



Greene County Public Health
Melissa Howell MS, MBA, MPH, RN, RS, Health Commissioner
Kevin L. Sharrett, MD, Medical Director

Press Release

For Immediate Release
March 9, 2022

Contact: Laurie Fox, Public Information Officer
937-374-5669 office / 937-283-5178 cell
lfox@gcph.info

Greene County MRC Awarded a \$10,000 Medical Reserve Corps Operational Readiness Award by the National Association of County and City Health Officials

XENIA, OH – Greene County MRC is the recipient of a 2022 Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Operational Readiness Award given by the [National Association of County and City Health Officials](#) (NACCHO). NACCHO represents the country's nearly 3,000 local health departments.

These awards, made possible through a cooperative agreement with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response's Medical Reserve Corps Program Office, will build the operational readiness capabilities of MRC units to meet the emergency preparedness and response needs of local, regional, and statewide stakeholders. More than \$1 million in awards will support 129 units to build MRC response capabilities (Tier 1) or strengthen MRC response capabilities (Tier 2). Greene County MRC received a Tier 2 award in the amount of \$10,000.

Dr. Don Brannen, the Greene MRC Unit leader stated, "The Greene County MRC unit was established in 2005. Since that time, the unit has grown to over 600 medical and non-medical volunteers. These and other volunteers have responded to help during all the major disasters that have affected the community from tornadoes to the pandemic. Volunteers have donated hundreds of hours, during the pandemic alone, resulting in over \$600,000 in service time. This award will be used to provide training to volunteers on when and how to apply tourniquets. Each volunteer who completes the training will receive a free kit. We plan on holding the training in the late summer of 2022." Greene County MRC is hosted by Greene County Public Health in collaboration with the Greene County Emergency Management Agency.

The MRC is a national network of volunteers, organized locally to improve the health and safety of their communities. The MRC network comprises approximately 200,000 volunteers in roughly 800 community-based units located throughout the United States and its territories. According to the [2020 Network Profile of the Medical Reserve Corps](#), Operational Readiness Awards were the largest funding source for 29% of units that year.

-cont'd-

360 Wilson Drive • Xenia, Ohio 45385
(937) 374-5600 • toll free (866) 858-3588 • Fax (937) 374-5675
www.gcph.info



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.
Greene County



Greene County Public Health

Melissa Howell MS, MBA, MPH, RN, RS, Health Commissioner
Kevin L. Sharrett, MD, Medical Director

During the 2020 COVID-19 response, MRC volunteers contributed approximately 840,000 hours of service, [resulting in a workforce savings of nearly \\$24 million](#). Currently, the MRC reports approximately [3 million volunteer hours](#) to support COVID-19 local response efforts, and the numbers continue to grow.

###

About Greene County Public Health

Our services are designed to protect and improve the health of the community. We provide birth and death certificates, easily accessible community public health services and environmental health programs. We ensure safety of food and water, protection from disease, and readiness to respond to emergencies. The organization was created by Ohio Revised Code 3707 and 3709 in 1920. For more information about Greene County Public Health, please visit www.gcph.info.

About NACCHO

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) represents the nation's nearly 3,000 local governmental health departments. These city, county, metropolitan, district, and tribal departments work every day to protect and promote health and well-being for all people in their communities. For more information about NACCHO, please visit www.naccho.org.

Greene County Public Health...
Your Accredited and Trusted Local Public Health Authority Since 1920

360 Wilson Drive • Xenia, Ohio 45385
(937) 374-5600 • toll free (866) 858-3588 • Fax (937) 374-5675
www.gcph.info