

“Tailored to Fit ”

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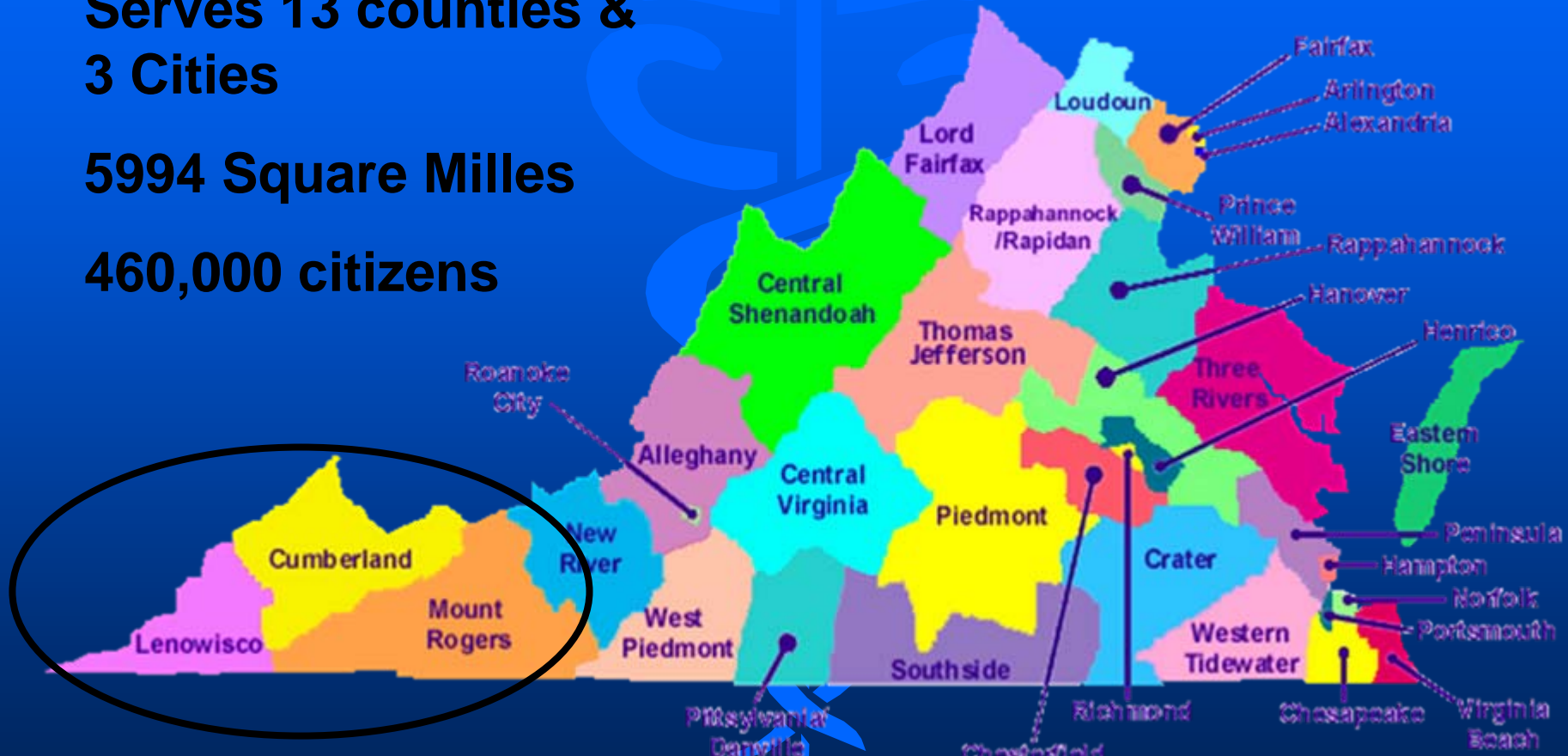


