



## SERV-OR Bulletin

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## Total 2022 Volunteer Activity

Unit	Hours	Deployed Volunteers	Value of Service
State Managed Volunteer Pool	8,658.75	151	\$700,243.48
Medical Reserve Corps	9,554	2,032*	\$487,608.35
<b>Total Oregon</b>	<b>18,213.75</b>	<b>2,183*</b>	<b>\$1,187,851.83</b>

*\*Contains duplicative counts of some members who deployed multiple times.*

## Volunteer Recognition Awards

In celebration of National Volunteer Week, SERV-OR is excited to announce that nominations are now open for the 2022/2023 SERV-OR Recognition Awards. In this year's awards we recognize all SERV-OR members and unit activities, including COVID-19 response and recovery work. For each category, the volunteer, or volunteer unit, who receives the most nominations are eligible for an award. Awardees will be announced on Friday, March 24, 2023.

**Celebrate the hard work of volunteers and submit your [MRC](#) and [SMVP](#) volunteer nominations here!**

To recognize members from the State Managed Volunteer Pool (SMVP) and a Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) unit, please complete both surveys. Please only fill out each nomination form only once.

# News You Can Use

Give back this year on [MLK Jr. National Day of Service](#)

Request [Expired PPE from the OHA Stockpile](#) at no cost

Request [Non-Expired PPE from the OHA Stockpile](#) at no cost

Take NACCHO's [Public Health Readiness Survey](#). Available Online Now

[News](#) from the national Medical Reserve Corps office

Preparedness Training for Community-Based Organizations [here](#)

OHA's [Behavioral Health Workforce Initiative](#) and [loan repayment program](#)

View Oregon's COVID-19 Data Dashboards [here](#)

[Request](#) a SERV-OR member badge

[FEMA 2022 National Household Survey on Disaster Preparedness](#)

We want to hear your [stories of service!](#)

What's New in Treatments and Prevention Therapies?

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## Trusted Messenger Resources

### Covid-19

- [Historically Unprepared: Examination of the Federal Government's Pandemic Preparedness and Initial COVID-19 Response](#)
- COCA Call [COVID-19 Update: Clinical Guidance and Patient Education for Bivalent COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [Long COVID or Post-COVID Conditions](#)
- [Long COVID: New Research and the Economic Toll](#)
- [OHA Covid-19 Public Health Response Report](#)
- Free Covid-19 home testing kits are once again available through [covid.gov](#)
- [CDC Implements Negative COVID-19 Test Requirement for Air Passengers from China](#)
- [NIH launches Home Test to Treat, a pilot COVID-19 telehealth program](#)
- [Study notes racial disparities in kids' COVID vaccine uptake](#)

### Pediatric Vaccine Updates

- [CDC expands updated \(bivalent\) COVID-19 vaccines to include children ages 6 mos-5 yrs](#)
  - [Pfizer Bivalent Fact Sheet](#): 6 mos through 4 yrs
  - [Moderna Bivalent Fact Sheet](#): 6 mos through 5 yrs
  - [COVID-19 vaccine for children after MIS-C appears safe](#)
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## Flu

- Visit [OHA's Flu Bites](#) resources page for the most up to date information on the 2022/23 flu season surveillance
  - [Find a vaccine](#)
  - [CDC's Flu page for Health Professionals](#)
  - CDC [Flusight: Flu forecasting](#)
  - [Weekly U.S. Influenza Surveillance Report](#)
  - NACCHO [Collaboration to Address Influenza Vaccination Among Older Adults](#)
  - [The National Resource Center for Refugees, Immigrants and Migrants releases communications toolkit for flu season](#)
  - [HHS Increases Access to Tamiflu through the Strategic National Stockpile](#)
  - [Oregon Health Plan coverage of oseltamivir \(Tamiflu\)](#)
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## RSV

- CDC's [RSV Dashboard](#)
  - [RSV Prevention](#)
  - [OHA RSV Surveillance Data](#)
  
  - [OHA RSV Page](#)
  
  - OHA's 'Protect yourself and loved ones from RSV' Social Cards([English](#), [Spanish](#), [PDF](#))
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## Mpox

- [HHS Statement:](#) mpox state of emergency set to expire on January 31, 2023
  - Visit [Oregon Health Authority's mpox page](#) for the current situation in Oregon
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## Winter Weather

