



An All Volunteer - Nonprofit Organization

Heroes aren't born. They volunteer!

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- April 20 - CPR BLS (Certification)
- May 18 - Telemedicine Overview
- June 22 - Annual Summit - Basic Disaster Life Support
- July 20, 2024 - Psychological First Aid

Did you know?

- The first MRC unit in Georgia was established in 2003 in Dekalb
- View our [full training schedule](#)

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MRC National Preparedness Conference

By Suleima Salgado, MRC GEM Board Member



left to right (John Pettay, R Michael Carter, Sherwin Levinson, Judee Levinson, Suleima Salgado) MRC GEM leadership spent a week in Cleveland at the National Preparedness Summit, hosted by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). This conference convened a wide array of partners allowing for presentations on new research findings and provided a variety of opportunities to learn how to implement model practices that enhance the nation's capabilities to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters and other emergencies. Our MRC GEM is top notch and we should be proud! We continue to put in work and set the standard very high. KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK VOLUNTEERS!

FUN FACTS:



left to right (Donald B. MRC Leader of Xenia Ohio, Patrick Denis former captain of the PH Corp, and Sherwin Levinson)



Suleima Salgado, MRC GEM Board Member and Jamie Howgate, Former DPH Chief of Staff and now Director at Guidehouse

April 20, 9 AM - 2 PM

CPR/AED American Heart Association BLS Certification

ALL MRC GEM members are welcome to take this class. A certification e-card will be provided on successful completion. Per the American Heart Association, this class teaches both single-rescuer and team basic life support skills, with a focus on High-Quality CPR and team dynamics. It provides a healthcare professional CPR certification. You must be an MRC GEM member to participate in this class. [A few spots left.](#)

Health Fair at McClure Health Science School

On Thursday, March 21st MRC GEM participated in the McClure Health Science Community Health Fair from 5-7 PM. Board member Suleima Salgado shared with students and families the importance of being prepared for an emergency and highlighted why it's always a good idea to have a safety whistle handy. She encouraged them to keep one in their emergency survival kit but also to have one on their keychain for when they go walking, hiking, camping or even driving. In addition, Mrs. Salgado was able to provide telemedicine demonstrations and show families how virtual care has expanded post pandemic and how technology is being utilized not only for training and education, but to support rural communities who face access issues and limited providers.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS Graduating Medical Schools



Jarron Okine has been a member of MRC GEM since 2015. He joined in his freshman year at Georgia Gwinnett College, and was immediately impressed with the group at his first-ever meeting and has been now serving on the management team as the Youth Coordinator. He completed his undergraduate education at Augusta University, and then attended the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine in Auburn AL. He will complete his Family Medicine residency at Campbell University-NC/Conway Medical Center In Conway SC. After residency, he plans on returning to Georgia and practicing around the Gwinnett County area. Jarron is very passionate about community health and believes MRC has played a big role in his career choice. As he begins his career as a physician, he can look back and be grateful for the immense support and encouragement he received over the years from MRC members. He is extremely happy and privileged to be a part of such an incredible organization. He looks to interact with younger members, especially our high school and college students, and be a source of inspiration for them.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



BECAUSE ONE MATTERS, a foster care service nonprofit, is hosting a Career Day for teenagers to give them insights, inspiration, and guidance as they ponder their future career paths. Your expertise and experiences is invaluable, and we believe they could significantly impact the lives of our participants. The event promises to be enlightening and enjoyable, designed to connect passionate professionals with young minds curious about their future. The focus will be on discussing your career, the path you took to achieve your current role, educational requirements, and the pros and cons (or highs & lows) of your field, among other insights you wish to share. This is a fantastic opportunity for individuals to influence the next generation, helping them to understand the realities and rewards of different careers.

Tentative Schedule:

Date: Saturday, July 6th

Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

For more information or to sign up contact, Andrea@becauseonematters.org

Hartsfield-Jackson's 'Big Bird' Drill

Our very own MRC GEM member, Betsy Williams participating in this large-scale emergency response drill at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport aimed to prepare first responders for the worst.

