

# State Emergency Registry of Volunteers

Disasters like the September 11 terrorist attacks, Hurricane Katrina and the myriad of tornados and wildfires that have affected our state have reinforced the urgent need for emergency preparedness. When disaster strikes in Georgia, we must be ready. That's why the Georgia Department of Community Health, Division of Emergency Preparedness and Response formed the State Emergency Registry of Volunteers – SERVGA.



## REGISTER TODAY!

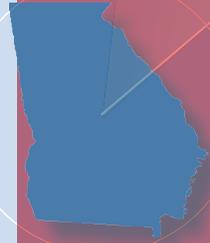


### How Can I SERVGA?

To register for SERVGA, go online to [www.servga.gov](http://www.servga.gov) When you register, you will need to agree to the terms of service, and then will be asked to provide information specific to you and your skills. This information will be used by program administrators to establish your emergency credentialing level and to contact you in the event of an emergency deployment or assistance with a public health initiative.

*For additional information e-mail the SERVGA system coordinator at [servga@dhr.state.ga.us](mailto:servga@dhr.state.ga.us)*

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# READY FOR TOMORROW



# VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST WITH GEORGIA'S DISASTER RECOVERY

## ***What is SERVGA?***

SERVGA integrates government-sponsored local, regional and statewide volunteer programs to assist emergency response and public safety organizations during a disaster. It is part of a national initiative to coordinate and mobilize volunteers to respond to all types of emergencies.

SERVGA is a statewide secure database of pre-credentialed healthcare professionals and other volunteers who want to help in case of a public health emergency.

## ***Why is SERVGA Vital?***

Experience has proven that effective emergency response requires volunteers to be organized and pre-credentialed before a disaster or event occurs. This alleviates the issues associated with non-certified and spontaneous volunteers simply showing up at disaster sites. Under the SERVGA program, all volunteers are pre-certified and coordinated according to each event.

By registering with SERVGA in advance of an emergency, you become part of an alert system that enables you to respond, when needed, to a major disaster or public health emergency.

## ***Who Should Register in SERVGA?***

Volunteers of all skill levels and backgrounds are needed during an emergency response. You can assist in a wide variety of tasks that include data entry, serving meals to shelter residents, or providing medical care. Whether you are a licensed and certified healthcare provider, an administrative specialist, a retired professional or just someone who wants to help the community in a disaster, SERVGA needs you.

Keep in mind that there may be physical, emotional and time-constraint issues to consider before volunteering for SERVGA. Emergency response can be difficult, yet rewarding work.

We understand that you may have family, work or other commitments that may prevent you from responding to a particular activation, which is why you are never under any obligation to participate.

## ***What is Required to Register in SERVGA?***

Registering at [www.servga.gov](http://www.servga.gov) is quick and can be done within minutes. Name, address, contact information and occupation type completes the initial registration process. In order to be eligible for potential assignments (local/in-state/out-of-state), responders are encouraged to complete a Profile Summary, which includes:

- Skills & Certifications
  - Training
  - Medical History
  - Emergency Contact
- Deployment Preferences (specify local/in-state/out-of state assignments)

## ***What Other Programs Help SERVGA?***

As part of a national initiative toward effective emergency response, SERVGA works closely with other federal, state and local programs.

These organizations include the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), Georgia Nurse Alert System and Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT).