- [Sign up for winter weather warnings](#)
- [Oregon February 2021 Winter Ice Storm After-Action Report](#)
- Volunteering in winter weather? [Travel safe, do your research before you hit the road](#)
- [Find and share warming shelter info during extreme cold](#)
- [Donate and Volunteer in a Multnomah County winter warming shelter](#)

# Oregon is Not Alone in the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Crisis

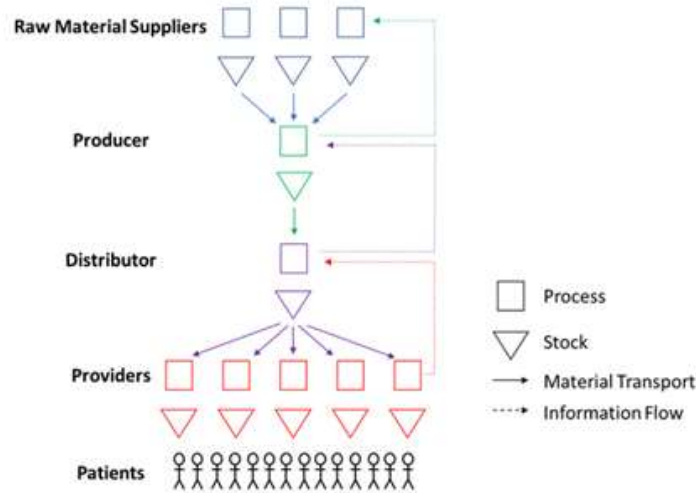
Provided by Sophie Miller-Desart

Andrew Gibler, the Clinical Pharmacy Policy & Programs Manager in OHA's Health Policy & Analytics Division, understands that it can be frustrating to explain drug shortages. Gibler believes OHA should be aware of current drug shortages impacting patients and providers and explore any opportunities to help mitigate the issue. Specific actions taken at the federal level could help improve transparency and reporting about drug shortages. Gibler acknowledged that although drug shortages typically impact hospitals, the particular drug shortages we are seeing now are associated with increased respiratory illnesses spilling over into the community. Physician clinics and pharmacies are significantly affected by these drug shortages, leading to several questions that do not have simple answers.

While drug shortages in the US are not uncommon, the increase in respiratory illnesses this season, which also had an earlier start than [previous years](#) in Oregon and throughout the US, caught many drug manufacturers off guard who anticipated lower need based on historical data from the previous 2 years. In addition, there is no federal mandate for suppliers, manufacturers or distributors to report supply issues throughout the complex and multinational supply chain, which can lead to untimely negative impacts downstream for providers, pharmacists and patients.

To understand more about the ubiquity of drug shortages in the US, Gibler recommends sharing this recent VOX article by journalist Dylan Scott – [Why does the US keep running out of medicine?](#)

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# Stories of Service: Joe Johnson- Ready for Emergencies in Eastern Oregon

Provided by Renee' Menken

Taking on a vast assignment with the Eastern Oregon MRC (EOMRC), Joe Johnson, BA has recently become the MRC Coordinator for 10 counties as well as the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Coordinator for Baker County. Joe is well situated to consolidate these roles if there is a public health or emergency disaster in the region.

He has many plans for the EOMRC including connecting with the Sheriff's office in search and rescue, working with a privatized ambulance company, and coordinating with local hospitals. One of his first actions is to identify an MRC "Captain" in each of the region's counties to help set up trainings and connect with volunteers. Major area concerns include response to viral pandemics, wildfires, and flooding. Joe is learning more about each county to tailor needs to their MRC program.

The EOMRC has two stocked trailers for rapid response in Eastern Oregon. One is in the Blue Mountains in Umatilla County, and the other is in Baker County. Supplies include PPE, a satellite hook-up to connect to agency computers across the region, and tents to run field services. Driving to the disaster site is a critical aspect of deployment in this region. Joe states that "we pack up and head to the site to get things situated and run smoothly. While we prepare for a wide range of emergencies, we hope we do not have to act."

Another EOMRC goal is to schedule trainings, such as basic disaster life support, disaster psychological first aid, and basic IS courses. Currently they use both Serv-OR and county email to connect with MRC members.



Click here to [share your stories of service](#) in the next Bulletin!

# MRC Correspondents

Email [Enola.Mercer@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:Enola.Mercer@odhsoha.oregon.gov) to find out how you can become an MRC Correspondent!

MRC Correspondents are members of MRCs around the state who share current news, updates, and stories from their region. This month's highlight comes from the North Coast.

