

GEORGIA EAST METRO MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS NEWSLETTER

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

October 5-11, 2025

Fire Prevention Quick Links :

[National Fallen Firefighters Foundation](#)

[National Fire Protection Association](#)



Mission Ready: MRC GEM Volunteers in Action

MRC GEM members and their families gathered on September 14, 2025, for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun at the Danny Cochran Pavilion in Pinckneyville Park. Guests enjoyed a delicious lunch catered by Cue's Bar-B-Q and the chance to relax, connect, and celebrate the volunteers who make our mission possible. With no agenda but appreciation, the event reminded us how vital community and connection are to our shared success.

Featured Article

[Williamson County MRC Responds
to Devastating Flooding in Texas...read more](#)



We are excited to welcome our new
Editor-in-Chief for
MRC GEM Newsletter,
Dr. Stacia Wilson

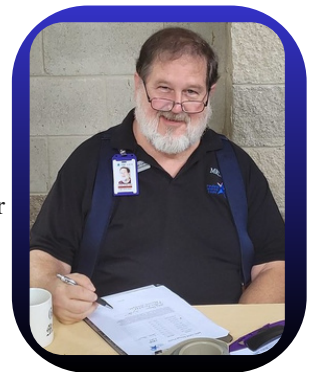
A Hero Among Us

MRC GEM Volunteer Spotlight Featuring:
R. Michael Carter

R. Michael Carter has dedicated nearly 50 years to volunteer emergency response, beginning his service with the Hardwick Volunteer Fire Department in 1975. He received training in a wide range of areas, including first aid, fire safety, watercraft, rail and

woodland emergencies, search and rescue, general safety, and even radiation. R. Michael's unwavering commitment to service has earned him the MVP award "Maximum Volunteer Presence" multiple times and a place in the MRC GEM Hall of Fame. He continues to share his expertise by leading trainings on topics such as winter preparedness and generator safety. We are proud to recognize him as the...

October 2025 MRC GEM Hero Among Us!



Burn Survivor Stories

Fire and electrical burn survivors share their stories to raise awareness about the importance of sprinkler systems and electrical safety.

 [nfpa.org](https://www.nfpa.org)

The National Fire Protection Association® Research | Fire Protection Systems



Smoke Alarms in US Home Fires

[Read Full Article](#)

MRC-GEM is an all-volunteer nonprofit whose mission is to augment community health operations during large-scale emergencies, aid response to pressing health care needs, and improve community emergency preparedness. Our volunteers speak over 70 different languages and dialects, allowing us to serve Georgia's Gwinnett, Newton, and Rockdale Counties, a highly diverse population of well over 1.2 million people. COVID is a perfect example.

Heroes aren't born. They Volunteer!

The Preparedness Pot: Insight & Inside MRC GEM

Where we stir together timely updates, expert insights, and must-know information to keep you ready and in the know.

October is Fire Safety Month: Protect Your Home with a Fire Blanket!

Did you know October is National Fire Prevention Month? As cooler weather approaches and we spend more time indoors, it's the perfect time to review your fire safety plans and add an extra layer of protection for your home and loved ones.

This month, we're spotlighting the PREPARED HERO Fire Blanket, an easy, affordable, and effective tool for quickly putting out small fires in the kitchen, garage, or office. At just **\$12 (shipping and taxes included)**, this 3.2' x 3.2' fire blanket can help smother flames before they get out of control. Simply pull, gather, and cover to safely extinguish a fire. Best of all, there is no messy cleanup like with fire extinguishers!

Order by **October 18th** to get this special price, with optional hooks available for just \$3 more.
No quantity limit, so consider ordering for your home, office, or as a gift.

Prepay by check to:
R Michael Carter
PO Box 2222, Tucker, GA 30085

Stay safe this fall and make sure your family is prepared for any emergency!

Pick-up available:
November 15, 2025
2570 Riverside Parkway,
Lawrenceville, GA 30046
(just before Thanksgiving!)

Fire-Prevention Month Special!

PREPARED HERO
Fire Blanket
3.2' x 3.2'



FEMA reports on
Cooking Fire Safety...[read more](#)



The Georgia open burn ban
takes effect on May 1, 2025, and
runs through September 30...[learn more](#)

Urgent Safety Advisory on
Hazards Involving Fire
Blankets for Electric Vehicle
Fire Suppression... [read more](#)

Gwinnett County Fire & Emergency Services
has an adopted operating budget of \$186
million...[learn more](#)

Hurricane Season Fire Risks: What You Need to Know and
How to Take Precautions...[read more](#)



Escape Planning Tip Sheet free download.

