



Medical Reserve Corps of Southern Arizona

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## Working with Partners

Our Red Cross partners provide shelter response training on July 21 from 9:00-11:30 am at the Red Cross, 2916 East Broadway.

*Working with Partners in a Shelter Situation* is based on lessons learned providing shelter to evacuees from major wildfires and hurricanes.

When disaster strikes, it requires the entire community to respond. We encourage partners from COAD, Peer Support Team and other agencies and organizations to join us!

### Register with ESAR-VHP Today!

If you are a healthcare provider with an active license, a public health professional, member of a disaster response team, or non-health community volunteer willing to be on-call to support Arizona in the event of a disaster; help support public health emergency preparedness and register with ESAR-VHP today!

Once you've registered, your credentials will be validated, before an emergency, so that you can be deployed quickly and efficiently. It takes just minutes to register.

Go to: <https://www.esar-vhp.health.azdhs.gov>

### And Coming This Fall . . .

- September 15 **National Preparedness Month - Mobilizing Community Resources.**
- September - Annual Red Cross Shelter Rodeo
- October 12-14 **Tucson Meet Yourself**
- November 2 & 3 **Pandemic Preparedness Workshop and Exercise in collaboration with Pima County Health Department and Arizona Department of Health Services.**

### Managing School Crises

MRCSA's partner program, the *Southern Arizona Interagency Peer Support Teams*, will be conducting a training in **Managing School Crises, August 22-24.**

Designed to prepare school administrators and all educators for the inevitable crises that occur within schools and/or that affect those in schools, this training reflects the 3 most common phases of a crisis:

- Pre-crisis planning,
- Acute crisis response and
- Post-crisis activities.

Special attention is given to the most common pitfalls (those that pose the most threat to school personnel from a liability standpoint) associated with crisis response activities. Participants of this training are introduced to the CISM framework and specific intervention techniques that can easily be applied within the school setting. These intervention techniques are research-informed and widely recognized for their effectiveness. Participants will be given opportunities to explore the elements of effective crisis management through multiple group activities.

**For more information or registration, call us at 520-276-0970 or email [mrcsa@outlook.com](mailto:mrcsa@outlook.com)**

### New and Improved!

Check out the new and improved MRCSA website, [www.mrcsa.org](http://www.mrcsa.org). You can now access the MRCSA handbook, all 2018 newsletters, links to our partners agencies and organizations and more!

*"I should like to know if, taking this old Declaration of Independence, which declares that all men are equal upon principle, you begin making exceptions to it, when will you stop?"*

Abrahams Lincoln

### Happy Birthday U.S.A.!!

On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Richard Henry Lee's resolution for independence in a near-unanimous vote (the New York delegation abstained, but later voted affirmatively). On that day, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that July 2 "will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival" and that the celebration should include "Pomp and Parade...Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other."

On July 4th, the Continental Congress formally adopted the *Declaration of Independence*, which had been written largely by Jefferson. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, from then on the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

