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**Public Health Department**

Santa Clara Valley Health & Hospital System



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**Dear Medical Volunteer for Disaster Response,**

On behalf of the Santa Clara County Public Health Department, I would like to first thank you for registering with our Medical Volunteers for Disaster Response program, a federally recognized Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). Your dedication to serving the disaster medical-health needs of our community is admirable, as is your commitment to volunteerism.

Since the implementation of the program, the Public Health Department has been working hard to further develop and adequately fund our MVDR program. I am pleased to announce that we have procured additional grant funding and have hired a MVDR Coordinator and several other contractors that will support the training and exercise needs of the MVDR program.

We have also made some significant changes to the program that will provide various opportunities for member participation. Members may now simply register for volunteer service, become a sworn Disaster Service Worker, or participate in a functional/deployable team. These changes were made to enable all of our volunteers to find the best fit for their desired level of participation.

In order to properly update the MVDR membership and to provide an opportunity to hear from you, we have scheduled two informational meetings. We are encouraging every member to attend this very important program update. Each session has the same agenda and is being offered twice in an attempt to meet member scheduling needs.

**Saturday, July 19, 2008 from 1 PM – 4 PM**

*or*

**Thursday, July 22, 2008 from 6 PM – 9 PM**

Both meetings will be held at the Santa Clara County Sheriffs Office Auditorium located at 55 Younger Avenue, San Jose, CA 95110. Parking is available adjacent to the building or in the County parking lot across the street from the main entrance.

***Dedicated to the health of the whole community***

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Prior to the meeting, you may also wish to visit the Medical Reserve Corps website at [www.medicalreservecorps.gov](http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov) to see how other medical volunteer groups operate across the nation. The Santa Clara County MVDR Program has a webpage on the site that can be located by selecting the "Find MRC Units" link, and then selecting the Santa Clara County MVDR Program.

Please take a moment to confirm your participation for either meeting via email at [craig.young@hhs.sccgov.org](mailto:craig.young@hhs.sccgov.org) or by phone at 408-885-2044.

Thank you for your dedication and continued support of our Countywide Medical Response System (CMRS).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martin Fenstersheib MD". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Martin Fenstersheib, MD, MPH  
Health Officer

## Medical Volunteers for Disaster Response Program Summer 2008 Membership Update

Description	Notes
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	Josh Davies, Prehospital Program Section Manager Santa Clara County Public Health/EMS Agency
<b>Federal Medical Reserve Corps Coordination and Initiatives</b>	MVDR Coordinator Introduction Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Coordination California Medical Volunteers (CMA) MRC Conference 2008 Update
<b>Santa Clara County MVDR Program Updates</b>	Levels of Participation MRC Core Competencies NIMS/SEMS Compliance Equipment and Supply MVDR Coordination & Liaison Contacts Medical-Health Plan MVDR Integration Electronic Notification/Member Profiles MVDR/MRC Website
<b>Training and Exercise Schedule 2008</b>	Level-specific training opportunities Internet Training Resources Exercises & Drills
<b>Introduction to the Medical-Health Mutual Aid System in California</b>	A presentation focusing on how medical-health mutual aid functions in California and at the Federal level.
<b>Introduction to State and Local Medical Resources</b>	A presentation focusing on specific resources available to Santa Clara County MVDR members.
<b>What do Members want from the MVDR Program?</b>	An open discussion to explore member's suggestions and recommendations for the growth of the program.