



# City of Meriden Public Health Volunteer Newsletter

July 2007

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  - **Emergency Response Drill with MidState Medical & others**
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#### City of Meriden:

<http://www.cityofmeriden.org/>

#### State of Connecticut Dept. of Health:

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/>

#### Federal Government:

##### Centers for Disease Control:

<http://www.cdc.gov/>

##### Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

<http://www.fema.gov/>

##### US Department of Health and Human Services

<http://www.pandemicflu.gov/>

##### Private Organizations:

##### American Red Cross

<http://www.redcross.org/>

##### Salvation Army

<http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/>

### **350 additional Public Health Volunteers**

**are needed in Meriden!**

*(Current number of volunteers 150)*

Please forward this invitation to your family,  
friends, neighbors, etc.

[Click Here to Register as a Volunteer.](#)

## Thoughts from the Director of Health

### ➤ **Emergency Response Drill with MidState Medical and our health partners.**

On June 19, 2007 The Meriden Health Department participated in an Emergency Response Drill with MidState Medical Center, Meriden Police/Fire, Dispatch and Hunter's Emergency Ambulance Services. Neighboring towns Wallingford and Cheshire joined the drill with their respective police and fire services. Over 500 people participated in the drill!

Planning for the "drill" began over 7 months ago. Each of the participants (including a Meriden Health Department representative) created a "scenario" to test components of their plans to see what needs to be improved. The start of the "drill" began with patients arriving at MidState Emergency Department with unusual influenza like illness.

Meriden Health Department tested its internal emergency communication call system to its staff and the requirement to have the school nurses go to Platt High School for training by the School Nursing Supervisor on personal protection basics.

The drill was successful to help enhance our abilities and response so we may better serve the public in the event of a real public health emergency. George Dunn, Master Exercise Practitioner, indicated that this was the first time that a hospital in this state included outside agencies and municipalities in its drill.

### ➤ **Special Needs Registry for Emergency Response**

The Meriden Health Department along with its community health partners has been working hard developing a **Special Needs Registry**. **We need your assistance.**

The City of Meriden would like to register residents with Special Needs to ensure that everyone will get the help they need in an emergency. If you know of anyone who **CAN NOT** enter and exit your residence independently on a physical and/or mental level, please have them fill out the special needs registration form. Click [HERE](#).

**Meriden Health Department**

**165 Miller Street**

**Meriden, CT 06450**

If you or someone you know is unable to complete the attached form or have questions, please contact the Meriden Health Department. All information will remain confidential.

**"Volunteers like YOU make the difference"**