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CURRENT EVENTS

- **Grand Rounds at Public Health**
 - All Medical Reserve Corps volunteers are cordially invited to attend the monthly Grand Rounds held at Public Health, 625 Fifth Street, Santa Rosa on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 12:15 to 1:15pm. Space is limited so you will need to reserve a space by either leaving a message at 707-565-4496 or email phtraining@sonoma-county.org. One (1) continuing education unit is available for currently licensed medical doctors and nurses.

SAVE THESE DATES! : UPCOMING TRAININGS AND EXERCISE

- **JUNE 23RD: Mass Dispensing Site Exercise**
 - On June 23, 2005 we will be holding a Mass Dispensing Exercise in Santa Rosa. It will run from 8:00am to approximately 2:00pm. The focus of this exercise will be on setting up and staffing a mass dispensing site. Trained MRC volunteers are invited to take part in this drill. Additional details and information will be forthcoming. Questions? Call Gabrielle at 707-565-4427 or email dhs-mrc@sonoma-county.org.
- **Tell your friends and co-workers**
 - We are offering another round of orientation trainings for licensed health professionals who have not taken this introductory training. If you have friends or co-workers who are interested in becoming a volunteer member of the Medical Reserve Corps, this is an opportunity for them to join in. The next orientation training will be held on April 5, 2005 from 9:30 to 12:30 in Santa Rosa. Three (3) CEU/CME's are available for attending this training.

For further information or to find out what other training dates are available call Gabrielle at 707-565-4427 or email dhs-mrc@sonoma-county.org. Check our website for a complete list of training dates www.sonoma-county.org/mrc.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Wednesday Night Markets:**

- If you would like to help staff the Public Health booth at the Wednesday Night Markets held in downtown Santa Rosa (beginning Wednesday, May 18, 2005 and running through August 24, 2005), please contact Ann Baechler, RN at 707-565-4579 or email abaechle@sonoma-county.org. Focus will be on educating the public about West Nile Virus prevention. .

Duties include attending a short pre-set-up briefing of current public health issues presented by Dr. Leigh Hall, Deputy Health Office for Sonoma County; setting up and packing up booth materials; and, talking to the public. Required hours will be from 4:30 to 8:30 pm.

- **USDOE Emergency Response and Crisis Management Grant Project:**

- The US Dept of Education has awarded a grant to the Sonoma County Office of Education (SCOE) and the Redwood Empire Schools Insurance Group (RESIG) to fund emergency preparedness efforts in the County's public schools. Part of this grant includes providing a Train-the-Trainer Workshop to train people to become Red Cross Authorized Providers of CPR/AED and First Aid. Graduates of this training will then be qualified to train and re-certify school district personnel as needed and at an extremely reduced rate. They would like a Medical Reserve Corps volunteer to be one of these trainers.

Requirements include being currently CPR/AED and First Aid certified and able to attend three training sessions--a total of twenty hours. The dates of the next training are Wednesday, October 5, 2005 (5-: 9:30pm), Thursday, October 13, 2005 (8-4:30pm), and Thursday, October 20, 2005 (8-4:30pm). If you are interested, please call Gabrielle at 707-565-4427 or email dhs-mrc@sonoma-county.org.

REMEMBER to check our website:

www.sonoma-county.org/mrc

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