



Okaloosa-Walton Medical Reserve

**Volunteers Strengthening Our Community's  
Emergency Preparedness and Response**

# Okaloosa-Walton MRC Newsletter



October-December 2014

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"Don't Bring One Home"  
By  
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## Ebola Update

(Washington Post) President Obama announced on Tuesday, September 16, that the U.S. military will take the lead in overseeing what has been a chaotic and widely criticized response to the worst Ebola outbreak in history, dispatching up to 3,000 military personnel to West Africa in an effort that could cost up to \$750 million over the next six months, according to senior administration officials. In addition, the Pentagon will send engineers to set up 17 treatment centers in Liberia — each with a 100-bed capacity — as well as medical personnel to train up to 500 health-care workers a week in the region (2014, Sun and Eilperin). Furthermore, Brady Dennis in a Washington Post Health & Science article stated that the number of Ebola cases in West Africa could reach over 20,000 by early November.

How will local MRC units be affected by this American response? LCDR Skip A. Payne, The Program Officer, Training and Support Services Division of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps (DCVMR), answers some questions regarding our involvement in this response. (See Ebola, Page 3)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Points of Dispensing Training**

November 15 (tentative)  
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**Movie and Potluck Dinner**  
December 12 (tentative)

**CPR Refresher Courses**  
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## 1st Quarter Volunteer Activities

The first quarter of Fiscal Year 2014-2015 was active. This organization donated nearly 50 hours of community outreach and recruitment efforts. Some of these events include Boy Scouts of America and Okaloosa CERT Field Exercise, AHA Basic Life Support CPR Class, Emergency Animal Triage Procedures, National Night Out as well as initial MRC orientation training. The total value of your donated time equates to \$2,649.24. Thank you to the following OWMRC members for taking time out of your schedules to support our Corps and the Okaloosa-Walton community.

- **Kim Glenn**
- **Laura Saucedo**
- **Linda Epperson**
- **Jennifer Behymer**
- **Laura Wooley**
- **Melissa Walker**
- **Tiffany Sommers**
- **Darrin Gooding**
- **Dr. Venita Morell**
- **Steven Rendon**
- **Dr. Frank Goldstein**



- **Megan Braunschweig**
- **Bennet Bastian**
- **Corey Cummings**
- **Peggy McDeavitt**
- **Jeane Ashley**
- **George Roll**
- **Sandie Brosnan**
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- **Ester Molder**
- **Dr. Marie Gray**
- **Robert Maxwell**

## Welcome New Members!

**Dawn Mangum  
Laura Wooley  
Melissa Walker  
Jennifer Behymer**



**Kim Glenn  
Heather Roland  
Laura Saucedo**



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## AHA Basic Life Support CPR Refresher Course

Need your American Heart Association Basic Life Support Certification renewed? We offer FREE Refresher Courses! We have several courses scheduled for the next few weeks. Classes are held on Fridays and start at 8:15am and last approximately 3.5 hours. Classes will be held at the Florida Department of Health locations in Fort Walton Beach or Crestview. Class size is limited to six, so sign up now by contacting Dave Brinkley or Danielle May.

### DATE:

October 31  
November 21  
December 19

### LOCATION:

Fort Walton Beach  
Fort Walton Beach  
Crestview

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### OWMRC BY THE #'S

- 160 members.
- 49 fully deployable.

If you're not fully deployable and want to know what you need, contact Dave at:  
850-833-9240  
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# ARE U READY



### FEMA Courses

MRC members should complete the following courses:

- IS-22-Are You Ready?
- IS-100- Introduction to Incident Command
- IS-700- National Incident Management System

All courses are online at:  
<http://training.fema.gov/>

E-mail your certificate to:  
David.brinkley@flhealth.gov



### Stay Alert and Informed!

American Red Cross  
[www.redcross.org/services/disaster](http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster)

FEMA  
[www.fema.gov/hazards/hurricanes](http://www.fema.gov/hazards/hurricanes)

National Weather Service  
[www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov)

National Hurricane Center  
[www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov)

## Rabies Update

OKALOOSA COUNTY- On September 17th, Dr. Karen Chapman, Director of the Florida Department of Health in Okaloosa County, issued a rabies alert in response to three bats testing positive for rabies within the previous 30 days in the same general area.

