LIABILITY & DISABILITY The Pursuit of Happiness

Rick Miller MD Central Illinois MRC Peoria, Illinois Central Illinois MRC The First 18 Months

One of the initial MRC Units
Dec 2002 – Feb 2003
Structure – Red Cross
Mission - Three County Response
Recruiting and Training – Defined
?? Liability and Disability??

Liability??? No Problem!!???

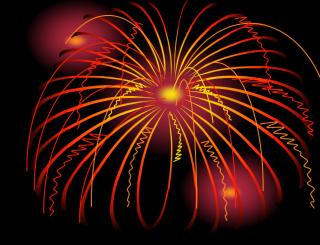
March 2003

Contacted State Representative: Will attach amendment to legislation – No Problem!

• April 2003

Trial Lawyer's PAC – Amendment BIG PROBLEM!!!

Liability ? Disability??



• June 2003

First MRC meeting Chicago Almost all of original grantees expressed concern for both liability and disability

Surgeon General: Best to look at state and local government for assistance

Liability / Disability Our Journey

August-October 2003
County Boards Approached (3 Total)
Concern, mild support, NO ACTION

Nov 2003-Jan 2004

Discussion with Congressman from Central Illinois - ? If he would lead a national effort for protection of MRC volunteers *We wrote the letter

March 2004 The Letter Returns

Our Letter

" we recently contacted --- to see if he would be interested in leading an effort to seek support of other representatives with MRC's"

"We urge you to contact ---indicating your support for federal legislation that provides liability and Workmen's Compensation for all MRC units."

Return Letter

" we recently contacted --- to see if he would be interested in addressing these issues at the national level"

"We urge you to support federal legislation"

April 2004 County Government Revise

Health and Environmental Services Committee
Supportive Response

County Administrator - Supportive Response State's Attorney - Supportive Response

Our Goal: To be just like the volunteer Sheriff's Posse which when activated has liability and disability protection

