

LINN COUNTY

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Linn County Medical Reserve Corps Event:

Informational Kickoff Meeting

An informational meeting for the **Linn County MRC (Medical Reserve Corps)** unit will be held on Monday, February 28th, 7 p.m. at the Linn County Emergency Management Agency located on the Kirkwood Community College campus. The MRC Kickoff Meeting will introduce potential volunteers to our mission and how it will function in Linn County. Volunteer opportunities are available for medical professionals as well as non-medical support staff. For more information or to register for this meeting, please visit our website: www.linncounty-ema.org .

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Background:

The **Medical Reserve Corps** (MRC) Program is an affiliate program of the national **Citizen Corps**. Its purpose is to strengthen communities by helping medical, public health and other volunteers offer their expertise throughout the year as well as during local emergencies and other times of community need. MRC volunteers work in coordination with existing local emergency response programs and also supplement existing community public health initiatives, such as mass vaccination, medication dispensing, and special needs shelters. The MRC program is administered by HHS.

Citizen Corps was created by the President of the United States in 2002 and is coordinated by Department of Homeland Security/FEMA. It was established to help coordinate volunteer activities that will make our communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to any emergency situation. It provides opportunities for people to participate in a range of measures to make their families, their homes, and their communities safer from the threats of crime, terrorism, and disasters of all kinds.

Linn County MRC Informational Kickoff Meeting:

Date: Monday, February 28

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Linn County Emergency Management Agency
6301 Kirkwood BLVD. SW, Cedar Rapids

Cost: Free

Register: Online at www.linncounty-ema.org under Training Opportunities
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