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Volunteers Needed for Emergency Preparedness Exercise

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St. Charles County – The St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment is coordinating the skills of practicing and retired physicians, nurses, pharmacists and other health care professionals who are eager to volunteer and help their community during large-scale, public health emergency situations.

Volunteers may deliver necessary public health services during a crisis, assist emergency response teams with patients, and provide care directly to those with other health-related issues.

More immediately, volunteers will have the opportunity to assist their community by participating in a Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) exercise on June 15. During the exercise, St. Charles and other Region C counties, will demonstrate and assess their emergency response plans by operating medication dispensing sites.

A medication dispensing site would be used, in the event of a Bioterrorism attack or widespread disease outbreak, to distribute medication to large numbers of people as efficiently and quickly as possible.

The St. Charles County Department of Community Health and the Environment is requesting volunteers to participate in the June 15th exercise, as well as in the event of an actual public health emergency.

If you are a health care professional (pharmacist, physician, nurse, mental health counselor, etc.) and would like to volunteer, please contact Hope Woodson, Public Health Response Planner at 636-949-7554.