

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 10:

BDLS (Optional)
8:00-5:00 pm
Albany School of
Public Health

June 11-12:

ADLS (Optional)
8:00-5:00 pm
Hudson Valley Com-
munity College

ORIENTATION DATES

Orientation will
be held regularly
for new members
at Greene
County
Emergency
Operations and
Training Center
at 25 Volunteer
Dr., Cairo.

**JULY 10, 2014
5-7 PM**

Greene NY MRC Newsletter

MAY 2014

WELCOME LETTER

The **Greene NY Medical Reserve Corps** has been created to address the limitations of responding to a large-scale public health emergency in Greene County and to be a coordinating unit to mobilize local medical and non-medical volunteers in support of such operations. The unit is housed within the Greene County Public Health Department, which provides management, education, and training to the unit.

YOUR input during these coming months will help define the roles that the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) will play in supporting community resiliency and response to an emergency. Our next steps include providing orientation to anyone interested in becoming a member and connect with people who have previously registered with ServNY as volunteer health professionals in Greene County.

Please look out for upcoming e-mails on our progress and I look forward to working with you all.

Respectfully,

W. Sean Holland

Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
Medical Reserve Corps Unit Coordinator



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The Albany Medical Center Regional Resource Center for Emergency Management will be hosting a Basic Disaster Life Support (BDLS) training and an Advanced Disaster Life Support (ADLS) training in June. Faculty from the National Disaster Life Support Training Center at UT Southwestern will be serving as instructors for these courses.

BDLS on June 10 will be held from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the University at Albany School of Public Health (One University Place, Rensselaer, NY).

ADLS on June 11-12, 2014 will be held from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Hudson Valley Community College Respiratory Care and Paramedic Program (400 Jordan Road, Troy, NY).

Please note:

- Target audience for BDLS includes physicians, nurses, EMS providers, hospitals and long-term care staff, public health and allied health personnel.
- Target audience for ADLS includes individuals with hospital and/or pre-hospital disaster operational response or response leadership role, especially Hazardous Materials Decontamination response.
- Successful completion of BDLS within the past (3) years is a prerequisite for taking ADLS.
- ADLS class size is limited to 45 students. Preference will be given to planning and response partners within the Albany Medical Center RRC region.
- There will be a \$100 no-show fee incurred if you are registered for ADLS and do not attend.

If the course is full please contact Christopher Smith at (518) 262-1070 or smithc12@mail.amc.edu to be added to a wait list.



N.Y. highway department workers get ready to deliver cases of Girl Scout cookies in mock exercise.

MRC IN THE NEWS

Girls Scout cookies debut as medical supplies

Girl Scout cookies have been around for nearly 100 years. But probably in those 100 years there hasn't been as novel a use for them as the one cooked up by Oswego County, N.Y.'s Public Health Department.

Using thousands of boxes of Girl Scout cookies as stand-ins for the likes of antibiotics, vaccines or respirator masks, the health department, assisted by the Oswego County Highway Department, demonstrated how they would distribute medical supplies in a Strategic National Stockpile distribution exercise March 12.

Trucks delivered approximately 29,000 boxes of Girl Scout cookies to the Oswego County Highway Department's garage. Health department staff unloaded, sorted and processed them for shipment. Oswego scout leaders picked up their cookie shipments, while county highway staff trucked the remaining cookies to outlying sites where local scout leaders picked up their orders.

For the full story [CLICK HERE](#)

Information about the Medical Reserve Corps: MedicalReserveCorps.gov

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