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- August 17 - Opioid Epidemic and Pain Management
- September 22 - Volunteer Appreciation Picnic
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- November 16 - Police Training Facility Tour
- December 14 - Volunteer Recognition Lunch

An All Volunteer - Nonprofit Organization
Heroes aren't born. They volunteer!

FUN FACT

- The average pencil writes **45,000 words** before retiring.
- **Didaskaleinophobia** is the fear of school. Around 2.4% of children suffer from it!

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MRC GEM July Monthly Meeting



Renee Bryan, a Licensed Professional Counselor and a team member of the Gwinnett County Police Department's Behavioral Health Unit through a partnership with View Point Health led Psychological First Aid training.

The training truly assists responders with the basic tools required to effectively assist individuals and various people groups who have been psychologically affected by the aftermath of crisis.

DID YOU KNOW?

An anonymous donor is matching all donations made (up to \$5,000) from now until August 31 dollar-for-dollar!

If you've ever (or never) considered supporting our important work, now is the time.

We have NO paid staff, every penny donated goes to support our response, training, and recruitment efforts.

When making a donation (<http://mrcgem.com/donate>), please be sure to include your name so we can thank you personally. Recent donations made on May 24 and June 22 didn't include names, so we can't thank these wonderful people individually.



Training Our Community

MRC GEM is proud to have partnered with Representative Marvin Lim to host an insightful session on emergency preparedness. Our very own John Pettay led the discussion, equipping attendees with essential knowledge to keep their families safe during emergencies. Thanks to the support of Gwinnett EMA's Kevin Hill, CEM®, each family received a weather radio, ensuring they stay informed and prepared. Together, we're building a stronger, more resilient community!



August MRC GEM Monthly Meeting August 17, 2024 | 9:00am - 12:00pm Opioid Epidemic and Pain Management



This month's training will focus on the opioid epidemic and the latest science supporting effective pain management with limited use of opioids.

Discussions will include:

1. Prescription Opioids (manufacturing process, dispensing, and regulations)
2. Treatment options for opioid addictions
3. Opioid use in Pain Management
4. Red Flags for Opioid Misuse

Hasmukh Patel, a registered Pharmacist (as well as one of our members) will lead the discussion.

[SIGN UP NOW!](#)

NEW...Georgia Emergency Search and Rescue Team



Georgia Emergency Search and Rescue (GESAR) is the same group of certified individuals that were part of the Gwinnett County Search Team. In April 2023 they started a non-profit that exists to support the efforts of law enforcement agencies in search of missing persons, evidence searches, and natural disasters. They have expanded their reach so they can be utilized by multiple agencies within the state of Georgia.

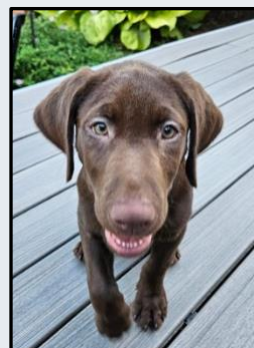
GESAR has been involved in searches with the city of Norcross, Dekalb, and Gwinnett County. It is a free service to anyone that needs assistance in locating their loved ones.

They are currently training their newest member, Maverick, as a Search and Rescue K-9. He will be able to assist with searches in about a year. All his training is being financed by the current team members.

For donations, please go to this link, [Go Fund Me](#)

Check us out on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/gesarteam/>



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Full-Scale Exercise - November 18, 2024



Rockdale County EMA is looking for volunteers to play as actors in our upcoming Full-Scale exercise! Actors will have special effects makeup applied to their skin and clothes, and be given a role to act out for the duration of the exercise.

Scan the QR Code to register.



Customers can choose to round up their purchases, with the difference going to MRC GEM.

