

**In the know:**

November 18 - Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN)

December 16 - Annual Holiday Luncheon

January 20 - Winter Preparedness

February 17 - Active Shooter Training

**An All Volunteer - Nonprofit Organization**

*Heroes aren't born. They volunteer!*

**Fun Fact**

- Using non-voice communication technology like text messaging, email, or social media instead of telephones takes up less bandwidth and helps reduce network congestion after an emergency.

**QUICK LINKS:**

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



**Upcoming Monthly Training: CBRN**

Saturday, November 18, 2023 - 9am-12noon



This month, we'll have an overview of CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear) Events as well as an introduction to Radiation basics. Since MRC GEM may be called upon to assist in an emergency, this is good information to have!

Please let us know if you plan to attend so we'll have enough of everything to go around. We hope to see you there.

Please [sign up](#) to let us know you plan to attend.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- In a disaster, if you try to get to your home after roadblocks are put up to retrieve your animals, you still will not be allowed into the evacuated area.
- During wildfires a mother bear will lay on top of her cubs to protect them, often dying herself from the smoke to save her cubs.
- The three favorite hiding places in a house for cats to hide after an earthquake are behind the refrigerator, in the box-springs of a bed and either under or behind a couch.
- If a dog is not evacuated during a disaster and they are not confined, they will usually start wandering and they can end up miles from home, whereas, outdoor cats will usually remain somewhere within the territory where they usually roam.



**The Red Blue & You celebration of first responders**

Thursday, November 16, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Buford Arena, 2795 Sawnee Ave., Buford, GA 30518. Free lunch is included, but registration is requested. [More info and to register.](#)

## MRC TESTIMONIALS NEEDED!



Are you passionate about MRC GEM? Want to share with others WHY you joined or participate in MRC GEM? Well, now is the time to share. We want to capture volunteer stories/testimonials for marketing use on our website, along with our social media platforms. If you're interested in being included in a testimonial, you can submit a written or video testimonial to [patty@mrcgem.com](mailto:patty@mrcgem.com).

If you're shy and don't like being on camera, you can send us an email with a short blurb of why you volunteer, what you enjoy, or even your favorite event you've volunteered in. If you are tech savvy and want to record yourself using your mobile phone, feel free to do so as well. Just make sure you limit your video to no more than 60 seconds. In addition, we will try to capture testimonials at our annual holiday luncheon for those who prefer to have someone record them.

## SUPPORTING MRC GEM

MRC GEM's "GIVING TUESDAY CHALLENGE"

November 28 is this year's Giving Tuesday, our chance to contribute to many worthy causes. This year, MRC GEM is offering an incentive for being charitable. Yes, we know that we've all been taught in childhood to be good for goodness' sake (Wait, does that mean we're actually good-for-nothing? No!!!)

But this year, everyone who makes a donation from now through midnight, November 28 will be entered into a drawing for one of three MRC GEM starter jackets and for five MRC GEM ball caps.

Sooooo, get ready for Giving Tuesday. Think of all the good we can do together. After all, we all know there's something special about folks who join (and support) MRC GEM. [Donate](#)

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Housing  
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**MRC GEM**  
**Donate Now**

## MRC GEM Around Town

Earlier this week, our Executive Director, Sherwin Levinson, spoke to medical students at PCOM about MRC GEM's role in Disaster Response. Within the next 24 hours, we had thirteen new sign-ups from PCOM! Definitely, NOT a disaster!

Pictured below...Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) and Point of Distribution (POD) and how they work hand in hand. We also learned how to operate a pallet jack, set up cots, and what's typically included in a 24 hour push pack from SNS.



Pictured below...POD Strike Team in a joint exercise with GNR Public Health and their state partners.



  
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