



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Surgeon General

Medical Reserve Corps

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MRC “At A Glance”

- Mission: Improve the health and safety of communities across the country by organizing and utilizing public health, medical and other volunteers
- Key Points:
 - Organize/utilize locally
 - Integrate with existing programs and resources
 - Identify, screen/verify credentials, train and prepare
 - Include medical and public health professionals, as well as non-health professionals and other volunteers
 - Foster community resiliency



Medical Reserve Corps Units



Alaska	Hawaii	Puerto Rico / Virgin Islands	Guam	Federated States of Micronesia	America Samoa	Northern Mariana Islands	Palau	Marshall Islands

Total MRC Units: **721**

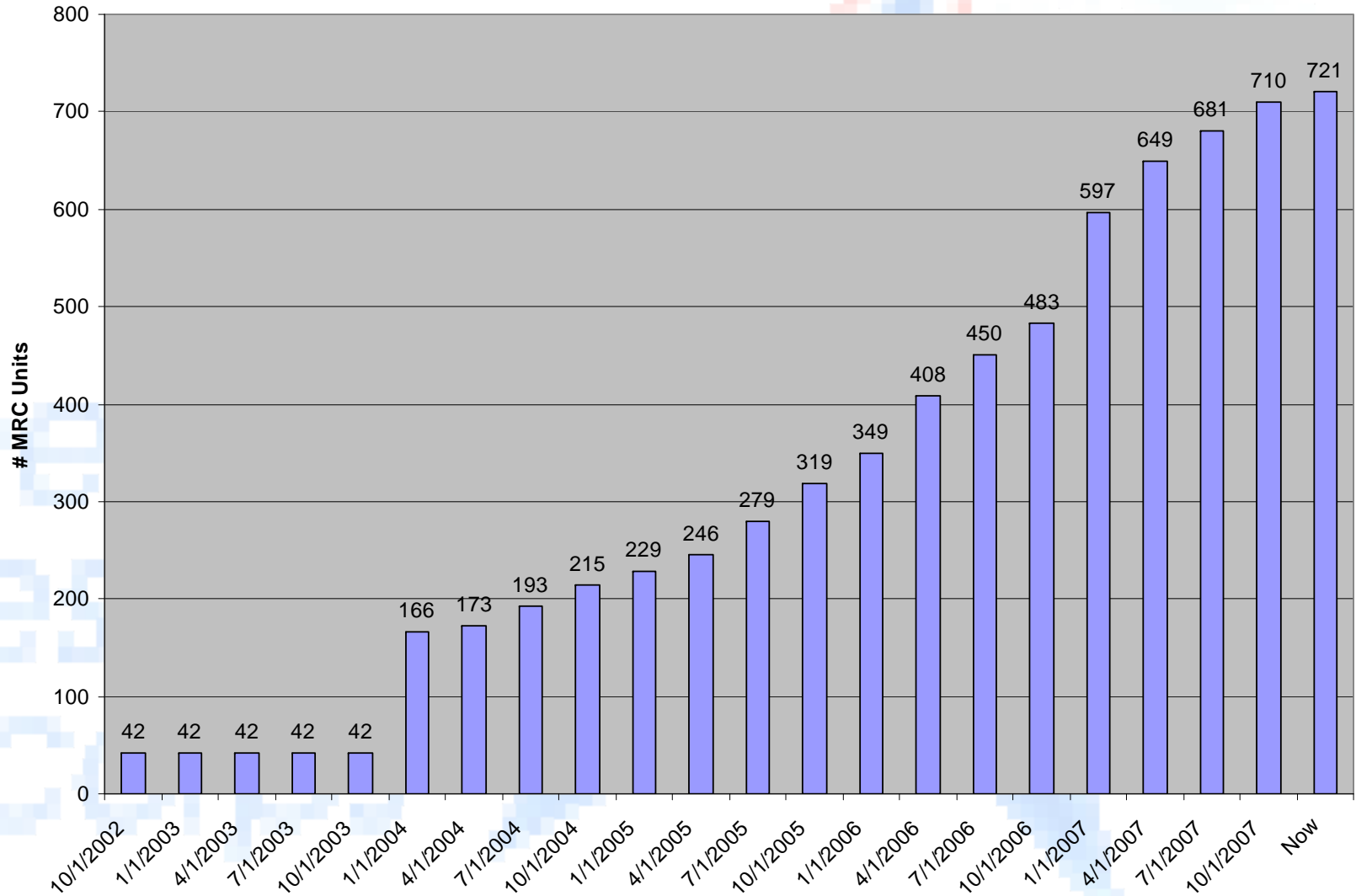


The Medical Reserve Corps is a component of Citizen Corps and the USA Freedom Corps.



