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MOV Community Emergency Response Team recognized

PARKERSBURG – The Mid-Ohio Valley's Community Emergency Response Team was recently recognized by The West Virginia Emergency Management Division for its work in support of the COVID pandemic response and other safety efforts over the last two years.

During the pandemic, the MOV CERT volunteers:

- Conducted daily temperature checks for all staff and clients coming into the facility.
- Assisted with intakes and testing at a COVID Drive-Thru Testing site at Parkersburg High School, testing 628 individuals over the two-day period.
- Partnered with the Salvation Army to temperature check homeless clients who came in for meals and provided them with a free COVID test onsite.

"Since 2011, Mid-Ohio Valley CERT program and its members have been of great service to their community," said GE McCabe, director of West Virginia Emergency Management Division in a statement. "They conduct preparedness outreach and education to help residents be informed and prepared for emergencies. They participate in disaster preparedness, training and drills and assist with local response and recovery efforts.

Your volunteer program is an invaluable resource that strengthens your county's first response capabilities and helps to keep your citizens informed, prepared and safe during disasters. Thank you for helping to support and build more resilient communities in the Mid-Ohio Valley region."

The MOV CERT is partnered with Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department's Medical Reserve Corps and serves Calhoun, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Wirt and Wood counties.

If you would like to volunteer as a member, visit https://midohiohealth.galaxydigital.com or call 304-485-7374.

Photo cutline: Matthews Blackwood, left, deputy director of The West Virginia Emergency Management Division, presents Kristine Hamilton, volunteer coordinator of the Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department and the Medical Reserve Corps with a plaque honoring the work the Mid-Ohio Valley's Community Emergency Response Team did over the two years of the COVID pandemic.

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The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department serves Wood, Wirt, Calhoun, Pleasants, Ritchie and Roane Counties. It is located at 211 Sixth St. in Parkersburg. Call 304-485-7374 or visit the website, movhd.com for more information.