

Saturday April 29, 2017

Visit Exhibitors — 10AM to 12PM

Lunch and Panel Presentation — 12PM to 2PM

Guest Speakers/Panel Presentation - Our Community Partners

"What To Do, Who to Call in Time of Need."

**Pat Strode
Moderator**



Since June 2006 Pat has served as Georgia Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Program Administrator for the Georgia Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Working in collaboration with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, and the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, she is responsible for the administration and coordination of the statewide Georgia Crisis Intervention Team Program, which has trained over 10,000 Georgia law enforcement officers since its inception.

In 2012 she and a Georgia CIT delegation, accompanied the Carter Center Mental Health Program to Liberia to conduct a CIT workshop to help the Liberia National Police address the issues of trauma, and mental illnesses following a protracted civil war.

Pat serves as a member of the CIT International Board of Directors, and was the 2013 recipient of the CIT International Coordinator of the Year Award. In October 2016 she was appointed to the Governor's Law Enforcement Task Force.

She has been a NAMI advocate since 1996. She is a NAMI Family-to-Family teacher and state trainer, a proud "Nana", and US Army WAC

**Captain
Bill Anastasio**



Captain Anastasio is a 33 year veteran of the Roswell Police Department. During his tenure, he has worked as an officer, investigator, supervisor, and manager in the Patrol Division, Criminal Investigation Division, Traffic Enforcement Unit, and Narcotics Unit. He is currently commanding the Support Services Division which includes, Community Relations, Records Section, Evidence, Supply, and Fleet Services. In addition, Captain Anastasio serves as the agency's C.I.T. Coordinator/Instructor, and is currently the Vice Chairman for the NAMI C.I.T. Board for Georgia.

Captain Anastasio holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice/Psychology and a Master's Degree in Public Administration. Anastasio has attended the Northwestern University School of Police Staff & Command and the FBI National Academy.

**Megan Gleason,
LCSW**



Megan has been working in the Mental Health Field for over 10 years with extensive work in crisis intervention. Megan earned her Undergraduate Degree from University of Central Florida, UCF, where she minored in Women's Studies. Megan went on to earn her Master's degree in Social work from UCF. Megan initially began work in the medical area of social work but quickly moved into community mental health. She worked in small towns in North Florida with her primary work with children and families in crisis. Due to family relocation, Megan moved to Atlanta where she began working for Behavioral Health Link. Megan was integral in the changes of Region 3 Mobile Crisis work along with the BHL/Grady project. Megan is currently the Mobile Crisis Region 3 Regional Manager. The Region 3 Mobile crisis team services six counties around the Atlanta (Region 3) area and operates 24/7/365. Megan has a strong commitment to helping the community and bringing that community together through collaboration. Through collaboration and working as a strong community she believes that we can all provide hope to those who need it most.

**Michael Colman
MPA, NRP**



Michael Colman is the VP-EMS Mobile Advanced Practice at Grady EMS. He has been a paramedic for 25 years and the last 7 with Grady EMS in various leadership positions. He currently oversees Grady's Community Paramedic programs: mental health response unit and mobile integrated health unit. These programs were designed to utilize the most appropriate clinical resources paired with paramedics to decrease EMS transports to the ED and prevent hospital readmissions.

**S. Derek Gage,
Attorney at Law**



Derek is the managing partner of The Gage Law Firm, LLC in Decatur. Derek is a 2003 graduate of Emory Law School and has been practicing law in Georgia since 2004. After clerking for defense attorney Brian Steel in Midtown, he practiced seven years as a trial lawyer in indigent defense for the DeKalb County Public Defender's Office where he co-founded the Mental Health Unit, a division dedicated solely to major felony cases in which clients suffered from acute mental illness. Derek opened his own practice in 2011 and has continued to practice in the area of mental health and criminal law as well as probate commitment cases. He has handled an estimated 500 or more mental health-related cases over the course of his career.