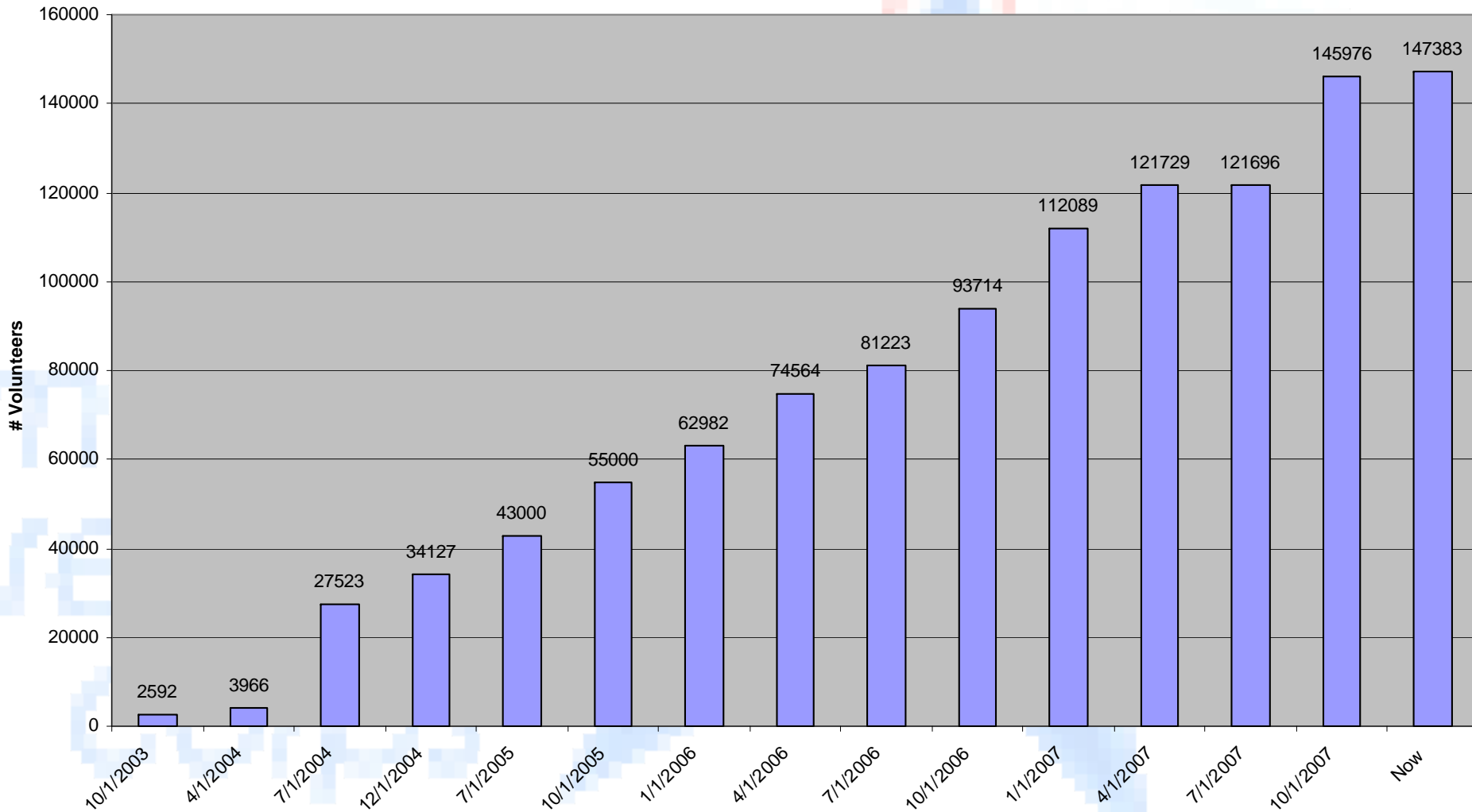


MRC Growth - Units





MRC Growth - Volunteers

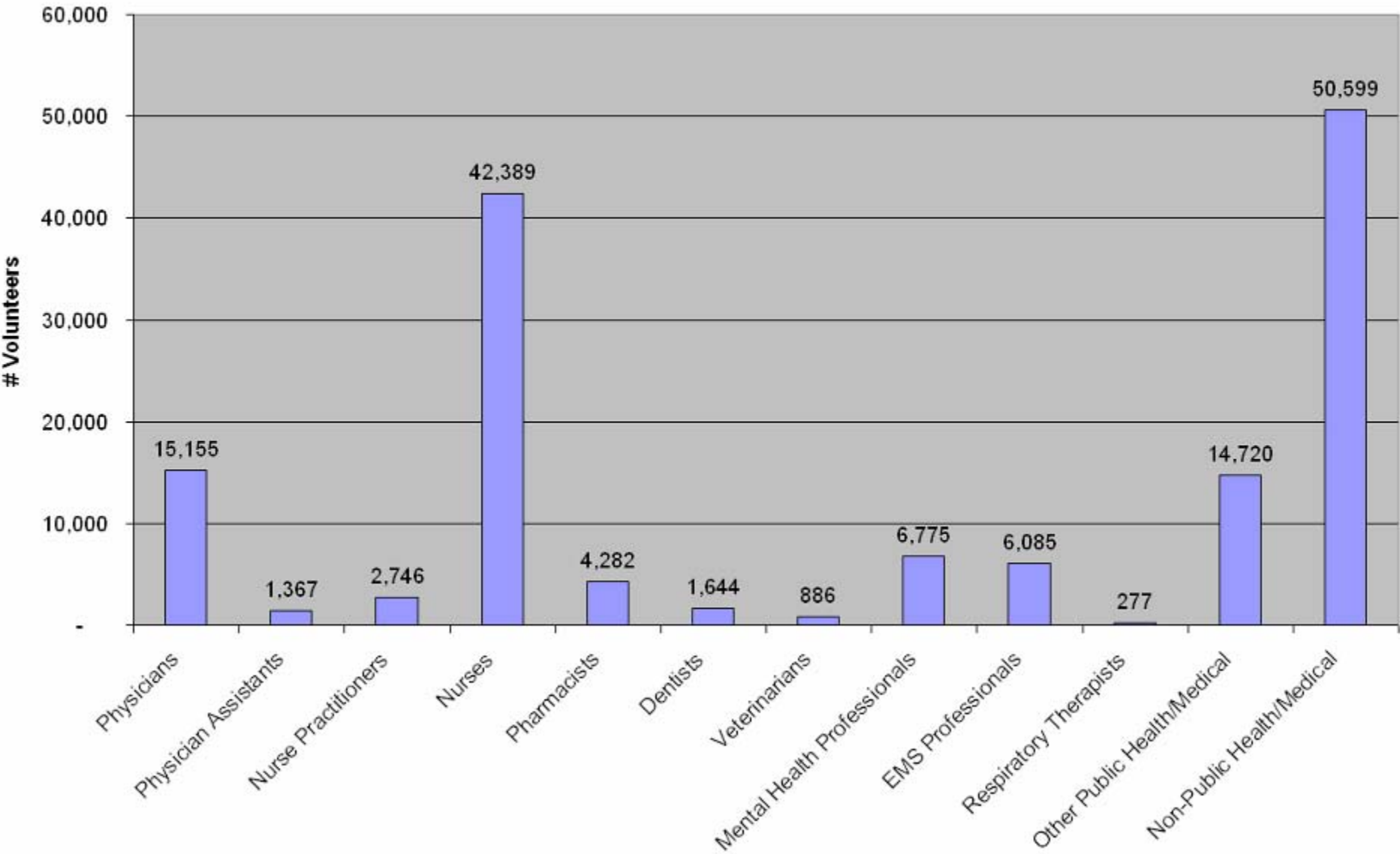




MRC Models

- Community-based = No “typical” MRC
- All MRC units:
 - Provide an organization structure for utilizing members
 - Pre-identify members
 - Verify professional licensure/certification
 - Train/prepare
- Units vary by:
 - Types/number of volunteers
 - Sponsor organizations
 - Partner organizations
 - Local activities

Number of MRC Volunteers by Category





Sponsor Organizations

- Health Departments
- Boards of Health
- Medical Centers/Hospitals
- Medical Societies
- Emergency Management Agencies
- Citizen Corps Councils
- Police/Fire Departments
- Volunteer Centers
- Regional Planning Groups
- Faith Based Organizations
- Non-Profit Community Organizations



Partners

- Health Departments
- Boards of Health
- Health Care Systems/Hospitals/Clinics
- Medical Retiree Groups
- Emergency Management
- Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs)
- Police and Fire Departments
- Community-Based Disaster Groups
- Healthcare Outreach Coalitions
- Retired and Senior Volunteer Programs
- Schools and Universities
- Emergency Medical Services
- Military Organizations/National Guard
- Neighborhood Associations
- City Attorney Offices
- Local Businesses/Corporations
- Others...

