



## In the know:

October 21 - Strategic National Stockpile  
November 18 - Point of Dispensing (POD)  
December 18 - Annual Holiday Luncheon

## An All Volunteer - Nonprofit Organization

*Heroes aren't born. They volunteer!*

### Fun Facts

- *people who volunteered frequently tend to live longer than those who don't!*

### QUICK LINKS:

- [National Hurricane Center website](#)
- [GMR Public Health](#)
- [Healthcare Coalition - Region D](#)
- [MRC GEM](#)
- [Alerts and Warnings](#)
- [National MRC](#)



## Upcoming Monthly Training: Strategic National Stockpile

Saturday, October 21, 2023 - 9am-12noon

Where do you go if you need 50 tons of pharmaceuticals (like antibiotics) and medical supplies in 12 hours? And that's less than 5% of what's available through the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS)! Learn about the relationship between Public Health and the SNS. The SNS plays a pivotal role in supporting and enhancing the capabilities of public health systems during emergencies and crises. We'll explore topics such as resource availability, rapid response, preventive measures, and more. This meeting is a lead-in for November's POD (point of dispensing) exercise. Please [sign up](#) to let us know you plan to attend.

## Annual Picnic Enjoyed by Many Volunteers & Family

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## DID YOU KNOW?



### Neighbors in Uniform

[Read Stories](#) shared of interactions of Gwinnett County Police Officers with members of our vibrantly connected community. Additionally, you can [view the newsletters](#).

### Gwinnett Police extends mental health partnership with View Point Health

The Gwinnett Police Behavioral Health Unit contract with View Point Health has been extended. The program pairs a police officer with a licensed mental health clinician in co-responder teams. This approach allows Gwinnett Police to provide specialized support to individuals facing mental health crises. The unit plays a key role in answering routine and emergency calls with an opportunity for residents to receive the care they need.

## Gwinnett Police Foundation recognize longstanding community partner

Each year the Gwinnett County Police Foundation recognizes the valuable community contributions made by members of the police department and community. The 2023 community honoree was *Mr. Angel Alonso Sr.* (MRC GEM Member) who recently retired after 33 years from his own business, Indian Trail Hardware.

Angel has volunteered in various capacities with the Gwinnett Police Department for more than 31 years. He graduated from the Gwinnett Police Citizens Academy's seventh class, served as a Spanish translator for the West and South precincts, DUI taskforce, and Immigration. Angel was instrumental in launching the volunteer search team with Gwinnett Police. His most supportive role has been a liaison between police and the Hispanic community.

To learn more about the Gwinnett Police Foundation and how they support the law enforcement community and the community at-large, please visit its website, [GwinnettPoliceFoundation.org](http://GwinnettPoliceFoundation.org).



## Telehealth Awareness Week Georgia September 17-23

Our longstanding MRC GEM member and Board Member, Suleima Salgado receiving a proclamation for Telehealth Week. This will encourage all Georgians to learn more about telehealth to showcase access to quality healthcare for all communities across our state.



## MRC GEM Training Others

The last week of August, our Executive Director, Sherwin Levinson, helped conduct the pilot presentation of a new intensive three-day CDC course, "Public Health Decision Making in Radiation Emergency". Sherwin was part of a team of radiation response experts engaged by the CDC to create and pilot this course.

## MRC GEM AT LOCAL EVENTS

### Public Service Festival Sept .16

*John Pettay and Liza O'Neal*



The Gwinnett County Police Department always provide exciting things for children to see and do at this festival, so it's always very well attended, giving our MRC GEM volunteers an opportunity to talk to lots of interested people! [Read more...](#)

### Peachtree Corners Festival Sept. 23-24

*Gary Johnson and Carmen Alonso*



MRC GEM was excited to be invited back to take part in the Peachtree Corners Festival! Many, many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who made this festival possible for us and did a brilliant job of explaining the importance of MRC GEM to our community.

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*Dr. Terry Eng*



  
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