



May 16, 2012

Hello Everyone~

The Region 4A MRC conference held on May 5th at the Massachusetts Fire Fighter Academy (MFFA) in Stow, MA was a great success!

There has been wonderful feedback received from our volunteers; who were really pleased with the content of the conference, the facility, the food and the opportunity to network with others from across Region 4A.

We were welcomed to this event by Michael Gurnick the Ashland MRC Chairman and Trainer for the Massachusetts Fire Fighter Academy.

Our Key Note Speaker, Dr. James Geiling was extremely well received as he discussed his experience as a volunteer at the Haiti Deployment Mobile Medical Hospitals, focusing on altered Standards of care during a large scale disaster. Several other trainings were provided throughout the day to enhance our volunteer's knowledge and regional emergency preparedness.

After Michael Gurnick provided a tour of the Academy we held the Awards Ceremony honoring our outstanding MRC volunteers and partners for their substantial contributions within their local community branch as well as the Region 4A Medical Reserve Corps.

The 2011 MRC Award Recipients included:

**Outstanding Contribution to the MRC Program**

- Jack Wallace from Stow
- Michelle Kanavos from Marlborough
- Gloria Drummey from Marlborough

**Outstanding Board of Health Leadership**

- Southborough Board of Health

**Outstanding Flu Clinic Volunteer**

- Cynthia Hill from Wayland

**Most Innovative Local MRC**

- Christine Knobel from Walpole

**MRC Branch Of The Year, 2011**

- Wayland MRC

**Life Time Contribution To Public Health**

- Mal Smart from Ashland

**MRC Leadership Within Your Community**

- Michael Gurnick from Ashland

**MRC Partnership Within Your Community**

- Michael Gurnick from Ashland

Thank you all for your continued commitment to your community and the support of our region through attending trainings, local program work and the various deployment services this past year.

Looking forward to our continued service ahead,  
Liisa Jackson