FULL SCALE EXERCISES
These help to test the capabilities of planning and response partners, and volunteers often serve as valuable resources that allow agencies to exercise more realistic scenarios. Exercises may take place within the City of Boston or in surrounding communities in the Commonwealth, and can last anywhere from a couple of hours to a full day. Past partners have included City of Boston public safety agencies (EMS, Police, Fire, Emergency Management), the MBTA, area hospitals and universities, and Logan International Airport.

HEALTH OUTREACH AND EDUCATION
There is an ongoing need to educate individuals about emergency preparedness and health issues that pose a risk to the Boston community. These events take place in all Boston neighborhoods and involve speaking with community members, providing preventative health information, or promoting the Boston MRC.

SPECIAL EVENTS
Community event organizers rely on Boston MRC volunteers to help staff their events. Events may take place within the City of Boston or in surrounding communities in the Commonwealth. Past partners have included Project Bread and the Boston Athletic Association.

FLU CLINICS
Boston MRC members help staff the Boston Public Health Commission’s annual flu clinics at City Hall and other locations around the city. Flu clinics typically run during the height of flu season from late fall through winter. Requiring both medical and non-medical Boston MRC members, flu clinics are a great opportunity for members to get involved.

SHELTER OPERATIONS
A shelter may be opened in response to a severe weather event or emergency in which large numbers of people are displaced. Boston MRC members can help assist the Red Cross their shelters by serving in a variety of roles depending on their background and training. All Shelter Operations members must take the Boston MRC Shelter Operations course prior to volunteering in this role.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT TEAMS
Made up of MRC members trained in psychological first aid, these individuals are committed to being a compassionate presence after potentially traumatic events that impact Boston families and organizations. Note: all CST members must take the Boston MRC psychological first aid course prior to volunteering in this role.