MRC agree to _____ their skills in the event of disaster or in ongoing service to their community
36. The rampant and even worldwide spread of a disease or epidemic is known as a _____
37. The Emergency System for Advanced Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals, or _____, is a state-based registry of healthcare personnel who volunteer to aid in an emergency (outside of their local jurisdiction)
39. Short for Ventricular Fibrillation; a cardiac condition involving spasm of the ventricle(s)
40. Postal code for Illinois
41. Methods for keeping ill or exposed individuals from infecting others include isolation and _____
42. According to ICS and NIMS, the person in charge at a disaster is the _____ Commander
43. Conducting a tabletop or full-scale _____ periodically is imperative for testing response plans
50. Postal Code for Alabama
51. Abbreviation for Zinc Acetate (an antiseptic)
52. Familiar, shorter term for prophylaxis
55. A method for responding to an individual's reactions after a disaster; intended to offer basic initial behavioral healthcare after a crisis (abbr.)
56. Brief training that is provided onsite is known as Just-in-Time, or _____, training
57. Emergency communications can greatly benefit from the involvement of _____ radio operators
59. Ordinary people like you and _____ can provide essential services to our community through our local MRC unit