

# Medical Reserve Corps



Demonstration Project  
Broome County Health Department

# Medical Reserve Corps Grantees

\$2,068,000 to fund 42 Projects in 27 states

Department of Health and Human Services



# 4 Grants in New York State

- Broome County Health Department
  - Binghamton, NY
- Livingston County Health Department
  - Mt. Morris, NY
- Nassau County Health Department
  - Mineola, NY
- Northern Metropolitan Health Care Foundation
  - Newburgh, NY



# Overview

- A Medical Reserve Corps unit is a community-based group of volunteers who can serve during a local emergency health situation and assist with local public health needs.
- Volunteers should have the appropriate health care experience and training to work together effectively as a team.



# Medical Reserve Corps

- Goals:
  - Strengthen medical response capacity and ability to deal with emergency situations that may have significant health consequences;
  - Enable volunteers to obtain training needed to work effectively and safely in emergency situations;
  - Provide volunteers with a framework within which to use their skills in an emergency and participate in ongoing Public Health activities;

# Medical Reserve Corps

- Goals:
  - Facilitate coordination of citizen volunteer services with other response programs of the community, county, or state during an emergency; and
  - Provide community health professionals with opportunities to participate in public health activities throughout the year.



# Benefits to the Community

- Medical Reserve Corps is a valuable asset for helping address public health concerns in a community throughout the year.



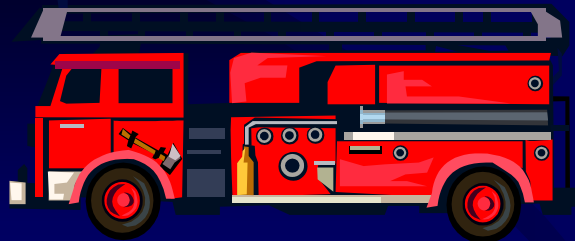
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- Examples include (but are not limited to):
  - influenza shot campaigns
  - health education, including nutrition and physical fitness for youth; and
  - support and assistance to public health staff during a communicable disease outbreak.

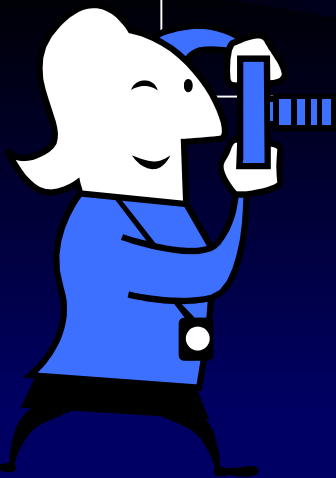
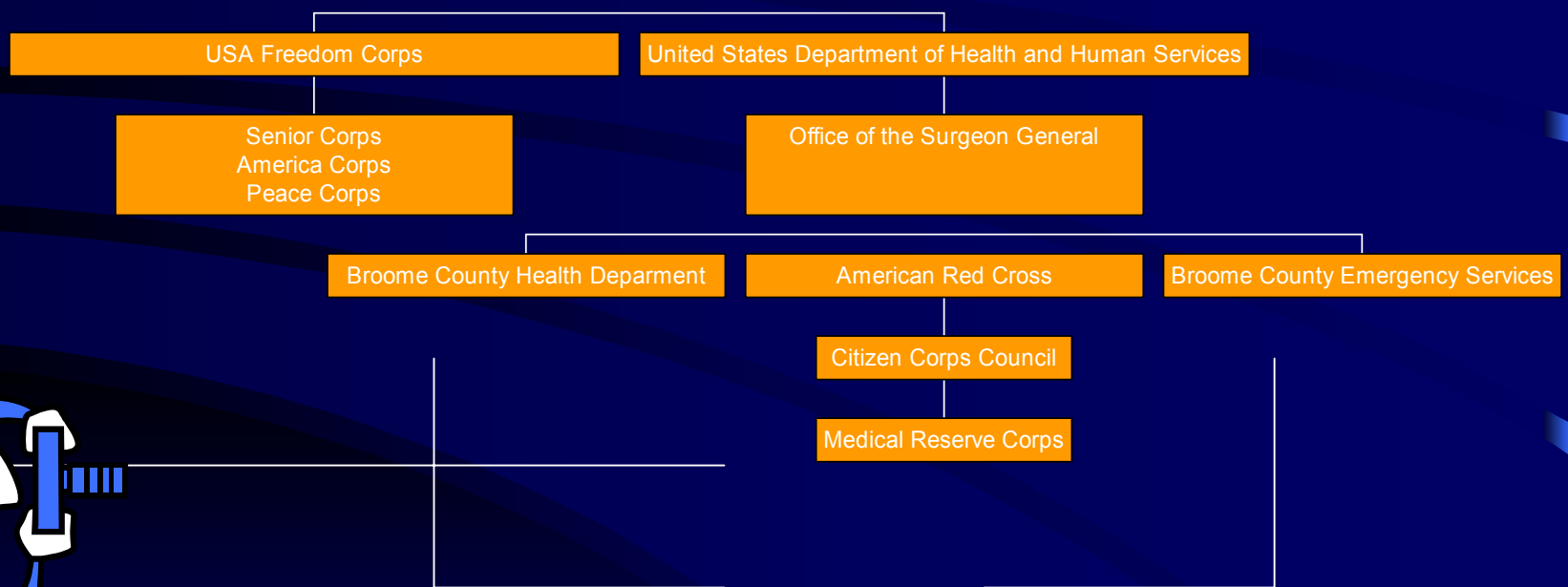


