



SEPTEMBER 2025

National Recognition for Members of Our MRC Unit

Preparedness Starts at Home is the 2025 theme for National Preparedness Month. This back-to-basics theme reminds us to:

- Know your risk for specific disasters
- Make a **family emergency plan & share with family members**
- Build an emergency supply kit to shelter in place & have a go-bag; **it does not have to be expensive**
- Get involved in your community – Thanks for already being an MRC volunteer!
- **Tips for specific disasters**

Newly graduated Readys! Instructors, July 2025



Ginny T, Anita W, Tope Ojo, Laura B, Jim B, Martha E, Rhonda R

On September 25th the National MRC V.I.S.I.O.N. Awards will be announced. The Medical Reserve Corps V.I.S.I.O.N. (Valuing Individuals Serving with Integrity, Outreach, and Nobility) Awards showcase individuals and units who exemplify the values and spirit of the MRC. The awards celebrate exceptional contributions of MRC volunteers whose integrity, service, and commitment to their communities truly stand out. The work of these volunteers strengthens public health and disaster response across the country.

Three nominees from the Northeast TN MRC Unit are finalists this year!

- **Shelby Blevins** is a finalist for the Outstanding MRC Responder Award.
- The **Carter County DART** is a finalist for the Community Preparedness & Resilience Award.
- The **Disaster Mental Health Strike Team** is a finalist for the Community Response Award.

The awards ceremony is being held virtually this year from 3:00-4:30 pm on **Thursday, September 25th**. Use this link at the start of the meeting: [Join the meeting now](#) and enter 278 591 159 304 4 as the event pass code.



Name Change for the DART!

The pilot project, Carter County Disaster Animal Response Team (DART), has a new name to better align it with its mission. The Board of Directors of the 501c3 created in July 2024 has announced the new name: Northeast Tennessee DART, or NET DART. The 501c3 is also the program administrator.

Thank You MRC & DART Volunteers

The Northeast Tennessee MRC Unit worked hard in our communities in 2024-2025. Thank you for all your expertise, dedication, compassion, curiosity, and tenaciousness. You are heroes to the people you helped, educated, or simply shared a smile or hug.

Start Date	End Date	Total Hours	Total Volunteer Shifts	Total Economic Value
July 1, 2024	June 30, 2025	4,853	630	\$162,542

Upcoming Training (Free for Volunteers)

9/29/25 American Heart Association BLS Class from 9 am-1 pm in Johnson City Note: Need 5 person minimum to hold this class. Contact Jayne for details.

10/28 & 10/29 TEEK 348 Medical Preparedness & Response for Bombing Incidents from 8 am-5 pm both days in Johnson City. Contact Jayne for online registration details. Seats are limited.

11/3/25 American Heart Association BLS Class from 9 am-1 pm in Johnson City. Note: Need 5 person minimum to hold this class. Contact Jayne for details.

11/5/25 Youth Mental Health First Aid Certification Course from 8 am-4 pm in Johnson City. Note: Need a 5 minimum to hold this class. Contact Jayne for details.

11/6/25 ICS-100 Introduction to Incident Command System from 6:00-8:30 pm in Johnson City. One-and-done class needed by all MRC and DART volunteers. Contact Jayne for details.

Thank you for your service as an MRC Volunteer or DART Member!



CPR Class 8/18/25

Eileen T, Chad B,
Shelby B, Kim B,
Henry M, Martha E,
Lindsey Z, Jewel T



**Nurse Strike
Team Training**
Leanne Miller &
Melissa Taylor



NET DART Tent Training 8/27/25

Ginny T, Eddy H, Kim
B, Jayne H, Shelby B,
Leanne M, Henry M



**Sana Hasan
MRC/DART
Intern
Summer 2025**

**Thank you for your
hard work on the NET
DART SOP's!**



**ICS - 800 Class
8/7/25**