## Cannon Beach MRC Preparing for Disaster Response

Provided by Gabriella Korosi

On November 19th, the Cannon Beach Medical Reserve Corps (CBMRC) and the Cannon Beach Community Emergency Response Team (CBCERT) met together in Cannon Beach for combined patient registration and triage training. **Cannon Beach** Disaster Animal Response **Team** (CBDART) was also present in case of support was needed for any animal injuries. The training took place at the Cannon Beach TANGO site.

The purpose of the training was to identify issues that can occur during a disaster with registration and treatment. CERT participants and volunteers helped either with registration, being an injured person, or acting as runners and support personnel as needed. The team identified additional supplies that would be helpful during registration and to hand out to people as they enter the triage and treatment area.

MRC participants triaged and treated patients according to their injuries. Two MRC members at the triage table identified the level of treatment the injured person needed and directed them to the appropriate treatment tent. Multiple tents were assembled to treat people based on their injuries. The training was a successful event with a great turnout.



## Virtual and In-Person Training

Training opportunities are updated regularly [here](#).

### Webinars and Independent Study

- [The Power of Framing: Bridging Political Divides to Strengthen Public Health](#)
- [Addressing the Needs of Older Adults in Disasters](#)

- [Improving the Vaccination Experience: Accessible Vaccination for Neurodiverse People at Any Age](#)
- [Cities: The Future of Health](#)

## In-Person Training

### 2023 Safe and Secure Summit

- Jan. 31, 10am-4pm, Northeast Keizer, OR

### ICS 300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents

- ICS-300 provides an in-depth focus on the NIMS (National Incident Management System) Incident Command System (ICS) that includes the tools, practices and procedures that are available in ICS to effectively manage emergency incidents or planned local events at a local Type 3 level. Expanding on ICS-100 and -200, this course ensures that responders understand the basic ICS concepts that allow an incident management organization to expand and contract as needed to fit the incident and maintain its operational effectiveness.
- **Prerequisites:** Completion of ICS-100, ICS-200, IS-700, and IS-800. All pre-requisites are online through FEMA's Emergency Management Institute. A FEMA Student Identification (FEMA SID)
- **Where and when:** Each course is three days. In order to receive a certificate of completion, you must attend all 3 days of the course from 8:00am-4:30pm. Options:
  - [Portland, OR](#): Jan. 17-19, 2023
  - [Salem, OR](#): February 14-16, 2023
  - [Hermiston, OR](#): May 9-11, 2023
- **Cost:** There is no individual registration fee. The OHA HSPR program is sponsoring this course.

### ICS 400: Advanced ICS Command and General Staff- Complex Incidents

- ICS-400 provides training and resources for personnel who require advanced application of ICS. This course expands upon information covered in ICS-100 through ICS-300.
- **Pre-requisites:** Completion of ICS-100, ICS-200, ICS-300, IS-700, and IS-800. See above for details on how to complete these courses.
- **When:** Each course is two days. In order to receive a certificate of completion, you must attend both days of the course from 8:00am-4:30pm. Options:
  - [Portland, OR](#): Feb. 22-23, 2023
  - [Salem, OR](#): Mar. 15-16, 2023
  - [Hermiston, OR](#): Jun. 21-22, 2023
- **Cost:** There is no individual registration fee. The OHA HSPR program is sponsoring this course.

### L-0965: NIMS ICS All-Hazards Resource Unit Leader Course

- This course provides an overview of Resource Unit Leader (RESL) responsibilities, the Planning Section, and the planning process to contextualize the Resources Unit for participants unfamiliar with the planning process or the Incident Command System. It then explores specific Resources Unit Leader functions and responsibilities including resource tracking systems, operational planning, and resource products/outputs. The Status/Check-in and Demobilization functions are covered to provide participants with the knowledge to perform those duties if necessary.
- **Prerequisites:** ICS 100, ICS 200, ICS 300, IS 700, IS 800
- **Where & when:** In order to receive a certificate of completion, you must attend all 3 days of the course from March 6-9 2023 8:00 am-5:00 pm in Portland

course from March 9, 2023 8:00 am-5:00 pm in Portland

- **Cost:** There is no individual registration fee. The OHA HSPR program is sponsoring this course

#### L-0962: NIMS ICS All-Hazards Planning Section Chief Course

- The purpose of this professional development course is to provide local and state level emergency responders with an overview of key duties and responsibilities of the Planning Section Chief Type III (PSC) within the ICS structure and specifically for a Type III All-Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT).
- **Where & when:** Portland, OR April 11-14, 2023 8:00 am-5:00 pm
- **Prerequisites:** ICS 100, ICS 200, ICS 300, ICS 400, IS 700, IS 800
- **Cost:** There is no individual registration fee. The OHA HSPR program is sponsoring this course

