



The MRC Hero

COLLIN COUNTY MRC NEWSLETTER



COLLABORATE TO ELEVATE

Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) Workshop

In December, a group from our local Lions Club presented on how to make a plan for a VRC. VRCs are centralized locations for processing volunteers and organizing disaster relief efforts. We set up Myers Park so that attendees could walk through and experience what it would be like to respond and staff a VRC. Emergency Managers from Collin County and a few cities also attended the workshop.



In the event of a public health emergency, we will use the Everbridge automated notification system to notify MRC volunteers via phone, email, and text message. Phone calls and text messages will come from the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) telephone number:

(972) 548-5503



Congratulations to **Audrey Doncell**, our Volunteer of the Year for the 2025 grant year! We were thrilled to honor her for her incredible generosity and dedication!

Thank you to all who participated!
 Top Row: Sarika Singh, Karen Fant, & Sheila Lederer
 Left to Right: Audrey Doncell, Samara Amin, Austin Rodriguez, Angela Hageman, Michael Hiefner, Grace Seidlitz, Merrie Hiefner, Kim Stone, Pat O'Riley, Jennifer Lyles, Jeff Bass, Stephanie Keeler, Shahram Pajuh, Daniella Gomez, John Mascio, Charrie Mascio, Ahemaiti Nueraili, Tim Valis, Tameka Hardy, Jeff Carruth, & Aubrey Saylor (MRC Coordinator)



It is extremely important that you respond to the Everbridge notification. If any of your contact information has changed, please let us know so that we can get it updated.



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Training and Events



Upcoming Events

Collin College Full-Scale Active Threat Exercise

Sign up with Collin College Registration Link

Collin College Wylie Campus
391 Country Club Road in Wylie

1/25/2026

6:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Future Health Professionals - HOSA Spring Leadership Conference Judging

Sign up with Texas HOSA Registration Link



Parker University
250 Walnut Hill Lane in Dallas
2/20/2026 & 2/21/2026
Various Times



Collin County MRC's 20th Birthday Party & POD 101

Sign up on TDVR

Myers Park Event Center
7117 County Road 166 in McKinney
2/28/2026

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Collin College Health & Safety Fair

Sign up on TDVR

Collin College McKinney Campus
Conference Center
2400 Community Avenue in McKinney
3/27/2026
Various Shifts



MetroX

Regional Full-Scale Exercise

Volunteers and staff helped out at multiple sites for the MetroX Exercise, acting during active threat scenarios, evaluating at a mock Family Assistance Center (FAC), and supporting the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).



Collin County MRC Mission Statement

The Collin County MRC is a volunteer organization that protects and promotes the health and wellbeing of the residents of Collin County.

MRC volunteers supplement existing emergency and public health resources.

“You are the Help Until Help Arrives.”