The rabies alert is for 60 days. Those residing within the communities of Florosa, Mary Esther, Hurlburt Field, Wright, Ocean City, Fort Walton Beach, and Shalimar (including Poquito Bayou and the Lake Lorraine area) are all incorporated under this alert.

For further information about rabies, go to the Florida Department of Health website at:

<http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/rabies/index.html>.

Information is also available from DOH-Okaloosa's Environmental Health division at 850-689-7859 or its website at:

[http://www.floridahealth.gov/chdokaloosa/Services/Environmental\\_Health.html](http://www.floridahealth.gov/chdokaloosa/Services/Environmental_Health.html).



Reference:

Freeman & Averhart, (Sept 25, 2014) Okaloosa Expands Rabies Alert & Santa Rosa Holds Rabies Drive-Through Clinic For Pets, WUWF Public Media.

Retrieved from <http://wuwf.org/post/okaloosa-expands-rabies-alert-santa-rosa-holds-rabies-drive-through-clinic-pets> on 25 September 2014

## Enterovirus D68 (EV-D68) Update

### Human Enterovirus D68 (EV-D68) – United States

**Description:** Since late August 2014, news media have reported clusters of increased respiratory disease activity in children at hospitals in multiple U.S. states. On 8 September 2014, the CDC issued a report on two such clusters in Kansas City, Missouri and Chicago, Illinois, further noting that investigations into similar clusters in other jurisdictions are ongoing. Children's hospitals in both cities notified the CDC of an increase in the number of patients treated and admitted with respiratory illness, relative to historical seasonal activity. Jolie Lee, a USA Today Network reporter stated on September 29th that "the number of unconfirmed cases of an uncommon respiratory illness has increased to 277 in 40 states and the District of Columbia. Visit the Center for Disease Control website at <http://www.cdc.gov/non-polio-enterovirus/about/EV-D68.html> to learn more.

Reference:

Lee, J (2014), CDC: Severe respiratory illness is up to 277 confirmed cases in 40 states, USA Today Network. Retrieved from <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation-now/2014/09/29/cdc-respiratory-illness-40-states-evd68/16416001/>

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## Ebola Update (continued from page 1)

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### Field Investigator Response and Surveillance Training

The FIRST and Intermediate-FIRST classes that were scheduled for September 17-19 were cancelled due to inadequate numbers of registrations. We are attempting to get this class rescheduled for the near future. As soon as it becomes available we will send out an OWMRC wide notification.

### Will the Medical Reserve Corps be tapped to provide support to West Africa?

The MRC will, most likely, not be tapped to assist in West Africa. However, some of the DCVMRC staff, specifically the USPHS officers, may be called upon to deploy. Know that those of us who remain will do all we can do to ensure continuity of programmatic visibility and support to the MRC network.

### What actions can volunteers take?

Although we continue to remain prepared for any domestic impact from the current situation, volunteers are always encouraged to ensure their own preparedness needs are in place, including family preparedness and communications plans. Additionally, they may want to improve their situational awareness by taking one of the [trainings available on MRC-TRAIN related to Ebola](#). Of course, they can also stay informed by following the same trusted sources noted above ([HHS/CDC](#), [WHO](#)).

### Can MRC volunteers be deployed individually?

In short, it is very unlikely that an [MRC](#) volunteer would be deployed to support this event. However, individual volunteers may choose to support the response – with a different organization.

Those with international deployment experience or austere provisioning of public health and medical services are encouraged to discuss the impact of potential deployment with your MRC unit leader prior to volunteering to ensure that local planning, programmatic, and response needs are able to be met in your absence. If, following this discussion, you still want to individually volunteer, and have expertise in one of the requested skillsets to work in West Africa assisting those affected by the Ebola outbreak (Agriculture and Food Security, Economic Recovery and Market Systems, Health, Information Management, Logistics and Commodities, Nutrition, Protection, Risk Reduction, Shelter and Settlements, Water and Sanitation and Hygiene), please fill out the form at [USAID's Center for International Disaster Information](#) to provide your information.

### References:

Dennis, B. (2014) Ebola Cases Could Cross 20,000 by November, report says. The Washington Post, Health & Science, Retrieved from [http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/ebola-cases-could-cross-20000-by-november-who-report-says/2014/09/22/eff7982e-42c9-11e4-9a15-137aa0153527\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/ebola-cases-could-cross-20000-by-november-who-report-says/2014/09/22/eff7982e-42c9-11e4-9a15-137aa0153527_story.html) on 20 September 2014.

