



## An All Volunteer - Nonprofit Organization

*Heroes aren't born. They volunteer!*

### FUN FACT

Just this year, nine major extreme weather disasters have cost the U.S. nearly \$10 billion.

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### In the know:

August 27 - Emergency Management

September 18 - Annual Volunteer Picnic

October 15 - To be determined

November 19 - Opioid Crisis & Narcan Training

December 10 - Annual Holiday Luncheon



### Radiation Response CRC Team

Our Community Reception Centers (CRC) Team Leaders Ellen Jones, Jamie Smith, and R. Michael Carter headlined our recent 2-day summit held in Norcross, GA in July. 60 of our members were trained on CRC and how to set them up. We also learned about radiation and were instructed on how to

detect radiation using specialized equipment. The CRC Team is just one of the specialized teams that MRC GEM is developing to help keep our community safe. Keep an eye on the newsletter in the coming months for more information.

This year our summit was different from usual. It was limited to members who have shown interest in special training for response to radiological events. Some of the goals for this summit were to

provide you with the opportunity to get to know and interact with one another, to become familiar with what it's like setting up a CRC, and to get up close and personal with radiation scanning equipment.

Further training is coming for those interested in becoming part of the MRC Radiation Response Teams. You are one of the select few who, by virtue of training, attitude, and aptitude, qualify to join these teams.



### DID YOU KNOW?



### GMR Public Health

Started Monkeypox vaccinations in July 2022. MRC GEM in support of GMR Public Health assisted in the first vaccination clinic on July 23. Starting August 3 MRC GEM volunteers will be assisting the health department in weekly vaccination clinics which will be held Wednesday, Friday and Saturdays. We will need clinical (vaccinators) and non-clinical volunteers to join in this effort!

A signup will come out in the next few days, so please keep an eye out. We hope some of you will be able to assist.

## Peachtree Corners Festival

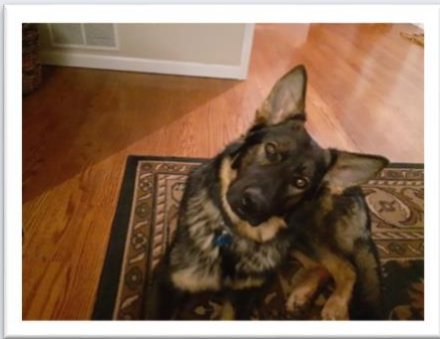
By Liza O'Neal, MRC GEM Outreach Lead



MRC GEM took part for the first time in the annual Peachtree Corners Festival. It was very well organized, and Carmen Stewart and I had little difficulty finding our assigned place and setting up our booth. There were lots of interested visitors to our booth, and everyone did an excellent job of telling them about MRC GEM and what we do. Many people took our leaflets and expressed interest in joining. Hopefully, we'll get some new members!

I want to thank Carmen, Yvette, Vivianne, Verdi and Terry for all their hard (and very hot!) work, and an extra thank you to Terry, for taking down the tent and packing everything up in the pouring rain and bringing it to my house! Great job to all of you!

## First Aid for Dogs



Liza O'Neal recently took an online *first aid for dogs*' class. This came about as her German Shepherd, Hunter, was quite badly injured after chasing a squirrel! She doesn't know how it happened, but something pierced his hind leg, causing serious bleeding. The vets are almost all closed on a Sunday, so MRC GEM friends, Ellen (Jones) and Jamie (Smith) came to the rescue with lots of practical advice, and sensible calming advice for her! They treated his wound in the way they have learned at MRC GEM (for

people) and made it through the night! His vet performed surgery on him the next morning.

After this incident Liza signed up for a first aid for dogs' class. She quickly found that what she has learned previously is applicable for dogs (except dogs needing a muzzle when hurt!) Dogs can bleed out in 5-7 minutes if an artery is cut, so stopping the bleed is essential - another vital skill learned in our Saturday training! A broken leg is also treated in the way we would treat a person's limb - something like a paint stick to keep the leg straight, and BUBBLE wrap to protect it! She said, "I thought that was a brilliant idea, and immediately added bubble wrap to the first aid kit in my car! This practical hint alone was worth the price of admission!"

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**Gary Johnson** How did Gary get involved? First was entering a program at Emory Univ on Alzheimer's research in 2010. His desire to give back as many in his family have suffered from Dementia and Alzheimer's. For the safety issues, he's on a lot of construction sites as the Architect. Each site requires you to have safety training. He attended GCPD and GCFD citizen classes and remained active in both. He took the CERT classes back in 2014. Passing the national Search & Rescue class. His first MRC was a retreat in 2014. Gary is native of metro NE Atlanta, and can remember Gwinnett county as rural. Farms and woods, wow are those days long gone.



We would like to spotlight a member each month in our newsletter. [Tell us a little about yourself.](#)

## UPCOMING AUGUST 27 MEETING

(Changed from August 20th)



**Greg Swanson**, Director of Emergency Management for Gwinnett County, will share how MRC GEM can (and does) assist EMA with keeping Gwinnett County a safer place to live.

Expect to hear more about the Incident Command System (ICS) and how it is used in emergency responses as well. Please make plans to join us for this special event. You'll receive an invitation in your email in the next week.



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