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Advanced Team

Recruitment for the statewide launch for our SERV-OR Advanced Team continues! This initiative aims to decentralize volunteer coordination for State Managed Volunteer Pool (SMVP) deployments by cultivating local leadership that will provide on-the-ground direction, volunteer coordination, mission support, and situational awareness, enhancing Oregon Health Authority’s (OHA) service to the community and deployed personnel. Our vision is to establish a network of regionally appointed cadres of trained volunteer leaders throughout Oregon. **Interested? We hope so! Find out more about the pilot Advanced Team in your area by completing the Advanced Team Interest Form today!**

2025 Legislative Session

SERV-OR Related Bill | The 83rd Oregon Legislative Assembly convened for the 2025 Legislative Session on Tuesday, January 21st. Session-related content, including bills and committee information, is available on the Oregon State Legislature website: [Oregon State Legislature](#).

This year, numerous interesting bills are up for consideration in both the Oregon House (HB) and Senate (SB). Notably, a bill directly related to SERV-OR and the deployment of volunteers. Watch this page for progress on the bill and opportunities to testify: [2025 Regular Session – SB 837](#).

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Voices from the Field: SERV-OR Volunteers on Deployment

Vaccine Ancillary Inventory, Tigard, OR

In the wake of the pandemic, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) faced a daunting task: inventorying and organizing 56 pallets of surplus vaccine ancillary supplies. These kits were sent out by the federal government to help with the administration of COVID-19 vaccines in 2021. As the vaccine rollout slowed, community partners returned unused supplies containing syringes, PPE, and COVID vaccination cards—just about everything but the vaccines themselves. The OHA Immunizations and Health and Security [Click here to continue reading.](#)

Deschutes County MRC Strengthens Readiness with Emergency Exercise

When disaster strikes, preparation can make all the difference. That’s why the [Deschutes County Medical Reserve Corps](#) (DCMRC), in partnership with the [Red Cross](#), and [Oregon Health Authority](#) (OHA) conducted a full-scale emergency preparedness exercise focused on medical shelter operations in December 2024 at Deschutes County Health Services. 15 DCMRC volunteers and 4 external partners participated in the exercise in various roles.

Why Practice Matters Emergency preparedness exercises simulate real-life scenarios, helping volunteers and [Click here to read the entire article.](#)

Nehalem Bay MRC Transport and Response Trailers

The Nehalem Bay Medical Reserve Corps (NBMRC) is a small, highly dedicated team that has made remarkable strides in getting various initiatives underway. This past year, the primary focus has been the design and preparation of two new MRC Transport and Response Trailers. These trailers were acquired through the MRC STTRONG grant in partnership with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

The NBMRC team meticulously designed the layout for both trailers. They have already invested well over [Click here to read full article.](#)

Story of Service: Adelin “Addy” Alfred

Define your position as the SERV-OR Program Support Specialist in your own words.

My role as the SERV-OR Program Support Specialist involves ensuring that volunteer licenses are up to date, helping volunteers understand their roles and responsibilities, coordinating volunteer activities, and working on new volunteer systems to make them user-friendly. I also organize events and trainings for MRC units, recognize volunteer contributions, and provide overall support for SERV-OR and the MRC units. [Click here for full article.](#)

Celebrating
Anniversaries



Coos Bay MRC

14 years January 2025

Cannon Beach MRC

9 years February 2025




Medical Reserve Corps
(MRC)

Upcoming Activities

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* Contains duplicative counts of members who deployed multiple times.

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1937 Winter Storm - In January, Salem was hit by a surprise blizzard that dumped 24 inches of snow, with drifts reaching 32 inches. The storm caused significant damage, collapsing roofs, and blocking roads, leading to school closures and supply shortages. Despite limited snow removal equipment, the community rallied, with temporary workers and residents working alongside city officials to improvise plows for clearing impassable streets. A local paperboy even delivered his route on skis. “The Big Snow” remains a pivotal event in Salem's history, highlighting the crucial role of volunteers in ensuring communities can endure and recover from emergencies. *Written by Rachell Berry* | [Click here to read more about this historical event.](#)

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Do you have a **Story of Service**? We desire to hear it! Email your story to SERV.OR@odhsoha.oregon.gov so your story can be recognized and published in a future newsletter!

General questions? Email SERV.OR@odhsoha.oregon.gov



The mission of the State Emergency Registry of Volunteers in Oregon (SERV-OR) and Oregon’s Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) network is to ensure health and well-being, educate, and protect all people in Oregon.

We will accomplish this through recruiting, registering, training, exercising, and deploying licensed volunteer health professionals to support public health initiatives, health and medical needs during public health crises, and by improving access to preparedness education and resources for all individuals and communities.

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