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- August 19 - What's in Your Preparedness Bag
- September 10 - Annual Volunteer Picnic
- 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

- August is Immunization Awareness Month
- OneStop Centerville expanding to include GNR Health, View Point Health, and Ninth District Head Start

### QUICK LINKS:

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



## Great Success June 24-25, 2023 at Weekend Summit

Our largest Summit to date where Gwinnett County Police Department, Sergeant Eric Rooks trained us on de-escalation techniques in disaster situation and everyday life.



### DID YOU KNOW?

#### Risks and Hazards of Electric Car

**Accidents:** Ensuring Preparedness and Lessons Learned for Emergency Response Crews



As the world increasingly embraces electric vehicles (EVs) as a sustainable mode of transportation, it is important to

recognize and understand the unique risks and hazards associated with accidents involving these vehicles. Electric car accidents present challenges for emergency response crews due to the high-voltage electrical systems, battery fires, and specialized rescue techniques required. This article explores the potential risks and hazards of electric car accidents, emphasizes the steps emergency response crews should take, and evaluates their preparedness. [Read full article](#)

Read MRC GEM article:



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT RESPONDING TO COVID

By: Judee Levinson

Tim and Reggie are experienced professional registered nurses who live in Gwinnett County, one of the three counties served by MRC GEM. Recently, they graciously gave feedback on their experience contributing to the nearly 18,000 hours of volunteer assistance which MRC GEM provided during our partner, GNR Public Health's COVID response. Their comments shed a great deal of light on both their personal experience and that of our unit, MRC GEM, during the COVID response.

Tim said that early in the COVID pandemic, because he works in the healthcare profession, he understood the importance of getting vaccinated. He also was required to be vaccinated so that he could continue working. He initially went to a GNR Public Health vaccination site for that purpose, having no previous familiarity with the Medical Reserve Corps and frankly, no intention of volunteering. He was so favorably impressed ("blown away" was the term he used) by the dedication of the volunteers he saw working there, as well as the need for more assistance, that "Next day and I'm there," in his words. He immediately saw the need being addressed, and both he and Reggie, a hospital nurse, wanted to help. They went on-line and joined MRC GEM, and within days, they both were volunteering multiple shifts each weekend, in addition to their weekday jobs.

Both Tim and Reggie had the opportunity to observe the practices of GNR Public Health and MRC GEM from the perspective of citizens/patients as well as from the perspective of healthcare professionals. They could not say enough positive things about their experience. From those providing "hands-on" care to those endeavoring to explain and reassure, they said that the process they witnessed, and then were proud to participate in, was both professional and kind, when both were needed modalities. They emphasized that they saw a significant amount of uncertainty and even fear among many who came to be vaccinated, and that these people were dealt with in a positive and professional manner.

*Since their initial experience as beneficiaries of MRC GEM and now as active members, Tim and Reggie have also become enthusiastic boosters within the community. They make us proud, and they are proud of us.*



### What's in Your Preparedness Bag - August 19, 2023 | 9am - 12noon

Have you ever wondered what you should have in your preparedness (aka go bag)? Our training this month will help you decide how to determine the essentials for you and how to obtain these items. Feel free to bring your go bag to show what you have! In addition, we'll also touch on family preparedness. [Sign up now...](#)

## Public Health's Core Functions

### Assessment

- ❖ Monitor health status to identify community health problems.
- ❖ Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community.
- ❖ Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services.

### Policy Department

- ❖ Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.
- ❖ Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety.
- ❖ Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.

### Assurance

- ❖ Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.
- ❖ Assure a competent public health and personal health care workforce.
- ❖ Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues.
- ❖ Mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve health problems.

### Funding


- ❖ State Government & Federal Government
- ❖ Department of Public Health
- ❖ County Government of Commissioners
- ❖ Other Revenue Sources

## COVID-19 IMPACT

MRC GEM

### Emergency Response



 **Covid-19 Testing**  
Assisted with over 125,000 tests

**Vaccinated**   
Assisted with over 250,000 vaccines

 **Volunteers**  
600 gave 17,256 total hours of support

**Value to Community**   
Saved over \$750,000

 **Super Stars**  
30 Volunteers put in over 100 hours each

**Volunteer Diversity**   
82 languages and dialects

 **Largest Health District in GA**  
Serving over 1.2 million

## 21 Year Anniversary Video



### Medical Reserve Corps:

Celebrating 21 years of promoting healthier communities before, during, and after disasters

