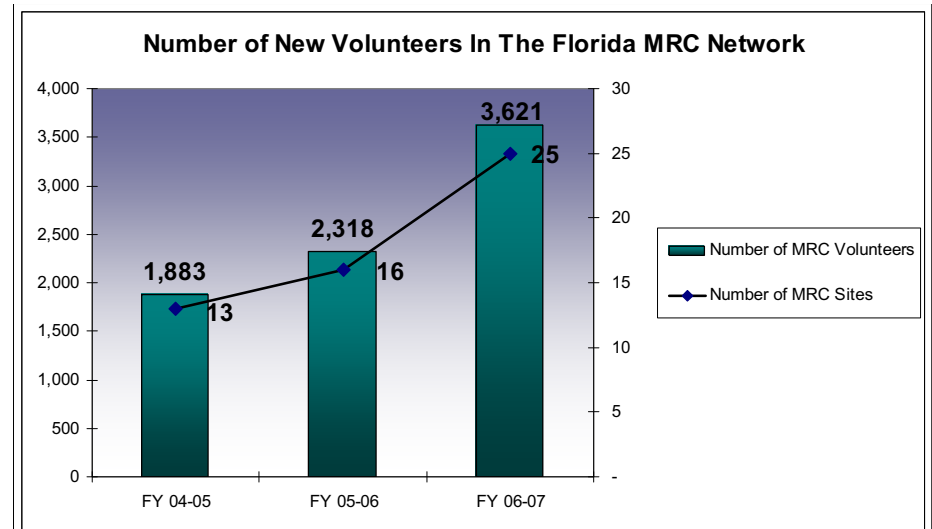


# Florida Medical Reserve Corps

*Public health preparedness requires healthcare volunteers to assist in disaster response. The mission of the Florida Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Network is to augment local community and state-level health and medical services with pre-identified, trained and licensed private volunteers during emergency medical operations and other vital public health activities. The MRCs are community based and function to locally organize and utilize volunteers—health care practitioners and others—who want to donate their time and professional skills.*

## Why is This Important?

- The Corps improves Florida's capacity to meet local and state emergency preparedness needs by increasing the volunteer base.
- The Corps assembles volunteers who are part of a team, trained and ready to serve their community.
- The Florida MRC Network ensures statewide coverage for quick and coordinated response based on Emergency Operations Center (EOC) needs for volunteer healthcare professionals.





## *Florida Medical Reserve Corps, cont'd*

### How is Florida Doing?

- The Corps has recruited 3,621 volunteers (through June 30, 2007)
- There are 25 MRC sites, serving 51 counties in Florida
- Since 2004, the number of MRC sites has grown from 13 to 25 statewide
- The goal of the performance measure is to increase MRC volunteers statewide by 700 each year
- To become a MRC volunteer, go to [www.servfl.com](http://www.servfl.com)
- To learn more about the national MRC effort, go to [www.medicalreservecorps.gov](http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov)





## Florida Medical Reserve Corps, cont'd

### What is Involved in Creating a Medical Reserve Corps?

- Preparedness means being ready to deal with emergency situations that affect essential health and medical functions.
- It involves having community and state-level health care providers that are pre-identified, trained and licensed.
- MRC units create teams of professionals that are ready to be activated for a coordinated response.

### What is the State's Role?

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- Recruit and retain screened and credentialed volunteers necessary to meet local needs.
- Train, prepare, organize and manages volunteers.
- Facilitates a MRC Network for continuity of information, resources and partnerships.
- Monitor and evaluate processes to document the positive impact on a community's health and safety.

### Florida Initiatives

**The Florida Medical Reserve Corps Network** facilitates local MRC site partnerships, coordination of activities and effectively utilizes resources. The program provides uniform guidelines and core training, which yields consistency of volunteer abilities.

**Healthcare volunteer licenses** are verified every 30 days through Florida Emergency Health Volunteer Registry, which is a database management tool that provides local administration with statewide connectivity for a coordinated emergency response.

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