

MRC Training & Event Opportunities Updated March 16, 2026

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This ICS class will be rescheduled due to the partial government shutdown!

It will take place on Thursday, May 7th if FEMA is operating.

ICS-700b Introduction to the Incident Command System in-person class on **Thursday, March 19th, 6:00-8:30 pm** at the Regional Health Operations Center (RHOC), 185 Treasure Lane in Johnson City. Our MRC Unit offers in-person sessions ICS classes to support members in earning certificates for the four required courses. You do not need to take classes in any particular order although many people take them as 100, 700, 200, 800...Contact Jayne Harper [(423) 979.4596 or Jayne.Harper@tn.gov] to register for this class.

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Northeast TN DART Virtual Car Show Planning Meeting on **Monday, March 23rd from 5:30-7:00 pm**. This is a virtual meeting to review items secured for Silent Auction and Door Prizes, plan for filling volunteer shifts for May 15th & 16th and set schedule for virtual safety training of all involved. **The Car Show uses a formal Safety Plan and provides a full-scale exercise opportunity for all MRC volunteers** – see last item n 3rd page of this list.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/25225081862025?p=RkcdxF1xJN9ftzIVHt>

Meeting ID: 252 250 818 620 25

Passcode: tc6eQ2kE

Dial in by phone

[+1 629-209-4396](tel:+16292094396) United States

Phone conference ID: 427 370 205#

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Youth Mental Health First Aid Certification Course on **Wednesday, March 25th from 8 am to 4 pm** at the Regional Health Operations Center (185 Treasure Lane) in Johnson City.

Youth Mental Health First Aid USA is an 8 hour public education program which introduces participants to the unique risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems in adolescents, builds understanding of the importance of early intervention, and teaches individuals how to help an adolescent in crisis or experiencing a mental health challenge. Mental Health First Aid uses role-playing and simulations to demonstrate how to assess a mental health crisis; select interventions and provide initial help; and connect young people to professional, peer, social, and self-help care.

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Contact Jayne at Jayne.Harper@tn.gov or 423-979-4596 to take register for this course. We have already have a minimum of 5 people and can accommodate a maximum of 30 people for this class.

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The Readys! (Essential Employees Version) & MRC Recruitment seminars. Are you new to The Readys! class and think you may want to co-teach someday? Our unit holds 4 sessions of this seminar tailored to senior nursing students. Come observe and assist, if you feel comfortable. Contact Jayne at 423-608-0548 if you'd like to attend. All seminars are held at Nicks Hall on ETSU campus, near the Culp Campus Center.

- Tuesday, April 7th from 10 am-11:30 am
- Tuesday, April 7th from 2 pm-3:30 pm
- Thursday, April 9th from 10 am-11:30 am
- Thursday, April 9th from 2 pm-3:30 pm

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Washington County Health Department in Johnson City needs **two volunteers monthly** to **staff the front desk** during a mandatory team meetings for the employees on the **3rd Thursday of the month**. MRC volunteers greet people who walk into the health department seeking vital records (Birth or Death Certificates) and answer the phones to take messages. This is a great way to help Public Health colleagues and build rapport with teams at the local level. Dates needed:

- Thursday, April 16th from 8:00-12:00 pm
- Thursday, May 21st from 8:0-12:00 pm
- Thursday, June 18th from 8:00-12:00 pm

Contact Jayne at Jayne.Harper@tn.gov or 423-979-4596 to take a shift

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Volunteers Needed for Exercise!

Annual Full Scale Hospital Surge Exercise is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 21st from 8:30 am-12 pm**. The event is planned by the [Northeast TN Health Care Preparedness Coalition](#) and all Ballad hospitals in the region participate. Volunteer victims are needed to assist with surging the emergency departments (ED) that morning. A team of volunteers is assigned to each hospital and victims are given "roles" to play with a list of signs and symptoms as they present to the ED. There are also volunteer leader roles that need to be filled at each hospital. Leaders are trained to set expectations for the team of volunteer victims and assign the roles that morning to the other volunteers. Interested? Contact Jayne Harper at 423-608- 0548 or Jayne.Harper@tn.gov.

