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**Office Help:** We always can use volunteers to help with office tasks. Please contact Kathie Vito or Robin Priggemeier in the Salem office.

**Our next meeting** will be on June 19<sup>th</sup>, details TBA. The format will be the same as in January with a pre-session for new volunteers from 3-5 PM, dinner 5-6 PM and a program for all to follow 6-9PM. The meeting will be at the Salem County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) on just off of Rt. 45, south of Woodstown. OEM is located behind the Public Works Department and the County Corrections Center.

**The national MRC meeting** was held April 7-11, 2008 in Portland Oregon. Kathie Vito presented two posters highlighting our unit. It was impressive to see what all the units across the country are doing as part of public health promotion and the response of the California MRC units during the wildfires that were out of control. MRC volunteers helped with moving patients out of nursing homes and hospitals that were at risk plus assisting at shelters for people displaced by the fires. The local response was so extensive when the call went out for help, that few federal resources were needed to be deployed. While volunteerism is priceless, the federal government estimates that several million dollars were saved in the federal response effort due to the local efforts and volunteer contributions, making federal resources available for response to other needs. Thanks to our MRC colleagues in California for demonstrating the willingness in all MRC volunteers to answer the call for assistance.

The **NJLMN system** is now set up to keep track of training done by MRC members via that system. Training done via the on-line learning modules from the University of Albany and other sources is not connected to the system. So it is very important that you send paper copies of certificates of completion to me. I will check records of FEMA courses if you send in the certificates to be sure that the courses are on your NJLMN account. Courses completed prior to this via NJLMN are also not in the system. I will be manually be bringing MRC volunteer accounts up to date from my paper records. Please be sure you have sent in all your completed training.

If you registered originally with the MRC as a student in the health professions, have graduated and passed the licensure exam for your profession, please send a copy of your professional license to the CSMRC office, c/o Kathie Vito, 98 Market St, Salem, NJ 08079

The Public Health and Emergency Preparedness and Response nurses in each of the counties in NJ have worked together on a vaccinator training module and course to be given in each county. The module is designed to give participants hands on experience with simulators as well as to update health professionals on injection procedures. All nurses and other health professionals such as EMT's are welcome to attend. An application has been made for nursing CEU's for 2 contact hours. The training and CEU's will be free of charge. Our objective is to increase the number of people in the state who could give injectable vaccinations in a public health emergency. Our goal is to train 50 vaccinators per 100,000 populations. You don't have to be a member of the MRC to attend but the liability coverage provided by the state in a declared emergency will only cover registered volunteers. The courses will be listed in NJLMN as they are scheduled. If you know of nurses and others that would be interested, please tell them about the MRC and have them contact Kathie Vito for more information.