ERC Procedures

ERC volunteers will be incorporated into the existing Disaster Emergency Medical Personnel System (DEMPS) database and where appropriate, into the VetPro database. A certification and approval process will ensure that applicants are competent and eligible to participate in the Emergency Reserve Corps.

Participants will be required to meet all VHA requirements for employment. A system of records will be maintained to ensure these requirements remain current. Credentialing and privileging as well as competency and proficiency assessment will be performed in accordance with VHA regulations.

ERC Volunteers Benefits

All participants in the Corps will be maintained in intermittent or Without Compensation (WOC) status. Individuals may also be brought in on a contract status.

Subject to a service agreement, employees (retirees) who return in an intermittent status may be eligible to receive a recruitment incentive. Under certain conditions, a salary offset waiver may be granted.

For more information contact the Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Health Administration 810 Vermont Avenue NW Washington, DC 20420

Sign up now!

Register for the ERC by logging on to the following URL:

https://vaww1.va.gov/demps/volunteers/registration/index.cfm

or send a message to the VHA ERC mailbox at VHAERC@va.gov.
Retiree Emergency Reserve Corps (ERC)

The ERC is a contingency of former or retired Veterans Health Administration (VHA) employees with needed skills that could be mobilized to serve for limited periods in response to Veterans Affairs (VA) or national emergencies. In addition, retirees who served in key roles may be called upon for knowledge transfer.

ERC participants if mobilized would become VHA reemployed annuitants or contract employees. Participants will be utilized to provide leadership, clinical, administrative, and/or technical skills to meet the needs of the organization in times of local or national emergencies.

The primary responsibility of ERC participants would be to fill in for staff deployed, and/or backfill needed areas in either a professional or an administrative capacity. Participants may also serve in direct emergent roles if able. This would result in readily available resources to VHA, as well as filling existing gaps caused by the deployment of personnel.

VA has established the Disaster Emergency Medical Personnel System (DEMPs) program to provide deployable employees who can respond during emergencies. The DEMPs program was established October 7, 1997, as a means to streamline the process of identifying any VA personnel willing to volunteer for emergency/disaster responses. The DEMPs program incorporates the Emergency Reserve Corps (ERC) program as a method to recruit and train retired employees who can respond during emergencies. The DEMP program was established October 7, 1997, as a means to streamline the process of identifying any VA personnel willing to volunteer for emergency/disaster responses. The DEMP program incorporates the Emergency Reserve Corps (ERC) program as a method to recruit and train retired employees who can respond during emergencies.

Members of the Retiree Emergency Reserve Corps may assist in leadership roles, clinical areas, investigations, respond to telephone inquiries, or assist with public education and outreach programs.

History (DEMPs and ERC)

As part of VA’s 4th mission, VHA stands ready to provide assistance to the community at large and to other VA and government facilities in the event of a disaster and/or general emergency conditions. VHA hospitals recruit and train retired VA volunteers:
- General Practitioners
- Pharmacists
- Dentists
- Nurses
- Administrative and Healthcare staff

Sign up now! and be part of an exciting experience. This opportunity is for current employees nearing retirement and employees who already retired. Contact the emergency management coordinator and Human Resources Specialist at your medical facility to get additional information.

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Are you getting ready to retire?

Would you be interested in returning to work periodically during emergency situations or to serve as a consultant for knowledge transfer?

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If the answer is yes, then see your facility emergency management coordinator to enroll today.

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