Payne, S.. DCVMRC update to the MRC network regarding the Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea Ebola outbreak. Email to David Brinkley received from Rick Miller dated Sept 16, 2014.

Sun H. L. and Eilperin, J. (2014) U.S. Military will lead \$750 Million Fight against Ebola in West Africa, The Washington Post, Health and Science, Retrieved from [http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/us-military-to-lead-ebola-fight/2014/09/15/69db3da0-3d32-11e4-b0ea-8141703bbf6f\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/us-military-to-lead-ebola-fight/2014/09/15/69db3da0-3d32-11e4-b0ea-8141703bbf6f_story.html) on 25 September 2014.



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On September 29th the Okaloosa-Walton MRC conducted a quarterly Call Down Drill. Below are the OWMRC stats for this drill.

- **53 Confirmed (33%)**
- **6 Unreachable (3.7%)**
- **101 Not Confirmed (63%)**

**This is a 15% increase from previous response results.**  
**!!!GOOD JOB!!!**

# CONGRATULATIONS!!

### Laura Wooley

Laura completed all of her FEMA training requirements needed to become a fully deployable OWMRC member.

All MRC volunteers who have achieved deployment status during the year will be recognized at our Semiannual Meeting. Date to be determined.

## Recruiting Effort

On Saturday, 27 September, members of the Okaloosa-Walton Medical Reserve Corps conducted a recruiting effort at Liza Jackson park in Fort Walton Beach. We joined the local Mustang Club who were holding a Ford auto show event. Joining us were Peter and Peggy McDeavitt. During this event we obtained 2 applications for membership and educated over 100 attendees on the mission of the Okaloosa-Walton Medical Reserve Corps.



Thank you to Peter and Peggy for donating some of your weekend to support this event. A special thank you to Sharon Herbison from the Mustang Club for providing a table and space for our recruiting effort.

Pictured are (left) Dave Brinkley, OWMRC Team Leader and (right) Dr. Frank Goldstein, OWMRC Board of Advisor



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### Points of Dispensing

On September 27th the Florida Department of Health in Santa Rosa sponsored a Drive through Rabies Point Of Dispensing (POD) clinic at the Santa Rosa Animal Control. The event was intended to be a rapid process where patrons and patients (dogs/cats) receive low-cost rabies prevention. The furry clients stay in their vehicles and the veterinarians administer the vaccine and never requiring the animals or owners to exit their vehicles. The event was held from 4:00-6:00 pm and resulted in over 200 vaccines being administered.



Vehicle drive-thru operation

The Santa Rosa County POD Rabies Clinic served two goals: an exercise to practice staff and volunteer roles in a POD and deliver low-cost rabies vaccinations to the community!

You learned about PODs during orientation. You learned that during an outbreak or bioterrorism attack, a POD operation is a vitally important response to protect the community. A POD is meant for healthy people to receive prophylactic medicine. Florida Department of Health relies on OWMRC volunteers to support POD operations. Your team leaders will be conducting training on a walk through POD on November 15! Curriculum will focus on the logistics and administrative requirements to successfully operate a POD. This training will help MRC members better understand the labor intensive requirements as well as better understand their specific roles in running a POD. We encourage maximum participation in this event as the success of a POD is directly related to the support the health department has from our MRC team.

The following are some photographs of the Santa Rosa County Rabies Clinic which was supported by their local MRC unit

## Training Ideas?

If you have ideas for training that you think would be beneficial for our members please contact Dave Brinkley at 850-833-9240 x 2381 or david.brinkley@flhealth.gov



Teamwork in training builds a stronger unit.

## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Board of Advisors

15 October @ 4:00pm  
Location: 221 Hospital Dr NE

### Semi-Annual Membership Meeting

23 January 2015 @ 4:30  
Location: TBD

# HOLIDAYS

The 2nd quarter is filled with holidays. We hope you all have a wonderful, safe holiday season!



Incident Command Post



Mary Beverly, Incident Commander, giving operations briefing



12 hunting dogs get vaccinated



Santa Rosa Animal Control Veterinarian (Right) administers a vaccine



# Viruses Word Search

## GAME TIME



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

### MRC In Focus

*MRC In Focus* is a print newsletter published by the Division of Civilian Volunteers



It serves as a conduit for information about what the MRC is doing at the national, state, and local levels.

