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Campus Medical Reserve Corps unit earns funding award

AMHERST, Mass. – The University of Massachusetts Amherst’s Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) unit has been awarded a \$5,000 federal award to support and increase public health and disaster response activities.

The National Association of County and City Health Officials distributed the funds on behalf of the Surgeon General’s Office of the Civilian Medical Reserve Corps. Almost \$3.2 million was given to MRC units nationwide, to be used for volunteer recruitment and training, supply and equipment purchases, and more

“This award recognizes the UMass Amherst MRC’s emergency preparedness efforts on behalf of our community,” said unit coordinator Ann Becker, R.N., B.S.N. “We look forward to continuing the public health, educational and leadership activities that make MRC units such a valuable resource.”

The MRC is a community-based civilian volunteer program that helps build the public health infrastructure of communities nationwide. Each unit is organized and trained to address a wide range of challenges, from public health education to disaster response. Nationwide, there are more than 700 MRC units and almost 150,000 volunteers.

Created in 2005 as a partnership between University Health Services and the university’s School of Nursing, the UMass Amherst MRC is the country’s first curriculum-incorporated unit, with more than 300 members.

To learn more about the UMass Amherst MRC or to volunteer, visit www.umass.edu/uhs/health/mrc, or call (413) 577-5193.

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