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## MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS

### MRC Backpack Policy

**Purpose:** To outline the Santa Barbara County Medical Reserve Corps volunteer backpack policy.

**Procedure or Policy:** Clinical members of the Santa Barbara County Medical Reserve Corps will be offered a medical bag/backpack for use in the event of a medical emergency or disaster as an MRC volunteer.

The intent of the backpack is to provide volunteer members of the Medical Reserve Corps, as Disaster Service Workers medical supplies and equipment to deploy with in the event of an emergency. These supplies would arrive with the volunteer and allow for expeditious treatment of affected persons until supplemental resources arrive.

The backpack is for use in the event of an official MRC response or activation in the event of a medical emergency or disaster. If the volunteer member chooses to stop at an accident or offer assistance to an injured or ill person, they are doing so as a Good Samaritan not as a Medical Reserve Corps volunteer.

The backpack will only be made available to those clinical members whose Disaster Healthcare Volunteer profile is up-to-date and complete. Volunteer members are not required to check-out a backpack.

Three levels of bags are available for clinical volunteer members, and will be checked out to them based on their clinical licensure:

- Basic EMT kit – Level 1
- RN Supplement kit – Level 2 (includes Basic EMT kit)
- Physician Supplement kit – Level 3 (includes Basic EMT kit and RN Supplement kit)

Each volunteer receiving a backpack will fill out a 'Backpack Check-Out Form' (see attachment) and will receive a copy of their bag's contents (see attachment).

Maintenance of the backpack and contents are the responsibility of the member until the bag and/or contents are returned to the MRC office.

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