Quarterly Newsletter

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Monroe County, IL



A wood sign with beach balls and flowers

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As the song says, “Summertime and the living is easy” …

Welcome to the seventh quarterly newsletter of the Monroe County, IL MRC Unit #2781!!!

Below are some of our accomplishments and continuing activities/plans for 2025:

* We have received a $10,000 NACCHO Operations Readiness Award (ORA) and a $5,000 MRCIL STTRONG Round 3 Award for 2025. Resources from these awards support our Unit’s operations and will enhance the capabilities of the Monroe County Disaster Mental Health Team.
* A representative from Illinois Search and Rescue Council (ISARC) presented on Search and Rescue efforts on February 26, 2025 at Monroe County Health Department. Seven volunteers and four Monroe County officials attended. We continue to discuss with Monroe County officials developing a Search and Rescue team or being a support unit for a Search and Rescue team in our county.
* Our Unit Leader attended a Metro-East Region MRC Meeting at Madison County Health Department, Wood River, IL on March 4, 2025. These meetings provide area MRC Unit Leaders opportunities to share ideas and “brainstorm” for future events.
* Three members of our unit attended the southern Illinois “MRC”able Training Workshop on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville, IL. Some of the presentations we enjoyed include Cultural Competence vs. Cultural Humility: A Self-Assessment; Resilience in Crisis: Navigating Disaster Behavioral Health; Stop The Bleed Train-The-Trainer; Sustainability Planning; “What You Say Matters”; Mental Health Mitigation: Advanced Strategies for Crisis Readiness and Prevention.
* Our MRC Unit, along with Monroe County Health Department, had 2 tables of information at the Healthy Kids Day at Gateway Region YMCA on Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

We were able to give out lots of information as well as coloring books, band aids, stickers and candy to passers by!!!

* Our MRC Unit will be represented at the following, providing MRC information & promoting our Unit:

Thursday, May 15, 2025, 4:30p.m.-7 p.m. Columbia EMS, 1020 N. Main Street, Columbia, IL 62236

Thursday, May 22, 2025, 5-8 p.m. Monroe County EMS, 901 Illinois Avenue #C, Waterloo, IL 62298

Sunday through Thursday, July 20-24, 2025, at Monroe County Fair, Monroe County Fairgrounds

* April is National Volunteer Month!!! A special **“THANK YOU”** to ALL our volunteers was posted on the Monroe County Medical Reserve Corps Facebook page.
* The Monroe County Disaster Mental Health Team, which is part of the Monroe County Emergency Operations Plan, continues to meet regularly and stay engaged. They have been reviewing their portion of the Monroe County Emergency Operations Plan, updating a phone tree and discussing various training opportunities.

A few women at a table

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Photos from Health Kids Day at Gateway Region YMCA, Saturday, April 26, 2025, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m



Happy Nurses Week, Theme - “The Power of Nurses”

May 6-12, 2025

May 6 – National Nurses Day

May 7 – National School Nurse Day

May 8 – National Student Nurses Day

May 12 – International Nurses Day

The purpose of National Nurses Week is to recognize and celebrate nurses for their commitment to patients, communities, and better healthcare. It’s also a time to raise awareness of the vital role nurses play in society.

Speaking of nurses, are you a retired nurse and interested in sharing your stories and enjoying a delicious lunch?

In case you hadn’t heard, there is a “Monroe County Retired Nurses” group that meets in March, May, August and October each year at Mr. BBQ, Mystic Oaks Golf Course in Waterloo, IL. Usually, there is an informational presentation and lunch (purchased on your own) followed by a meeting. Annual dues are $15.00. Many areas of nursing are represented by the members.

Their next meeting is Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.

Please contact Marsha Wild at (618) 612-7105 if you have any questions or are interested in attending.

You can find them on Facebook at Monroe County Retired Nurses.

Happy Teacher’s Week!!!

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 5 – 9, 2025.

National Teacher Day is Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

This week is a time to recognize and celebrate the contributions of educators.



Wishing you a safe and happy summer!!! 😊😊😊



Suggestions/Questions??? Please contact our MRC Unit #2781 Leader at:

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