Estimated number of volunteers for each hospital:

- *Sycamore Shoals Hospital in Carter County – 10 volunteers (already covered by Elizabethton High School students)*
- **Greeneville Community Hospital in Greene County – 5 volunteers (Still need 4)**
- *Hawkins Community Hospital in Hawkins County – 3 volunteers (covered)*
- **Johnson County Community Hospital in Johnson County – 2 volunteers (Still need 2)**
- **Franklin Woods Community Hospital in WA County – 10 volunteers (Still need 5)**
- **Johnson City Medical Center (WA County) – 30 volunteers (Registered volunteers from Unicoi County Health Sciences Class; Still need 15)**

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Well-A-Palooza at ETSU on **Wednesday, April 22nd from 10:00 am-2:00 pm**. This is a health fair for students, staff, and faculty held outdoors adjacent to the Culp Center. The MRC will have a vendor table to educate about Emergency Preparedness as well as our Strike Teams. This is a great chance to recruit student volunteers! **We need 2-4 volunteers to staff the event!** Our table will to be set up around 9:00-9:30 am. If you are interested in helping, contact Jayne at Jayne.Harper@tn.gov or 423-979-4596 to take a shift.

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Health Fair/Career Fair at **Johnson City Housing Authority** on **Thursday, May 14th from 1:30 pm-4:00 pm** at their **Community Center** located at 841 Pardee Street in Johnson City. **Two volunteers are needed** to set up and staff the vendor table with information about Emergency Preparedness for people and pets. The shift will be 1:00 pm-4:30 pm. Contact Jayne at Jayne.Harper@tn.gov or 423-979-4596 to sign up for this event.

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Volunteers Needed for Exercise!

2026 NET DART Car Show Fundraiser & Exercise. Scheduled for **Saturday, May 16th from 9 am-3 pm** at **Elizabethton High School Parking Lot**. This event is the annual fundraiser for the Northeast TN Disaster Animal Response Team, a strike team of the MRC unit. The event also serves as a full-scale exercise to carry out a formal safety plan and work with local constables.

If you are interested in helping, contact Jayne at Jayne.Harper@tn.gov or 423-979-4596 to take a shift of 2-5 hours. Bring a friend or relative to help 😊 There are many different types of jobs for volunteers!

- **5-10 Volunteers needed** for set-up on **Friday, May 15th from 3 pm-6 pm**
- **15-20 Volunteers needed** for varying jobs on **Saturday, May 16th**
 - Set-up and event prep **6 am-8 am**
 - Staff NET DART table, Silent Auction, Comfort Station **9 am-3 pm (3 hr shift)**
 - Assist with parking (registered vehicles, vendors, or public) **7 am-3 pm (3 hr shift)**
 - Assist with clean-up and getting resources to storage **3 pm-6 pm**

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Greene County Health Department in **Greeneville** needs **two MRC volunteers monthly** to **staff the front desk** during mandatory team meetings for the employees on the **3rd Wednesday of the month**. MRC volunteers greet people who walk into the health department seeking vital records (Birth or Death Certificates) and answer the phones to take messages. This is a great way to help Public Health colleagues and build rapport with teams at the local level. Dates needed:

- **Wednesday, April 15th from 8:00 am-12:00 pm** (still need 1 volunteer)
- **Wednesday, May 20th from 8:00 am-12:00 pm**
- **Wednesday, June 17th from 8:00 am-12:00 pm**
- **Wednesday, July 15th from 8:00 am-12:00 pm**

Contact Jayne at Jayne.Harper@tn.gov or 423-979-4596 to take a shift

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Carter County Health Department in **Elizabethton** needs **two MRC volunteers monthly** to **staff the front desk** during mandatory team meetings for the employees on the **4th Thursday of the month**. MRC volunteers greet people who walk into the health department seeking vital records (Birth or Death Certificates) and answer the phones to take messages. This is a great way to help Public Health colleagues and build rapport with teams at the local level. Dates needed:

- **Thursday, May 28th from 12:00-4:30 pm**
- **Thursday, June 25th from 12:00-4:30 pm**
- **Thursday, July 25th from 12:00-4:30 pm**

Contact Jayne at Jayne.Harper@tn.gov or 423-979-4596 to take a shift

Carter County has an emergency response training during which the team needs to be present. Two volunteers are requested to cover:

- **Friday, June 26th from 1:15 pm-3:45 pm**

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“To accomplish great things we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.”

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Thank you volunteers for everything you do!