MRC Mission/Roles

- “Ambassadors” of the U.S. Surgeon General...support SGs Priorities for Public Health
 - Increase Disease/Injury Prevention Efforts
 - Eliminate Health Disparities
 - Improve Public Health Preparedness
- Specific missions and roles – locally determined



Support Existing Public Health Resources

Sedgwick Co (KS) MRC
Health Screening and Education on
Mother's Day at Zoo



Upper Merrimack Valley (MA) MRC Blood pressure clinic



Support Existing Emergency Resources

Omaha (NE) MRC
Evacuee Shelter - 2005 Hurricane



Bergen Co (NJ) MRC
Dispensing Clinic

Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act (PAHPA)

- P.L. 109-417
- Codified MRC
- “...to provide for an adequate supply of volunteers in the case of a Federal, State, local, or tribal public health emergency”



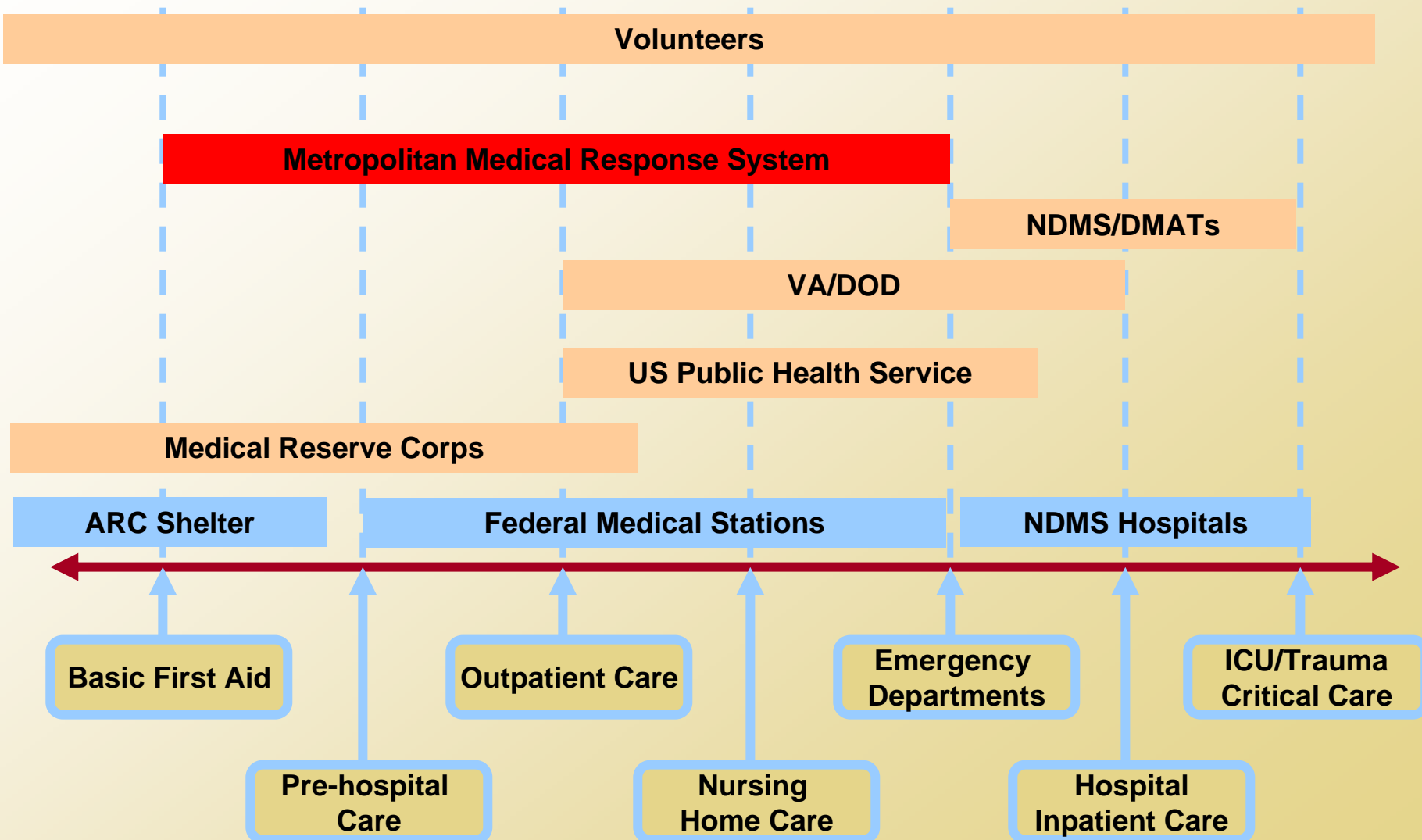
Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) 21