Get the NFPA Escape Planning Tip Sheet to help teach everyone what to do and where to go if there is a ho...

nfpa.org

Got a Story to Share?

We'd love to hear from you! If you would like to submit an article to be considered for the MRC GEM Newsletter, please email Stacia Wilson at stacia@mrcgem.com

Your contributions help keep our community informed, engaged, and prepared!
#MRCGEM #StayConnected

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TRAINING CORNER: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS

4th Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team Overview

October 18, 2025

FEMA Training

November 15, 2025

Volunteer Recognition Holiday Luncheon (MEMBERS ONLY)

December 13, 2025

Unless otherwise noted, programs are on the third Saturday of each month, from 9 AM to 12 noon, at
GNR Public Health
2570 Riverside Parkway, Lawrenceville, GA 30046.

Members' guests and prospective members are welcome to join us on a space-available basis for most programs.

Attention Please...

The 2026 training schedule is now available!

To add events to your calendar or to find out more about upcoming member events, Click the link below:



[MRC GEM Schedule](#)

Did you know...

Get Ready Kids!

The Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) has created a fun and educational resource just for kids! The Get Ready Kids website offers interactive games, activities, and videos to help children learn about emergency preparedness in a way that's easy to understand and fun to explore.

Will you know what to do?

Click below to help the heroes and play the disaster master game:



<https://www.ready.gov/kids/games/data/dm-english/index.html>



Mark your calendars for two upcoming volunteer opportunities:

- * Thursday, November 14th
 - * Friday, December 13th
- Stay tuned for more details in the next newsletter and in your email inbox!

October Preparedness

Stay prepared year-round with free tools from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Click each link below for quick list of activities to keep you and your family ready.

To find more resources and information shared during National Preparedness Month, please click the link below :

<https://www.ready.gov>

October is **Cybersecurity Awareness Month**. The theme for 2025 is **Building a Cyber Strong America**. As cyber threats grow more complex, individuals, organizations, and communities must take proactive steps to protect their digital infrastructure. <https://www.cisa.gov/cybersecurity-awareness-month>

October 5-11 marks **Fire Prevention Week**, with this year's theme: "Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home." The campaign focuses on raising awareness about the safe use, charging, and storage of lithium-ion batteries to prevent fire hazards. Take a moment this week to review battery safety practices and help protect your home and loved ones. <https://www.nfpa.org/events/fire-prevention-week>

October 16 is **International Shake Out Day**, when millions of people around the world will take part in earthquake drills. At 10:16 a.m. local time, join others in practicing how to Drop, Cover, and Hold On a simple action that can help save lives during an earthquake. Be ready, stay safe! <https://www.shakeout.org/>

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Click each logo to learn more !



Support MRC GEM every time you shop. Donate spare change by automatically rounding up your orders to the nearest dollar at checkout. Go to [Walmart Spark Good](#) for more information and to enroll in the program.



"Empower our community's emergency preparedness—your donation today helps build a safer, more resilient tomorrow."

<https://mrcgem.com/donate>

**We are pleased to recognize our valued donors
in these ways:**

For a donation of \$ 1000 or more, the donor's name and logo will be displayed as a Principal Sponsor at all meetings as well as on the donor web page. Your donation will provide a weekend of in-depth training for 4 or more volunteers.

For a donation of \$ 500 – \$ 999, the donor's name and logo will be displayed as Sustaining Sponsor at one monthly meeting and on our donor web page. Your donation will provide a weekend of in-depth training for 2 – 4 volunteers.

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To verify us directly with the IRS, click the link below:
<https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/>

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Dacula, GA 30019-3262

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<https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/charity/63682>

Stronger Together

MRC GEM (East Metro Health District Medical Reserve Corps, Inc.) is a Georgia non-profit corporation with IRS 501(c)(3) approval. Donations are tax-deductible as provided by the Federal and State tax codes.

Your gift, no matter how large or small, helps us make our community a safer place for all of us. Since we are an independent nonprofit with no paid staff, we depend entirely on the generosity of donors like you. Every penny you donate goes directly to fulfilling our mission.

You can donate cash directly and conveniently through the PayPal giving fund using your credit card or PayPal account. The full donation amount comes to us; PayPal charges no fee for this service.

If you have any questions about donating, please email us at
donations@mrcgem.com

We appreciate your interest and support.

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An All
VOLUNTEER
Organization

Visit our website to find out more about becoming a MRC GEM volunteer.
Become an MRC GEM HERO TODAY!

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