



City of Meriden Public Health Volunteer Newsletter

Spring 2008

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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 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

➤ **Exercise Update:** The Meriden Health Department, along with its regional partners is in the planning stages of our next Tabletop Exercise. As you know from your online training, a Tabletop Exercise relies on a “forced decision-making” framework in regards to a particular challenge like pandemic flu. Based on the information given and participant knowledge, the key decisions made during the exercise are evaluated and analyzed. Lessons learned are discussed and corrective actions are made to “fix” any component of the framework. We will keep you informed of our progress!

➤ **Two On-Line Trainings for Volunteers!** The Meriden Health Department invites YOU to begin your public health volunteer training through www.ct.train.org. The trainings are titled: **IS-100 Introduction to the Incident Command System, I-100 and IS-700-National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction.**

To take the on-line course you **MUST** register using your own [ct.train](http://www.ct.train.org) account.

- Click www.ct.train.org and log in under your name and password.
- After you are logged in, scroll down to [FEMA Courses Listed on TRAINConnecticut](#).
- Click on the (Blue) link [IS 100 Introduction to the Incident Command System](#), then click register at the top of the screen to begin the course. (Follow all instructions)

When complete each training, forward a copy of your Certificate of Achievement to the Meriden Health Department (see address below), and keep a copy for your own records.

Reminder!!

**Online computer training access is available
at the Meriden Health Department.**

A designated computer room at the Health Department is set up and made available for registered public health volunteers to do online public health emergency response training. If you don't have a computer or access to one you can now take the required online training at the Meriden Health Department, 165 Miller Street.

Call 630-4240 to reserve a time to use the computer.