

## Falling into Service



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## Volunteer and Job Opportunities

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[Announcing the statewide launch and recruitment effort for our SERV-OR Advanced Team!](#) This initiative aims to decentralize volunteer coordination for State Managed Volunteer Pool (SMVP) deployments by cultivating local leadership that will provide on-the-ground direction, volunteer coordination, mission support, and situational awareness, enhancing Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) service to the community and deployed personnel. Our vision is to establish a network of regionally appointed cadres of trained volunteer leaders. **Are you interested finding out more about the pilot Advanced Team in your area? Fill out the [Advanced Team Interest Form](#) today!**



# News You Can Use

## [Stories of Service: Oregonians Aid East Coast Hurricane Response](#)

### **Hurricane Helene: A Multi-State Response**

When Hurricane Helene struck the East Coast, it brought a whirlwind of challenges that tested emergency responders and volunteers alike. From preemptive actions in Atlanta to post-storm relief efforts across Georgia, the hurricane showcased both the frenzy and effectiveness of disaster response.

### **Preparation Before the Storm: Alex Dolle's Perspective**

In Atlanta, Alex Dolle, a SERV-OR volunteer since 2022 witnessed... | [Click here to continue reading.](#)

## [Clackamas County MRC Disaster Sanitation Outreach](#)

This year, as part of the Tri-County Regional MRC in the Portland/Metro area, the [Clackamas County Medical Reserve Corps](#) Unit was a co-recipient of funding to support outreach and education in Disaster Sanitation. Thanks to the foundation previously built by the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization (RDPO) and the creative efforts of Nancy Flores Sanchez from [Washington County Medical Reserve Corps](#), English and Spanish language videos were developed for this project for the training and use by interested volunteers as well as the general public.

[Click here to read the entire article.](#)

## [Winter Prep – Part 2](#)

Last month, we focused on actions that require significant preparation time and may incur higher costs. This month, we are highlighting items and actions that are quicker and easier to complete, requiring minimal time and effort.

Winter in Oregon can be unpredictable, but preparing for it doesn't have to be overwhelming. Start by inspecting and replacing... | [Click here to read full article.](#)

## [Summer of Service & Community Engagement: SERV-OR in Action](#)

This summer, the State Managed Volunteer Pool (SMVP) and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) units across Oregon supported their communities during emergencies and engaged in outreach and preparedness work. From providing medical care during extreme heat to offering training and participating in community events, volunteers showed unwavering dedication to fostering resilience and wellbeing. [Click here for full article.](#)

## Share Your Holiday Cheer

Capture the magic of the season and share your favorite holiday photos. Whether it's a beautifully decorated table setting, a festive ornamented tree, or a snowy adventure, we want to see it!

Submit your holiday photos to be featured in the January edition of the newsletter. Let's spread joy and celebrate together! We are looking forward to seeing your holiday moments! ✨

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## [SERV-OR, SMVP, MRC – OH MY!](#)

### **Demystifying the types of volunteer management unit you can join in SERV-OR?**

Have you ever pondered to no avail the purpose and difference between all the different volunteer units in SERV-OR? Have you asked yourself, “If I’m in SERV-OR can I be activated with my local MRC?”

## [Expanding SERV-OR Activities and Membership](#)

**SERV-OR may be on the Oregon State Legislature’s radar [this session](#).** This new Legislative Concept (LC) has been proposed which would expand policies around state managed volunteer activities and membership. But don’t get ahead of our lawmakers! A

Or “If I’m in the MRC, will I get notified of statewide volunteer opportunities?” How about “What the heck is the SMVP???”

Legislative Concept is just a draft of an idea. The draft has been introduced as a measure but must make it past a few more legislative hurdles before it is added as a proposed bill for the 2025 Legislative Agenda.

If these questions sound familiar, then you are not alone! Read along... | [Click here to continue.](#)

This bill updates the SERV-OR statutes to: [Click here to read more about it.](#)

## Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

### Upcoming Activities

To view planned activities for units around the state

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# Training & Development

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## 2024 VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

STATE MANAGED  
**SMVP**  
VOLUNTEER POOL  
Oregon



**TOTALS**



HOURS

**1,454.60**



DEPLOYED VOLUNTEERS

**104**  
**18 MISSIONS**



VALUE OF SERVICE

**\$38,256.68**

**4,484.25**

**1,034\***

**\$204,579.19**

**5,938.85**

**1,138\***

**\$242,835.87**

\*Contains duplicative counts of members who deployed multiple times.

Oregon  
Historical  
Event

**1964 Earthquake and Tsunami** – The 9.2 magnitude earthquake that struck the Prince William Sound region of Alaska on March 27th, generated a tsunami across the Pacific basin that effected affected Cannon Beach and Seaside. The tsunami caused over \$230,000 in damage to Cannon Beach. In Seaside, ocean water surged up the Necanicum River channels, carrying debris, sand, and logs. Five people died in Oregon - four were children at Beverly Beach State Park. It was the largest recorded earthquake in North America and the second largest in the world. [Click here to read more about this historic event.](#)

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**Creating this newsletter is truly a team effort. Appreciative for the expertise, time, and talents of everyone involved!**

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Do you have a **Story of Service**? We desire to hear it! Email your story to [SERV.OR@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:SERV.OR@odhsoha.oregon.gov)

so your story can be recognized and published in a future newsletter!

**General questions?** Email [SERV.OR@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:SERV.OR@odhsoha.oregon.gov)

# SERV-OR

State Emergency Registry of Volunteers in Oregon

*The mission of the State Emergency Registry of Volunteers in Oregon (SERV-OR) and Oregon's Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) network is to ensure health and well-being, educate, and protect all people in Oregon.*

*We will accomplish this through recruiting, registering, training, exercising, and deploying licensed volunteer health professionals to support public health initiatives, health and medical needs during public health crises, and by improving access to preparedness education and resources for all individuals and communities.*

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