

## Greetings!

Thanks for being an MDA31 volunteer! This newsletter will keep you informed regarding various aspects of clinic organization and training dates.

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### Volunteer Trainings - Bring a Friend



MDA #31's annual refresher Point of Dispensing (POD) training will be offered twice in September. Topics will include:

- \* Review of Key POD Jobs \*
- Closed PODs versus Open PODs \*
- Forms Updates

This event is open to new and seasoned volunteers.

Any attendee who recruits a new volunteer will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Visa gift card. Earn one entry per new recruit! [Click here](#) to register for one of the sessions.

### Hurricane Season...Are You Ready?

As we approach peak hurricane season (mid-August through October), this is a great time to make sure you and your family are prepared. Maybe it's time to re-check your emergency supplies after last year's storms. For tips on what to do before, during, and after a hurricane, visit [this link](#).

### Statewide Exercise

In an effort to test changes made to emergency plans after Storms Irene and Alfred, nearly every town in Connecticut took part in a Hurricane Exercise at the end of July. The exercise focused on Emergency Operations Center activation, communications, sheltering, and post-landfall "Make Safe" activities in the event of a Category 3 hurricane (similar to the Hurricane of 1938). For more information, visit [this link](#).

One of the vivid lessons learned was the importance of volunteers in the event of such a devastating storm. Both Windsor and South Windsor are preparing to add MDA 31 Volunteers to their Everbridge emergency notification systems so that we can alert everyone where to report if they are able to assist. Look in your mailbox for a letter on how to update your contact information with MDA 31.

## Has Your Contact Information Changed?

Life is ever changing, and so is your contact information! And yet, if we don't have your current information, our ability to reach you in an emergency is compromised. Please help us keep in touch with you! If any of your information has changed, please notify Allyson Schulz at 860.559.1492.

## Quick Links...

[Our Next Training](#)

[TRAINConnecticut](#)

[CT Dept of Public Health](#)

[MDA 31 Registration Form](#)

[CT Emergency Management & Homeland Security](#)