#### L-0964: NIMS ICS All-Hazards Situation Unit Leader Course

- This course helps participants establish the essential core competencies required for performing the duties of the Situation Unit Leader (SITL) in an all-hazards incident. This course addresses all responsibilities appropriate to an SITL operating in a local-or state-level All-Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT). These responsibilities include processing information and intelligence and developing displays.
- **Where & When:** Portland, OR May 1-5, 2023 8:00 am-5:00 pm
- **Prerequisites:** ICS 100, ICS 200, ICS 300, IS 700, IS 800
- **Cost:** There is no individual registration fee. The OHA HSPR program is sponsoring this course

#### L-0958: NIMS ICS All-Hazards Operations Section Chief Course

- The purpose of this professional development course is to prepare local, state, tribal, and Federal emergency responders to function in the role of a T-III OSC after obtaining adequate experience. The OSC will be part of an all-hazards T-III IMT Operations Section Chief (OSC) Type III in a Type III All-Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT).
- **When & where:** Portland, OR May 8-11, 2023 8:00 am-5:00 pm
- **Prerequisites:** ICS 100, ICS 200, ICS 300, ICS 400, IS 700, IS 80
- **Cost:** There is no individual registration fee. The OHA HSPR program is sponsoring this course

Visit the [SERV-OR Training page](#) for links to the foundational training series for Disaster Medicine and Public Health Core Competencies, FEMA Incident Command courses, and more!

## Volunteer and Job Opportunities

- CDC Seeks Applicants for Division of Global Migration and Quarantine Director Position. Apply at [USA Jobs](#)
- Morrow County Health District hiring [Two FT Clinic LPNs](#)
- [OHA Board and Commission Member Opportunities](#) (multiple listed)
- Become an American Red Cross Mental Health Volunteer [here](#).
- [Oregon State Hospital is hiring](#)



- [St Charles Health System Regulatory Accreditation and Safety Specialist](#)

New job postings from Healthcare News

- [Behavioral Health Consultant, Bend or Redmond, OR](#)
  - [Certified Nursing Assistant, Salem, OR](#)
  - [Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Portland, OR](#)
  - [Children's Care Coordinator](#)
  - [Clinical Manager or Clinical Supervisor, Grants Pass, OR](#)
  - [Clinical Supervisory- Crisis Intervention Center, Grants Pass, OR](#)
  - [Clinical Supervisor- Residential, Grants Pass, OR](#)
  - [Clinical Supervisor/Therapist- Residential, Medford, OR](#)
  - [Crisis Specialist, Grants Pass, OR](#)
  - [Dentist, Madras, OR](#)
  - [Family Practice Physician/Adult Nurse Practitioner/Internal Medicine/Geriatrics, Redmond, OR](#)
  - [Health Department Manager, John Day, OR](#)
  - [Mental Health Specialist, Eastern OR](#)
  - [Older Adult Specialist, Grants Pass, OR](#)
  - [Physical Therapist, Astoria, OR](#)
  - [Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, Grants Pass and Medford, OR](#)
  - [Registered Nurse, Astoria, OR](#)
  - [RN Hospice Case Manager, Salem, OR](#)
  - [Therapist- Adult Outpatient, Grants Pass, OR](#)
  - [Therapist- Adult Outpatient \(License not required\), Medford, OR](#)
  - [Therapist- Case Management \(License not required\), Grants Pass, OR](#)
  - [Therapist- Children \(License not required\), Grants Pass, Or](#)
  - [Therapist- Forensics, Grants Pass, OR](#)
  - [Therapist \(License not required\), Ashland, OR](#)
  - [Therapist- Youth and Family \(License not required\), Medford, OR](#)
  - [Therapist- Children, Grants Pass, OR](#)
  - [Therapist- Mobile Outreach, Medford, OR](#)
  - [Therapist- Residential \(License not required\), Medford, OR](#)
- [RDPO Weekly Update](#), contains information on current job openings. (Application closing dates vary depending on week)
  - [Oregon Health Authority State and County jobs](#) (Dates vary depending on openings)
  - For more volunteer opportunities, events, and petitions near you check out [Made to Save](#)

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## SERV-OR Mission

*The mission of the State Emergency Registry of Volunteers in Oregon (SERV-OR) and Oregon's 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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