



PIERCE COUNTY

# THE HAZARD

APRIL

## MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS



The mission of the Pierce County Medical Reserve Corps is to utilize dedicated volunteers to improve the public health, safety, preparedness, and emergency response capabilities in Pierce County.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ▶ **MRC BOARD MEETING**  
Monday, April 7th
- ▶ **HOMELESS OUTREACH FOOT CARE CLINIC**  
Recurring Thursdays
- ▶ **PEP-C EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXPO**  
Saturday, April 12th
- ▶ **MS WALK**  
Saturday, April 12th
- ▶ **PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT EVENT**  
Thursday, April 24th

### Volunteer Appreciation

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation to all our Pierce County Medical Reserve Corps volunteers! Your willingness to use your abilities to give back to the Pierce County community in good times and bad has shown true compassion for others. The work of our volunteers and leadership of our MRC board has strengthened the mission of the PC MRC!

For all your time, effort, and hard work, please accept my thanks and appreciation. I am truly grateful to have the opportunity to work with such amazing volunteers like you! I'm looking forward to the year ahead and all the amazing things we will do together!

With Sincere Gratitude,  
**Jessica Hodgeson**  
MRC Coordinator





**FREE  
CONTINUING  
EDUCATION!**

**PLU SCHOOL OF NURSING**

The Pierce County Medical Reserve Corps has partnered with PLU School of Nursing to offer MRC volunteers online classes where they can earn free CNE/CEUs.

Please email [mrc@tpchd.org](mailto:mrc@tpchd.org) for instructions on how to take advantage of this opportunity.



## VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD 2025

<https://youtu.be/jApuc85guns>



On Saturday, March 15th Janet Runbeck represented the Medical Reserve Corps at the 2025 Pierce County Government Volunteer Recognition Brunch and was honored with a Special Service Award. Jan has been a devoted volunteer to the Pierce County Medical Reserve Corps for the past 17 years, helping to formalize the program by adopting a board structure based on the incident command system. Ever since, Jan has maintained an integral part of the board as one of our unit's most enthusiastic and devoted volunteers. She has been instrumental in starting and maintaining the PCMRC Homeless Outreach program that offers a weekly foot care clinic at Nativity House. She manages a small group of volunteers and supplies at this location to provide wound care services and self-care management tools to homeless individuals and will provide additional resources such as blankets, hand warmers, socks, first aid kits, garbage bags, naloxone, and connections to other important/needed resources. In 2024 the foot care clinic, under Jan's leadership, held forty-eight clinics and served 497 individuals. She has contributed over 215 hours of response in 2024 alone. We are thankful to have an amazing volunteer and leader like Jan.

### ▶ PLEASE ALSO WELCOME DR. LANG TO PCMRC!

Dr. Tom Lang, retired ED MD & MRC member, has been voted in as the Medical Director for Pierce County MRC free clinic effective March 3, 2025. He currently volunteers at Neighborhood Clinic and is the provider for the Tacoma Needle Exchange street medicine van. We are excited to welcome Dr. Lang to the PC MRC Board.







# TRAININGS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION:



▶ **MGT-439: PEDIATRIC DISASTER RESPONSE AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

5/20/2025 8:00 AM -  
5/21/2025 5:00 PM

This course prepares students to effectively, appropriately, and safely plan for and respond to a disaster incident involving children, addressing the specific needs of pediatric patients in the event of a community based-incident. Pediatric specific planning considerations include mass sheltering, pediatric-triage, reunification planning and pediatric decontamination considerations.

**Pierce County Emergency Operations Center**

**2025 HAZMAT WORKSHOP** ◀

4/3/2025 8:00 AM -  
4/5/2025 5:00 PM

The 2025 HazMat Workshop will be in-person at South Puget Sound Community College in Lacey, and will have an emphasis on HazMat Team development, leadership learning, and scenario-based training. We will be focusing trainings for both the career first responders and volunteer first responders!

**South Puget Sound Community College - Lacey Campus**

<https://reg.learningstream.com/view/cal1a.aspx?ek=&ref=&aa=&sid1=&sid2=&as=38&wp=127&tz=&ms=&nav=&cc=&cat1=&cat2=&cat3=&aid=WSEMD&rf=&pn=>