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- MRC volunteers can provide support to emergency services where appropriate and help prevent first responders from becoming overwhelmed in a large scale event. This allows them to focus their efforts on the the first 12-72 hours of an emergency.

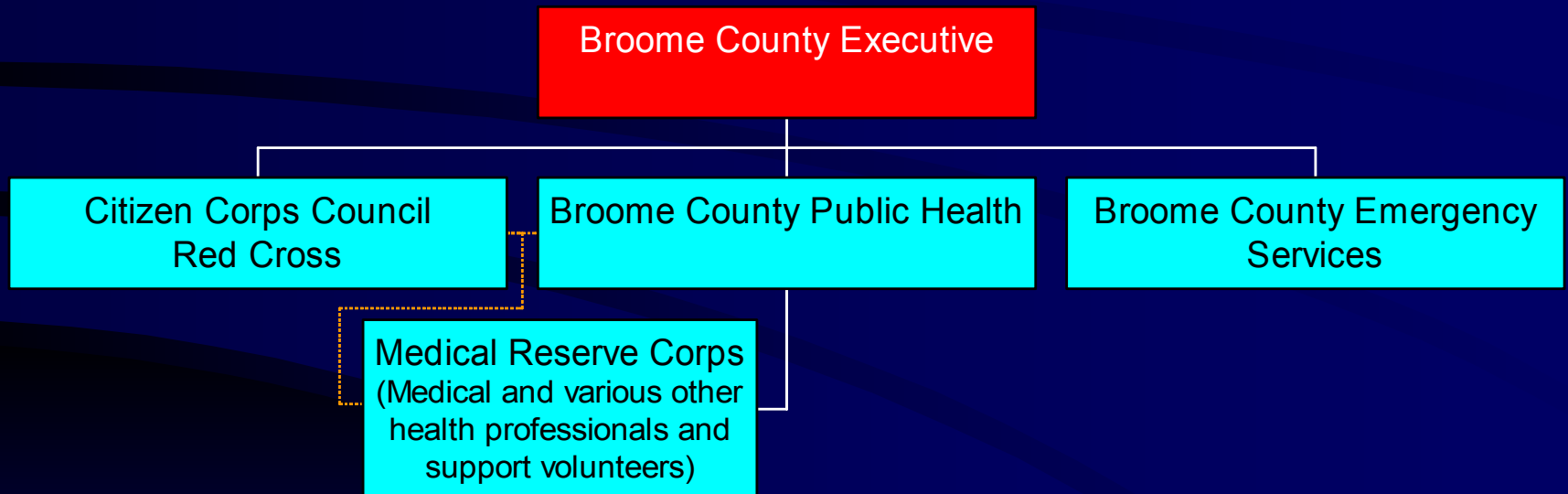


# “The Big Picture”

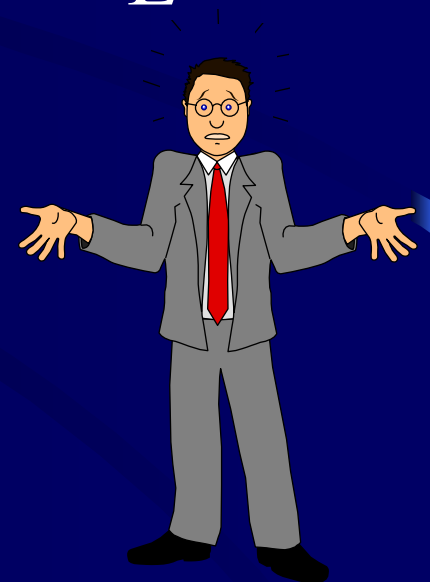