To view *MRC In Focus*, visit:  
<https://www.medicalreservecorps.gov/pageViewFldr/NewsEvents/Newsletters>

The focus of public health intervention is to improve health and quality of life through the prevention and treatment of disease. Viruses are small infectious agents that replicates cells in other living organisms. Prevention of viral infections is a significant public health intervention.

Do you recognize the following viral infections? Find them in the word search then visit the [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov) to learn more disease specific facts.

- CHIKUNGUNYA
- COWPOX
- EBOLA
- HEPATITIS
- HERPES
- HORSEPOX
- INFLUENZA
- MAYARO
- MEASLES
- POLIO
- RABIES
- RUBELLA
- VARIOLA



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 T D Q E J O Y K L H F V T H L  
 V Q S R B O B I C V A A E I S  
 D E G P N I G E W K L P C I A  
 A Z N E U L F N I L A M H B E  
 X P D S U O A Z E T A A I I M  
 C O G V H P W B I Y Y C K M I  
 Q O P Y N U U T A U D A U D E  
 X K W E C R I R H V D A N Q U  
 I F S P S S O Q R P O R G L F  
 I M R N O R S E I B A R U M G  
 C K S A P X O W Q I M U N J G  
 V A R I O L A H W T M G Y B N  
 F Z O O Y M A P Z K Q U A G Z

References:  
[http://viralzone.expasy.org/all\\_by\\_species/678.html](http://viralzone.expasy.org/all_by_species/678.html)  
<http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com>  
<http://www.cdc.gov>

## Answers from last quarter's Crossword Puzzle

Across:

- 2. entomologist
- 3. bioterrorism
- 5. pathogen
- 6. rate
- 8. surveillance
- 10. risk factor
- 11. prevention
- 12. standards

Down:

- 1. isolation
- 2. epidemiology
- 4. screening
- 7. quarantine
- 9. protection
- 13. disease



To learn more about restocking your disaster supply kit visit these sites:

<http://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit>

<http://www.floridadisaster.org/supplykit.htm>

<http://www.fema.gov/pdf/library/fdisk.pdf>

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/ready.php>

Be Prepared!



# Board of Advisors

Don't Bring One Home:  
2014 Unaccompanied Immigrant Children Deployment

By Frank L. Goldstein, PhD

On August 9, 2014 the last of three shelters for unaccompanied immigrant children (UAC) closed. The shelters were set up on three military bases. It was a temporary measure to handle a surge of thousands of Central American children (mostly from Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala) who had illegally crossed into the United States.

Illegals over the age of 18 years are considered illegal aliens and handled by US Immigration. However, children under the age of eighteen and mothers with children in arms are passed from Immigration to Health and Human Services (HHS), Department Administration for Children and Families.

The shelters were at Joint Base San Antonio, Lackland Air Force Base in Texas and it closed on August 9<sup>th</sup>. The Ft. Sill, Oklahoma shelter, was closed on August 6<sup>th</sup> and the Naval Base Ventura County, California shelter was closed on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

According to Mr. Kenneth Wolfe spokesman for HHS, the shelters could be reopened if another surge in border crossings takes place.

When open the three shelters housed over 7,700 children. Shelters averaged about 1,000 children capacity and the average stay for a child at the shelter prior to being reunited with family members was about 35 days.

The shelters opened in late May and early June. BCFS, a non-profit group was contracted to run the shelters. The contractor provided everything from security, direct client care, food service, maintenance, drivers and administration.

One thing that was not available at the beginning of the surge was disaster medics at the point of entry along the border and psychological assessment staff at the shelters. Those positions were called up by HHS in the initial deployment, with bilingual DMAT psychologists to the shelters and MD's to the border. Later in the deployment they were augmented by bilingual members of the (HHS) US Public Health Service.

FL-1 DMAT was part of the UAC deployment. I, Dr. Frank Goldstein was deployed to the Ft. Sill shelter with two other DMAT members for two weeks during the initial surge period. It was an interesting time and as we all know working with children is both emotionally difficult and rewarding. This type of deployment can "pull at your heart strings." I have several lessons to share with DMAT and OWMRC members and will share the rest of this story in a verbal and written format. More to follow!!

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Thank you, Dr. Goldstein, for sharing your experience with us and we look forward to hearing the "rest of the story."