The Southwest Virginia Medical Reserve Corps

**Serves 13 counties &
3 Cities**

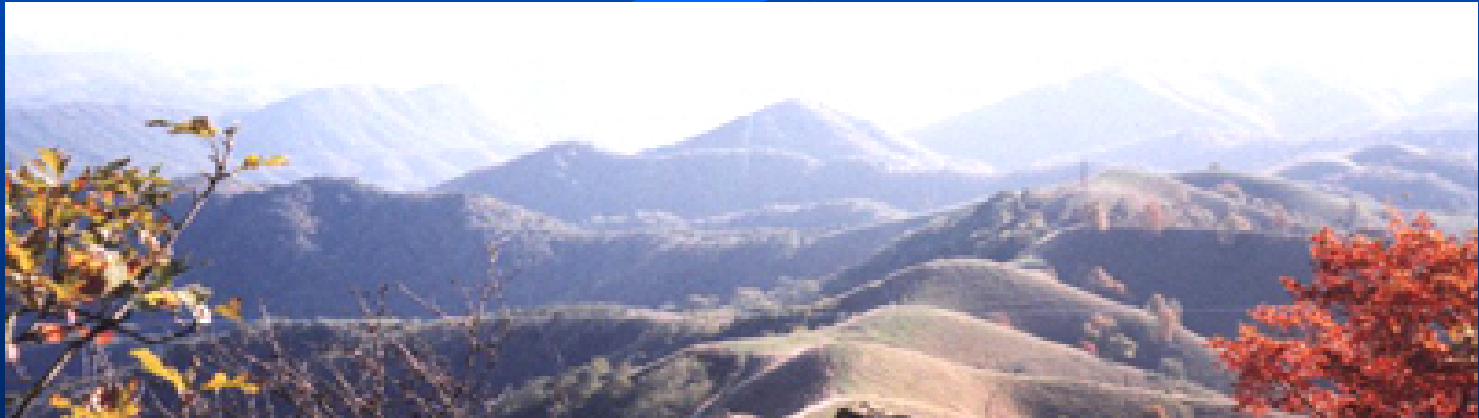
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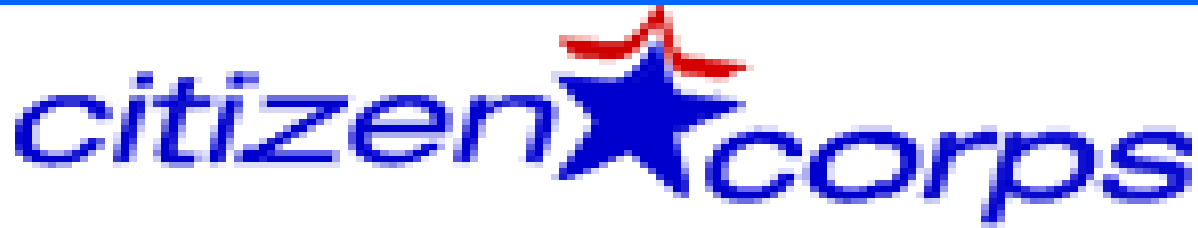
460,000 citizens



SWVA MRC Mission

To provide a systematic, coordinated and effective voluntary medical response to any type of disaster affecting our communities in southwestern Virginia.





- Two established C.E.R.T. programs in region
- One county and one city are currently developing new C.E.R.T. programs
- No VIPS or VIFS programs
- Neighborhood Watch programs throughout the region
- Medical Reserve Corps is only regionally-encompassing program



Potential emergencies

- Naturally-occurring— flash floods, snowstorms, forest fires, droughts, hurricane-related and tropical depression storms
- Hazard Materials incidents
- School violence – private and state-operated 4-year colleges, community colleges, private and county-operated K-12 schools
- Communicable disease outbreaks
- Coal Industry emergencies
- Influx of evacuees from coastal and urban regions of the Commonwealth
- NASCAR events with an influx of approximately 150,000 visitors into the region



- PARTNERS



- Two American Red Cross Chapters
- **Regional Emergency Medical Services Council**
- SWVA Hospital Preparedness Commission (HRSA)
- **Local Emergency Planning Commissions**
- Virginia Volunteer Organizations Active In Disaster (VOAD)
- **Virginia Department of Emergency Management**
- Virginia Community Healthcare Association
- Community Services Boards
- **Health Departments in surrounding states – Tennessee, North Carolina, West Virginia and Kentucky**



Activities “Tailored to Fit”

- Limited volunteer time-commitment
- In-house training is offered to encourage participation
- Active participation in Citizen Corps councils
- MRC staff are also CERT Trainers
- MRC members actively participate in drills and exercises throughout the region
- Offer CEU’s for EMS volunteers
- MRC staff provide personal preparedness training



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