- Issued 18 October 2007
- Subject: Public Health and Medical Preparedness
- Critical Components of Public Health and Medical Preparedness:
 - Biosurveillance
 - Countermeasure Stockpiling and Distribution
 - Mass Casualty Care
 - Community Resilience
- Implementation Actions





Spectrum of Care and Federal Medical Resources





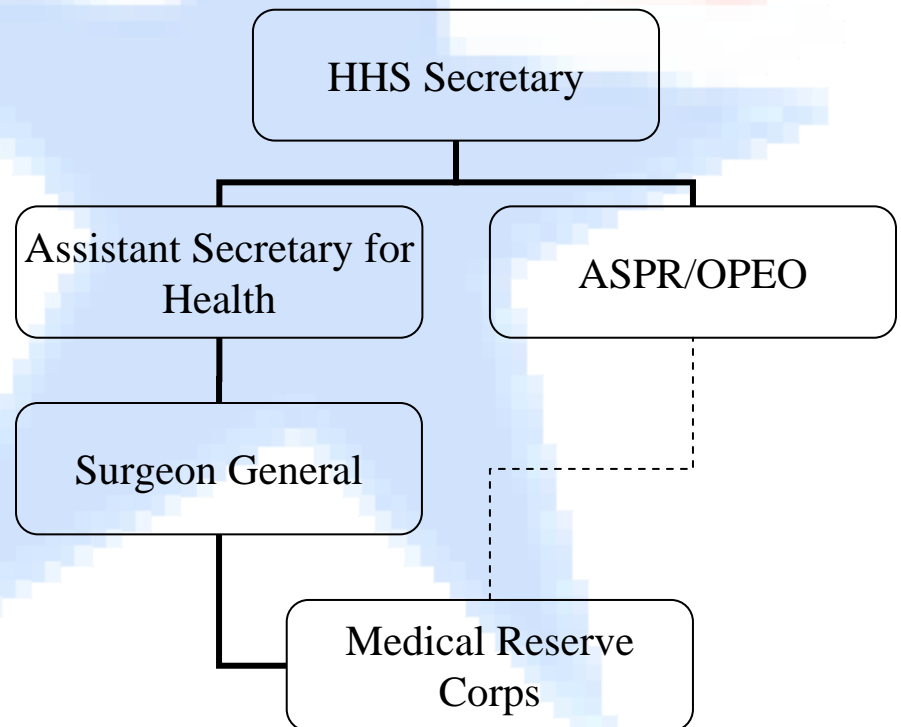
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- Promote Community Resiliency!
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 - Strong and Active MRC Units
 - Federal Deployment Capability



