

The mission of the North Alabama Medical Reserve Corps is to recruit and train medical and non-medical volunteers to supplement existing community organizations in preparing for and responding to an emergency or disaster and to provide community education in disease awareness and prevention during non crisis times.



April

Spring Community Events

The NAMRC participated in several community outreach and training events during the spring. In April the Huntsville/ Madison County EMA held a small business resiliency workshop co-sponsored by the Women's Business Center of North Alabama, the University of Alabama-Huntsville, and Alabama A&M University. The NAMRC provided an informational booth at this event, and distributed disaster preparedness materials, Med-Trackers, and public health educational information. Also in April, NAMRC volunteers participated in the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) Volunteer Symposium. This cross-training event addressed the need for responding volunteers to be familiar with their role as an ADPH volunteer. Presentations focused on the particular role of a nurse, pharmacist, social worker, and amateur radio operator in the event of a disaster. In May, Redstone Arsenal hosted Be Ready Week with the theme of "Preparing Today for the Hazards of Tomorrow." During Be Ready Week an information session was held highlighting preparedness for special groups including senior citizens and special needs populations of all ages. The NAMRC along with the Huntsville/ Madison County EMA and the American Red Cross administered educational preparedness materials to these groups.



May 1

Safety Optimist Style (SOS) Fair

Community outreach and health education is central to the mission of the NAMRC. To continue to increase awareness and encourage personal and family preparedness, for a third year the NAMRC sponsored a booth at the SOS "Safety Optimist Style" Fair. NAMRC volunteers stressed the importance of emergency preparedness and planning at SOS through interactive educational activities and coloring books for children.



If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for the NAMRC, please contact our office at 256.881.7321 or visit our website at www.northalabamamrc.com

May 4


Maynor and Mitchell Eye Center Senior Expo

The NAMRC participated in the Senior Expo held at the Von Braun Center in Huntsville. This annual event draws thousands of senior citizens from Madison and the surrounding counties. To align with this year's game show theme, the NAMRC booth was a take on the classic game show "Truth or Consequences." NAMRC volunteers highlighted the consequences of not being prepared for a disaster or emergency. The booth included an interactive example of an emergency preparedness kit, as well as the top 10 items to include in a kit. Volunteers also handed out educational packets, Med-Trackers, and pandemic influenza materials at this year's event.



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Serving the Community

May 27

Personal and Medical Professional Preparedness Seminar

The NAMRC partnered again with the Huntsville-Madison County EMA, HEMSI, and MCMS in May to present the Introduction to Personal and Medical Professional Preparedness seminar in the Health Promotion course at the UAHuntsville College of Nursing. The presenters emphasized the importance of the medical community being personally prepared for an emergency so they are better equipped to respond to a community emergency or disaster. Other topics were also covered at this seminar including developing a communications plan and designing a medical "go-bag." A representative from each organization explained their role in emergency preparedness planning and response to disasters in Madison County.



HEALS, Inc.
Health Establishment at
Local Schools
Huntsville, AL

"Providing free, accessible, school-based health care for children"

Physician Needed
HEALS, Inc.

HEALS, Inc. is in need of a physician to work four (4) to twelve (12) hours per week in the school-based health clinics. The physician will work in a pediatric/family practice setting with elementary age children and their siblings of all ages, up to age 19. This physician must be able to become a Medicaid Provider. HEALS is a 501(c)3 non-profit community organization. Salary will be negotiated. Visit www.healsinc.org for more information.

June 2-6

2010 Integrated Medical, Public Health, Preparedness and Response Training Summit

The NAMRC Director and NAMRC Coordinator attended the 2010 Integrated Medical, Public Health, Preparedness and Response Training Summit in Las Vegas, NV June 2-6. The NAMRC presented a poster during the conference showcasing the Family of Medicine that has been formed by the MCMS, Madison County Medical Alliance, and NAMRC. The "Family of Medicine" has been a means to develop a strong network in the medical community, as well as, foster relationship building with citizens and other community agencies/organizations. The NAMRC poster was intended to be used as a model for other MRC units working to develop powerful partnerships within their communities.

July 4

City of Madison 4th of July Celebration

Last year, with the support of the Madison County Medical Alliance and the MCMS, the NAMRC purchased a Chill Zone portable misting station. The misting station was utilized at this year's City of Madison 4th of July Celebration to combat the anticipated extreme heat. NAMRC volunteers monitored the misting station and provided safety information on extreme heat for this year's 20,000 participants.



July 31 & August 1

Rocket City Beach Bash—Downtown Huntsville

The EarlyWorks Museum held the first Rocket City Beach Bash benefit on July 31-August 1 in downtown Huntsville. A portion of every admission was donated to the Governor's Emergency Relief Fund, which will help in rebuilding Alabama's Gulf Coast. Over 400 tons of sand was dumped along Fountain Circle to make the event truly like a day at the beach. NAMRC volunteers staffed the NAMRC misting station, and it was a huge hit with both kids and parents. It is estimated that over 2,000 participants attended this 2-day event. Below: Volunteers set up the Misting Station before the event kick-off; event goers enjoy cooling off.

