# Volunteer to help your community in times of need:

Whether it's a horrific disaster like a terrorist attack, tornado, or wildfire, or an important health initiative, your local Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) needs you. Teams of civilian volunteers are critical to building stronger, healthier, more prepared communities through our state.

Each of us can make a difference.

## Benefits of becoming a volunteer:

- ★ Serve the community and its citizens during times of need
- **★** Free educational opportunities
- ★ Work with a great group of people
- ★ Expand your professional and social network
- **★** Develop new skills and interests
- ★ Be among the first (including family members) to receive vaccinations, antibiotics, or other treatment during a bioterrorism event or disease outbreak

What we ask of you: that you will learn how to take care of yourself in a disaster and try your best to come help if we call you.

To join MRC GEM's awardwinning team, go to <a href="http://mrcgem.com/signup">http://mrcgem.com/signup</a> and fill out the form. It's that simple!

NO MEDICAL BACKGROUND OR PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED!

For more information, links to joining requirements, and updated information, please visit us on the web at

http://mrcgem.com

Or just contact us: 678-723-8436 membership@mrcgem.com

# **MRC GEM**



# Serving Gwinnett, Newton, and Rockdale counties.

We are an IRS-registered non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. Contributions are tax-deductible as permitted by law.

Heroes aren't born, they volunteer!



DO IT!





#### Who are we?

- Part/full time workers
- ★ Semi/retired people
- Students (18 and over)
- Singles, couples
- ★ CERT, ARES, other responders
- Willing to train and deploy in Gwinnett/Newton/Rockdale Counties
- ★ An organized, trained, pre-screened, all-volunteer group
- ★ What we all share: good sense, strong hands, a volunteer's heart!

### Why Join NOW?

When a disaster or public health emergency occurs, local resources may be overwhelmed. Only volunteers who have been registered, credentialed, and trained in advance can participate in emergency response efforts. MRC GEM organizes and trains volunteers BEFORE disaster strikes.

# Who can volunteer for MRC GEM? ANYONE!



- ★ Medical professionals, such as doctors, nurses, emergency medical technicians, pharmacists, nurses' assistants, others, even if inactive
- ★ Public health professionals
- Community members without medical or health training
- ★ People with translating skills

United States citizenship is not required to be part of the Medical Reserve Corps. Any legal U.S. resident is welcome to join our MRC unit.

## **MRC GEM**



HTTP://MRCGEM.COM

We are one of the state's most active units, meeting monthly. You can be as active as you desire and are able.

- \* Meet great people
- ★ Develop priceless contacts
- Interesting speakers and field trips
- ★ Hands-on experience

MRC GEM is a medical reserve corps sponsored by the Office of the U.S. Surgeon General. We work with local partners, like Public Health, Emergency Management, and local hospitals to:

- ★ Help during emergencies and disasters like a flu epidemic, chemical spill, or terrorism
- ★ Support community preparedness
- ★ Distribute medicine during disease outbreaks
- Support routine medical screenings & immunizations
- ★ Provide community health education
- ★ Assist with disaster mental health services
- ★ Help in emergency shelters
- Care for those with special needs
- ★ Help build strong, safe, resilient communities