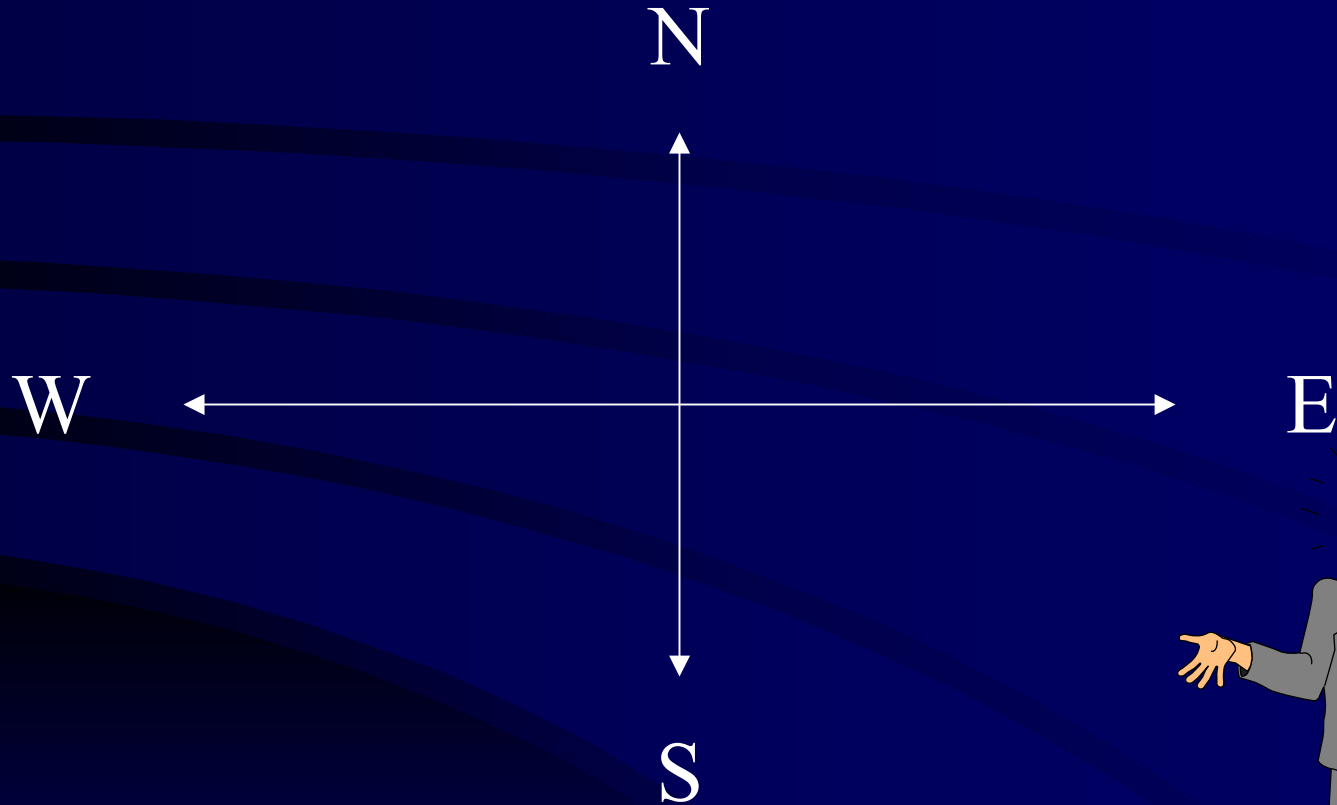


# Reporting Structure

Relationship Chart



# Where do we go from here?



# Reaching Our Goals:

1. Steering Committee
2. Clear Mission Statement
3. Volunteers
  - recruit
  - train
  - assign
  - supervise
  - evaluate
  - recognize
4. Policies and Procedures reflecting coordination of other community emergency and volunteer services with the Medical Reserve Corps

