

# Medical Volunteer Program Riverside County

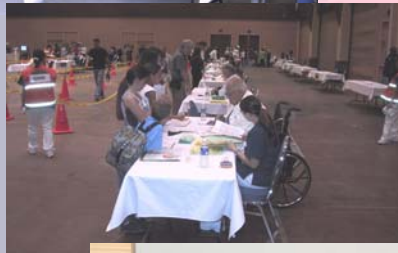
## What is the Medical Volunteer Program?

The MVP of Riverside County supports the Riverside County Emergency Response System.

The Riverside County unit is community-based and functions to locally organize and utilize volunteers. When a public health emergency occurs, the need for volunteers will be tremendous. MVP will be used to supplement existing resources when a disaster is of a magnitude that overwhelms existing resources.

## Targeted Volunteers

MVP volunteers include medical and public health professionals, such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians, and epidemiologists. Other community members, such as interpreters, chaplains, office workers, legal advisors, etc... can fill other vital roles.



## What is the Purpose of a MVP?

- Recruit health professionals and medical support people into volunteer service
- Train and educate members
- Support the medical/health needs of Riverside County
- Participate in non-emergency essential public health services, such as health education and community outreach
- Integrates volunteers and first responders for emergency response

## Why Join?

In a disaster, everyone wants to help. Lessons learned from 9/11 and severe weather show that many volunteers who show up to help cannot be used. The pre-registering and pre-credentialing of volunteers allows the MVP to match the skills of the volunteers to the needs of the region. This increases the efficiency of volunteer assignments and reduces the work of processing volunteers during an emergency.

## What do I gain from Volunteering?

As a volunteer, you will gain personal satisfaction, a chance to make a difference in your community, an opportunity to network in your community, and knowledge that you are part of a community-wide emergency response effort.

## Levels of Volunteerism

MVP of Riverside County offers various levels to serve as a medical volunteer. All volunteers registered in Riverside County will be entered into the Disaster Healthcare Volunteer System for California. Once registered, a volunteer can indicate a preference to be a local medical volunteer (i.e., only in Riverside County), a medical volunteer to be deployed anywhere in California, or to be available for federal deployment as part of the Riverside County Medical Reserve Corps.

## How to get more information

If you have questions, you can contact Anthony Shaw, the Riverside County Medical Volunteer Program Coordinator at 951 358-7100 or e-mail [ashaw@co.riverside.ca.us](mailto:ashaw@co.riverside.ca.us)

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