

## **Justification for PHS          Award**

### **ACCOMPLISHMENT**

LT Iam Good Officer is nominated for the USPHS          Award for his dedication and support to the Officer of the Surgeon General and the Office of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps for the period from 01-February-2009 through 08-April-2009.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a national network of local groups of volunteers committed to improving the health, safety and resiliency of their communities. MRC volunteers include medical and public health professions, as well as others interested in strengthening the public health infrastructure and improving the preparedness and response capabilities of their local jurisdiction. MRC units identify, screen, train and organize the volunteers, and utilize them to support routine public health activities and augment preparedness and response efforts.

The Office of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps (OCVMRC) is housed within the Office of the Surgeon General, and has a mission to support local efforts to establish, implement, and sustain MRC units nationwide. LT Officer is an MRC Program Officer with Program operations, and his duties include serving as the lead for registration and de-registration of MRC units, coordination between the MRC Regional Coordinators on the registration and de-registration processes, and serving as the senior technical lead on a new initiative concerning substance abuse prevention initiatives for MRC units. In addition to his quotidian duties, LT Officer volunteered to service as the team lead for protocol lead for the coordination and various flags at the 2009 Integrated Training Summit in April, 2009

### **INTERVENTION**

LT Officer organized the necessary logistics concerning three USPHS Rear Admirals who attended and spoke at the 2009 Integrated Training Summit. The 2009 Integrated Medical, Public Health, Preparedness and Response Training Summit brought together several HHS entities – the U.S. Public Health Service, National Disaster Medical System (NDMS), Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professions (ESAR-VHP) and MRC – that have, in the past, held separate organizational meetings, training summits and leadership conferences. The combination into an integrated Training Summit allowed improved coordination, collaboration, interaction and integration. It also greatly increased the complexity and logistics.

In support of the training summit, LT Officer organized calls with the various aide-de-camps who support the three flag officers, worked with multiple conference organizers to ascertain the number and location of flags necessary to support concurrent one- and two-star USPHS Admirals oral presentations. In addition to the Admiral's flags, LT Officer also made arrangements to have the U.S. Flag, the DHHS Flag, and the Texas State Flag present with the correct-size flags, poles, bases, and other required devices. Given the LT Officer had to borrow flags from various parts of the Department, at the conclusion of the conference he took it upon himself to order a complete set of flags that may be used for all upcoming OSG- or MRC supported conferences.

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LT Officer also served as the USPHS OCVMRC officer responsible for serving as the OCVMRC advance officer for the Acting Deputy Surgeon General. The Acting Deputy Surgeon General, by tradition, spent part of his time at this conference meeting with all MRC unit leaders in their regional breakout sessions. LT Officer went to all of the regional breakout sessions in advance of the official party, gave the participants notice that the Acting Deputy Surgeon General would arrive shortly, discussed with participants how to greet and interact with the official party, and made sure that all logistics were carried out efficiently and without apparent effort.

### IMPACT

More than 500 MRC unit leaders met with the Acting Deputy Surgeon General, had their picture taken with him, and were able to ask MRC-related questions. Several MRC unit leaders noted that they extremely pleased with this opportunity and specifically mentioned LT Officer's professionalism and decorum. In addition, all necessary flags were present at the conference, creating a professional and appropriate backdrop for the 3,000 participants as they listened to one- and two-star USPHS Officers.

### OUTCOME

LT Officer is deserving of the USPHS \_\_\_\_\_ Award for his efforts in support of both the Office of the Surgeon General and the Office of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps.

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