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Local MRC volunteers selected for Federal training

WOODSTOCK IL – Two McHenry County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers have received scholarships to participate in the “2010 Introduction to MRC Deployment” training to be held in Washington DC, August 23-27, 2010. Nancy Maruyama RN, Crystal Lake, and Jennifer McMillan RN, Oakwood Hills, have been MRC volunteers with the McHenry County Department of Health (MCDH) since October 2009 and July 2004, respectively. Their emergency response efforts include the 2009 H1N1 vaccination campaign, community cardiovascular screenings, immunization clinics and cleanup efforts following hurricane Katrina.

Keri Zaleski, MCDH’s Emergency Response Coordinator, states, “The application process was very competitive with only 30 openings available. We are pleased that both Nancy and Jennifer have been recognized nationally and are fortunate to count them amongst our Medical Reserve Corps volunteers.”

Liz Hackett, the Department’s MRC Liaison, indicated training will be conducted by the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response from the Office of Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps and subject matter experts from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC).

Activities will include hands-on experience with communication equipment, a mass casualty triage exercise, instruction on MRC disaster response roles as well as legal protections and liability, prevention and control measures associated with various types of disasters, and a tour of the Secretary of U.S. Health & Human Services’ Operations Center.

For more information about McHenry County’s MRC, call 815-334-4932.

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