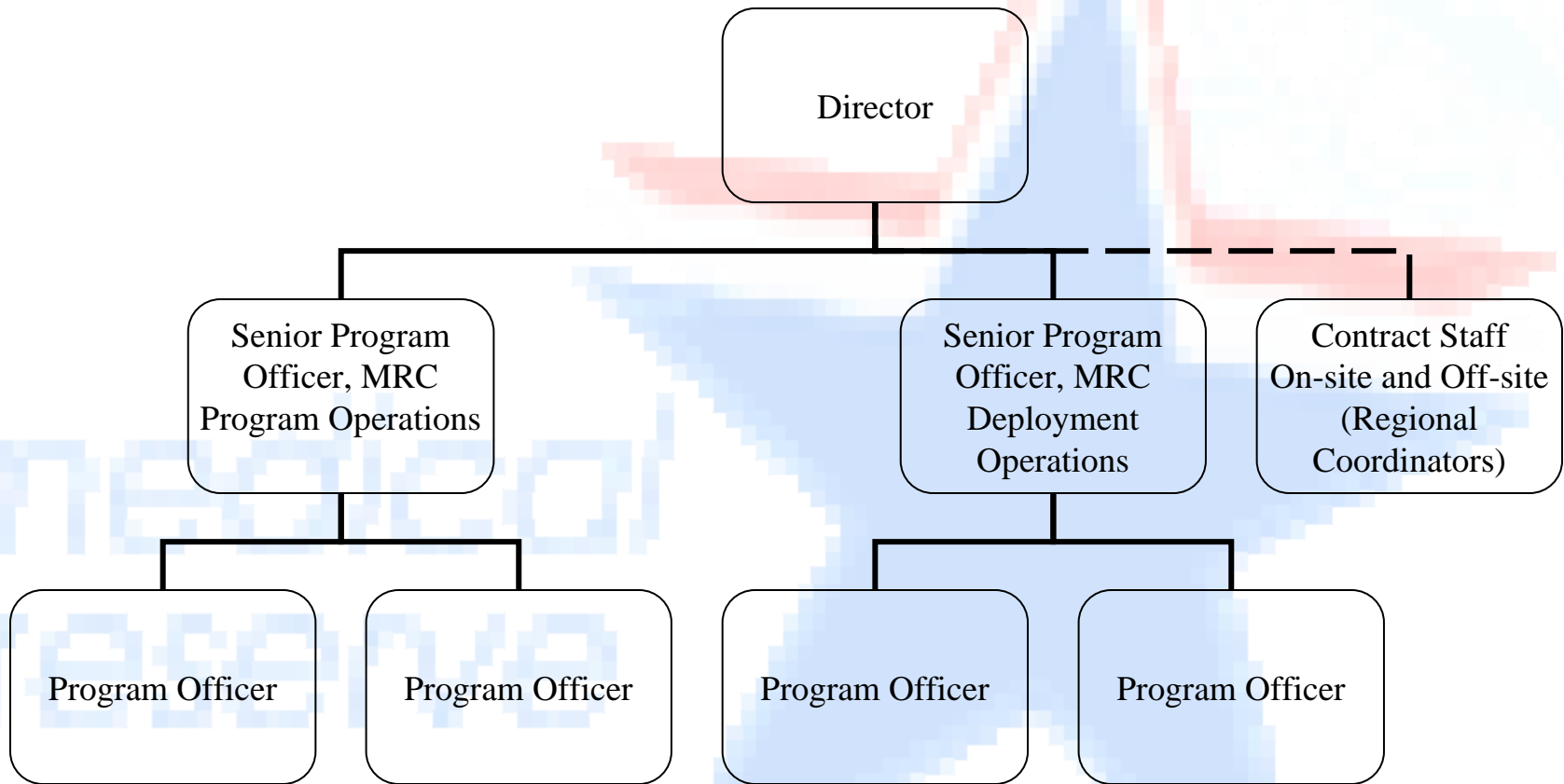
Office of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps

- Headquartered in the Office of the US Surgeon General
- Recently reorganized - direct report to the SG
- Dotted-line relationships with White House (USAFC, HSC), DHS (Citizen Corps) and HHS ASPR





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Awareness/Understanding

- Leaders, policy makers, stakeholders, supporters, volunteers and other community members are aware of the MRC as a potential community resource, and understand the benefits and limitations of the MRC concept
- Strategies
 - Website
 - Partnerships/relationships
 - Presentations/exhibits
 - Marketing/brand awareness
 - Newsletters/articles



Strong/Active Units

- MRC units are able to organize, train and utilize volunteers in public health, preparedness and emergency response activities
- Strategies
 - Registration
 - TA Assessments
 - Technical Assistance
 - Leveraging resources...capacity-building, training
 - Strategic planning
 - Information sharing



Federal Deployment Capability

- Willing, able and approved MRC members support and augment HHS response capabilities
- Just starting...
- Develop processes, policies and procedures
 - Organization
 - Roles/Enrollment Criteria
 - Identification
 - Screening
 - Background Checks
 - Credentials Verification
 - Training
 - Activation



Getting Help or More Information

- MRC Program Office
 - MRCcontact@hhs.gov
 - (301) 443-4951
- MRC website
 - www.medicalreservecorps.gov
- MRC Regional Coordinators
- MRC State Coordinators
- Contact existing MRC units



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