Guide for MRC Unit Leaders:

Using Social Media to Engage and Recruit Volunteers

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Social media platforms can be great tools to communicate with your volunteers, post information about unit activities, field volunteer requests during a disaster, communicate during a disaster, and promote MRC units.

Using Facebook

To create a Facebook Page:

- 1. Go to facebook.com/pages/create.
- 2. Click to choose a Page type.
- 3. Fill out the required information.
- 4. Click Get Started and follow the on-screen instructions.

How to start a Facebook Live video:

For iOS devices –

- 1. In the **Facebook** app, begin to compose a status as you normally would.
- 2. On iOS, a list of options will show up below the text field, tap on **Live Video** > Continue.
- 3. Give your **Live video** a title (e.g. "Playing miniature golf!") and set the level of privacy (friends, public, etc.).

For Android devices -

- 1. In the **Facebook** app, begin to compose a status as you normally would.
- n Android, tap on Go Live > Continue.
- 3. Give your **Live video** a title (e.g. "Playing miniature golf!") and set the level of privacy (friends, public, etc.).

Using Twitter

Setting up your Twitter account

- 1. Choose a profile name. This is the name you'll be known as on **Twitter** (also known as your @name).
- 2. Add a photo of you, not your logo.
- 3. Complete your bio.
- 4. Add your website address.
- 5. Follow some people.
- 6. Get tweeting.
- 7. Check your mentions regularly.

Resources

Volunteer Recruitment

• How to Recruit Volunteers Using Social Media

Wix

- How to Build a Website on Wix for free
- Tutorial on Wix

YouTube

- Make Videos Using your Cell Phone
- How to Make a YouTube Account (2014)