

WALPOLE MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS



WALPOLE'S FOURTH ANNUAL "MEET AND GREET" NIGHT APRIL 26, 2011 HOSTED BY WALPOLE COUNTRY CLUB PLEASE ATTEND!

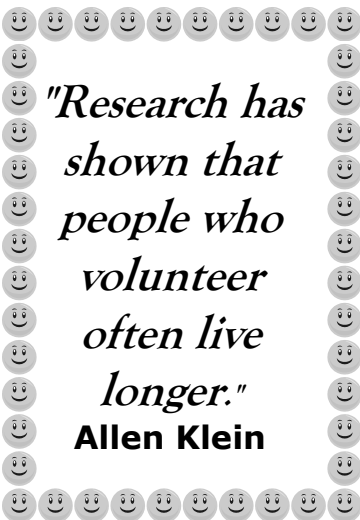
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Come and join your fellow volunteers for our fourth annual gathering on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. as we meet to celebrate our accomplishments over the past year. This year the **Walpole Country Club** has graciously offered to host this event. Have some light refreshments and enjoy the company of new and old friends, some of whom have worked along side you at our flu clinics. We encourage you to bring along a friend or relative so they can hear about our local MRC chapter. Guest speaker for the evening will be Alice T. Coombs, MD, President of the Massachusetts Medical Society.

This evening is our opportunity to thank you for being a valued member of our Walpole MRC. Photo taking for MRC badges will be available for those who need it. We hope to see you there!

Please RSVP by April 14, 2011 to the Walpole Health Department office at 508-660-7321 or e-mail Robin Chapell: rchapell@walpole-ma.gov.



"Research has shown that people who volunteer often live longer."
Allen Klein

MRC Executive Officers:

- Chairperson:** Claire Wolfram, RN
- Vice Chairperson:** Anne Keller, RN
- Secretary:** Rachel Jackson, RN

Newsletter: Gail Nixon
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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

We would like to extend a special thank-you to our friend and colleague, Joe Dorsey, who has recently stepped down as the Vice-Chairperson of our Walpole Medical Reserve Corps Steering Committee. Doctor Dorsey has been active in our MRC since its inception in 2006. We have depended upon him for his experience and expertise, and he has been an invaluable asset at our many flu clinics. Joe will be sorely missed, and we wish him well in his future endeavors.



SCHOOL VIOLENCE RESPONSE DRILL

Scenario Enabling Adaptability by Fred Leland Jr., Lieutenant, Walpole Police Department

This Spring, the Walpole Police Department in cooperation with the Walpole School, Fire, Health, DPW and Emergency Management Departments will be conducting a full scale drill, a *scenario enabling adaptability* to test our preparation and readiness should a complex crisis occur. This full scale drill will take place at the Walpole High School. The procedures, methods and tactics utilized when **responding** to a reported incident of school violence consists of three phases:

Tactical Response, Follow-Up and Post-Incident Counseling.

The goal of this training is to measure the effectiveness of our overall emergency response system in handling a school violence incident. All departments working coactively will have their own responsibilities in a crises situation. Walpole School Emergency Response Plans address these responsibilities which have been discussed in past meetings. The police, the school (teachers, administrators and students), fire personnel, health and emergency management, public works and parents all have *critical roles* to play when responding to an act of violence in a Walpole School. Our effectiveness and our ability to adapt to the lessons learned will be the primary focus of this exercise.

In the initial stages of tactical response and follow-up things are happening fast. We must trust our experience (direct and indirect), our judgment and our intuition. We follow the decision making cycle **OODA=Observe, Orient, Decide and Act!** We take immediate action necessary to meet **OUR OVERALL STRATEGY: Deny the attacker access to potential victims; Defend against further attack.**

Participants may have to employ the following tasks in the operation of this full scale drill:

- 1. EXECUTE THE ETHICAL DECISION MAKING PROCESS WHILE IMPLEMENTING PROCEDURES, METHODS AND TACTICS**
- 2. INCORPORATE LESSONS LEARNED FROM HISTORY AND ADAPT ACCORDINGLY**
- 3. COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY TO INFORM, PERSUADE OR DIRECT NECESSARY ACTIONS**
- 4. CONDUCT SMALL UNIT TACTICAL OPERATIONS ACCORDING TO THE LAW AND BASED ON THE UNFOLDING CIRCUMSTANCES**

In the aftermath of the threat we can follow through as planned and adapt

OUR STRATEGY: Everyone safely evacuated, treated and reunited.

Our follow-up and post incident questions:


Describing key concepts that must be incorporated with unconventional analysis and synthesis, realizing common community outlook, behavioral health impacts, accessing adaptability, the role of leadership, cohesiveness – these are some of the many issues to analyzed. There must be a willingness to make changes based on this learning experience, and ultimately determine how the community can learn and implement these concepts effectively.





These questions that we must answer are the goals for these exercises.




Note: You as a Walpole Medical Reserve Corps volunteer may be called upon to participate in this exercise.







THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!
































The Walpole Medical Reserve Corps now has a video that we hope all of you will view. It explains what a medical reserve corps is and how people from all walks of life can contribute by volunteering. Some of our members took part in the production of this short film. It will soon be on our website at <http://www.walpole-ma.gov/WMRC/WMRCHome.htm>. Please watch the video, and see how many members you recognize! Encourage your friends and families to view it, and get a flavor for what you do. Maybe it will be the catalyst that will propel them into joining you as a fellow MRC member.

The Following Spring Training Courses will be held at Walpole Town Hall

<u>Date</u>	<u>Class Title</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
May 3, 2011 (Tuesday)	Shelter Simulation Tabletop (Doris Moore and Roger Turner)	Senior Center	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
May 12, 2011 (Thursday)	Developing Your Psychological * First Aid Skills (Lisa Jackson and Lisa Kaufman)	Room 112	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
May 17, 2011 (Tuesday)	Are You Ready For Weather Events?	Senior Center	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Training opportunities are for all volunteers.
 Many are run in conjunction with the Walpole CERT Program and
 Walpole Emergency Management and are open to the public.
 Register on line for most of these classes at <http://www.region4a-mrc.org/schedules>
 or by calling the Walpole Health Department at (508) 660-7321
 or by emailing Robin at rchapell@walpole-ma.gov

*Great class for people with an interest in our Behavioral Health Unit!

At a recent meeting of the Walpole Medical Reserve Corps Steering Committee, an election for officers was held. We are happy to report that Claire Wolfram has graciously agreed to continue as Chairperson, and our long time Secretary, Anne Keller, will be our new Vice Chairperson. Thank you both for your continued support. A special welcome to our newly elected Secretary , Rachel Jackson.

WALPOLE CITIZEN CORPS NEEDS YOU:

Are you interested in Animals in Disasters, Mass Care Shelter operations or helping people at Flu Clinics or at other town events? Are you bi-lingual, interested in communications or a HAM Radio operator? Are you looking for volunteer opportunities?

For more information contact Roger at wlp1ema@aol.com or by calling 508-660-7365.