



# POLK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS VOLUNTEERS

## SPRING 2015 NEWSLETTER



### New Volunteer Database

Early this year, we asked all our MRC volunteers to re-apply to the volunteer database system. Last December, the system was upgraded. This was a positive change but the new system didn't transfer records previously entered by volunteers. For this reason, we were asking all MRC volunteers to enter their information into the new volunteer database.

We would like to thank all MRC volunteers who already applied to the new Polk MRC Volunteer Database. Also, we want to remind volunteers that the deadline for re-applying to the new system is **June 1st, 2015**. After this date, only volunteers in the new database will be considered as active MRC volunteers. To re-apply, visit the Polk MRC website ([www.polkcountyiowa.gov/mrc/](http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/mrc/)). This is a quick process and it will update your volunteer status in the program. If you have any question about the re-application process, feel free to contact us at [PolkMRC@polkcountyiowa.gov](mailto:PolkMRC@polkcountyiowa.gov) or (515) 286-3798.

### 2015 Volunteer Annual Meeting

We would like to invite all MRC volunteers to our Polk MRC volunteer meeting. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the Polk County Health Department (1907 Carpenter Avenue, Des Moines).

We are planning to discuss the Polk MRC priority scenarios and possible community activities. More information about the event and RSVP form will be sent in the upcoming weeks.



### Editing Your Information

The new volunteer database allows MRC volunteers to update their personal and professional skills and availability at any time. Volunteers just need to click on the tab called **Apply/Update** at [www.polkcountyiowa.gov/mrc/](http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/mrc/) and enter their email address. As part of the MRC guidelines, volunteers will be asked to verify their information every three months.

### 2015 Volunteer Week

The week of April 12, 2015 was National Volunteer Week. Volunteers can make a big impact in the pursuit of creating and maintaining a healthy community. Thank you again for being a volunteer at the Polk County MRC!

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& Prepared Communities*

