



Volunteers Needed for Minneapolis Emergency Response Team: Cultural Services Unit

What: We're seeking a select group of multicultural community residents to actively serve in a new Minneapolis Cultural Services Unit as registered Hennepin County Medical Reserve Corps volunteers to assist in emergencies.

Why: The purpose of the Cultural Services Unit is to have a team of 12-20 trained community members able to support community disaster recovery and outreach activities. Members will gain valuable experience in the field of public health and safety and will serve as cultural liaisons for their communities.

Who: Residents of Minneapolis with strong connections to their respective cultural communities. Space is limited. Preference will be given to applicants who:

- Are bilingual in English and another language
Or represent a cultural group that primarily speaks English.
- Have an interest in health and safety initiatives
- Participate in a background check
- Are willing to be on-call in case of emergency
- Are able to attend trainings located at the Minneapolis Police 3rd Precinct Station, 3000 Minnehaha Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55406 (located near Hiawatha and Lake St)
- Are able to attend the training dates listed below

When: Training sessions will be held on the following dates:

- Orientation Meeting: Wednesday, Oct 30th 6-9p.m.
- Training date 1: Wednesday, November 6th 6-9 p.m.
- Training date 2: Wednesday, November 13th 6-9 p.m.
- Training date 3: Wednesday, November 20th 6-9 p.m.
- Training date 4: Wednesday, December 4th 6-9 p.m.
- Training date 5 and Graduation: Wednesday, Dec. 11th 6-9 p.m. OR Saturday, Dec. 7th 12-3 p.m.

Upon completion of the basic training, you will be expected to participate in at least two events a year.

Members will receive: Five 3-hour workshops about basic emergency response activities. You may be eligible for travel reimbursement.

How: For more information or to request the application to be a Minneapolis Center Cultural Services Unit member, please contact Danushka Wanduragala at 651-789-4326 or wanduragala@echominnesota.org. Completed applications can be emailed to that address or sent to ECHO, 125 Charles Ave, St. Paul, MN 55103

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