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THE SITUATION REPORT

A newsletter from Greenville County Emergency Management

Communication and Collaboration

BY JESSICA STUMPF

Welcome to the first issue of The Situation Report, a monthly newsletter from Greenville County Emergency Management to our partners. These newsletters will share what is going on in our office and provide updates on programs such as the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), the Greenville County Emergency Response Team (GCERT) and the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). In addition, it will provide information about training and exercises, plan updates, and mitigation activities. We hope that you find this information helpful and that it will continue to grow relationships with our partners, ultimately helping make Greenville County a more resilient community. If you have any suggestions about what should be included in this newsletter, feel free to send me an email or give me a call.



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CERT SIZEUP - NEW ONLINE OPTION

BY RACHEL NAFZIGER

In 2020, there will be a new training option for those who want to complete CERT basic training without having to spend 20 hours in a classroom. In addition to the traditional classroom course, there will be a hybrid option to allow much of the course to be taken online. The online learning experience will include videos, quizzes, and writing exercises. Then participants will attend a one-day hands on training that will focus on mastering the skills discussed in the online training. Completion of the online portion and hands-on training day qualifies students to participate in a final exercise and receive their CERT Basic Training certificate of completion.



Pictured above: The Fall 2019 CERT Basic Training class.

On October 22, 2019, more than 40 members of CERT were able to participate in an Active Shooter Medical Response Training Class. Chad Ayers and Chris Martin of ProActive Response Group provided hands-on training in tourniquets and wound packing. The 90-minute training was the first of its kind for CERT members. Those who completed the class were given a certificate of completion and many were able to purchase a bleeding control kit. Because of the great response and interest in this training, we will try to host another class next year.



Above: CERT Active Shooter Medical Response Training Class with ProActive Response Group





Training and Exercise Planning Workshop

BY JESSICA STUMPF

On December 12, 2019, Greenville County Emergency Management held its first ever Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW) in ReWa's Training Room. The TEPW was put together by Laura Clanton and laid the foundation for the strategy and structure of a Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan (MYTEP) by engaging members of our community in identifying emergency preparedness training and exercise program priorities and planning a schedule of events to meet those priorities.



During this TEPW, participants reviewed current training and exercise needs, identified additional training and exercise needs, reviewed jurisdictional progress and accomplishments, translated needs into priorities and developed objectives to address through exercises.

Participants in our first TEPW included: Greenville City Fire, Greenville County Sheriff's Office, Greenlink, Prisma Health Upstate, DHEC, Greater Greenville Mental Health Center, American Red Cross, Greenville County Coroner's Office, Boiling Springs Fire, Simpsonville Police, Bon Secours St. Francis, National Healthcare, Mauldin Police, Greenville County Animal Care, South Carolina Emergency Management Division, Mauldin Fire, and Greenville County Administration.

A draft MYTEP was sent to participants for comment. The finalized document will be sent to all of our partners.





Greenville County Emergency Response Team Update

BY JESSICA STUMPF

On December 12th, over 40 first responders on the Greenville County Emergency Response Team (Hazmat/WMD division) trained on their new Thermo-Fisher Scientific Gemini Analyzer Identifier. This instrument identifies a wide range of unknown chemicals and explosives in the field quickly, safely, and confidently by using FTIR (Fourier-transform infrared) and Raman spectroscopy in a single instrument. Agencies represented were Greenville County Sheriff's Office, Greenville County EMS, City of Greer Fire Department, Donaldson Center Fire and Greenville City Fire.



Upcoming ERT meetings and training:

- 1/7/2020 - ERT Coordinators Meeting, 8:30AM, Boiling Springs FD on Blacks Drive.
- 1/27/2020 - ERT UTV/ATV Training, 8AM-5PM, Camp Old Indian
- 2/4/2020 - ERT Coordinators Meeting, 8:30AM, Greenville City Public Works.

The ERT application can be found on our website:
<http://www.gceoc.com/ert-application.php>

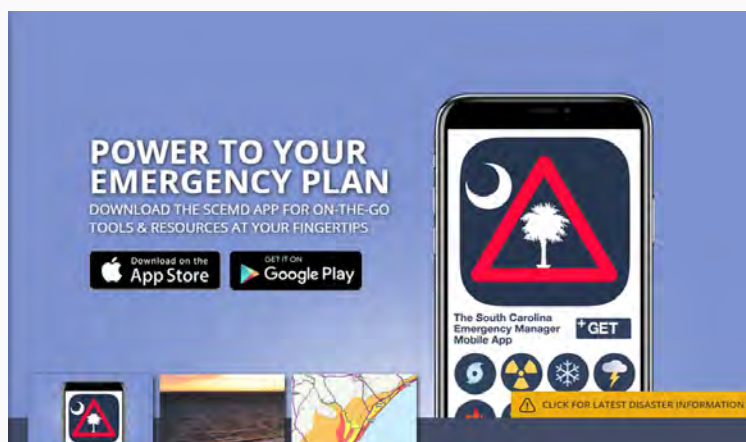




Winter Weather Preparedness

BY JESSICA STUMPF

Greenville County is no stranger to winter weather events. Snow, ice storms, and extremely cold temperatures periodically threaten the county. Winter storms can damage property, create safety risks, destroy crops and valuable timber, damage infrastructure, such as powerlines, and can have enormous economic impacts. Some notable winter weather events in Greenville County occurred in 2002, 2005, and 2014.



The South Carolina Emergency Management Division has a couple of tools to help plan for severe winter weather.

The SC Emergency Manager App can be used to build your own emergency plan, keep track of supplies, and stay connected to loved ones. It can locate the nearest open emergency shelter. There is also a flashlight, whistle, and ability to report damage to officials. This app is free in the Apple App Store and on Google Play.

The South Carolina Severe Winter Weather guide contains tips on what to do before, during, and after a major winter storm. It contains check lists and how to find information on the status of government offices. Download the South Carolina Severe Winter Weather guide here: <http://scemd.cdn.missc.net/media/1008/sc-winter-weather-guide.pdf>

You can also find more information from our local National Weather Service office at www.weather.gov/gsp

SEVERE WINTER WEATHER
in South Carolina

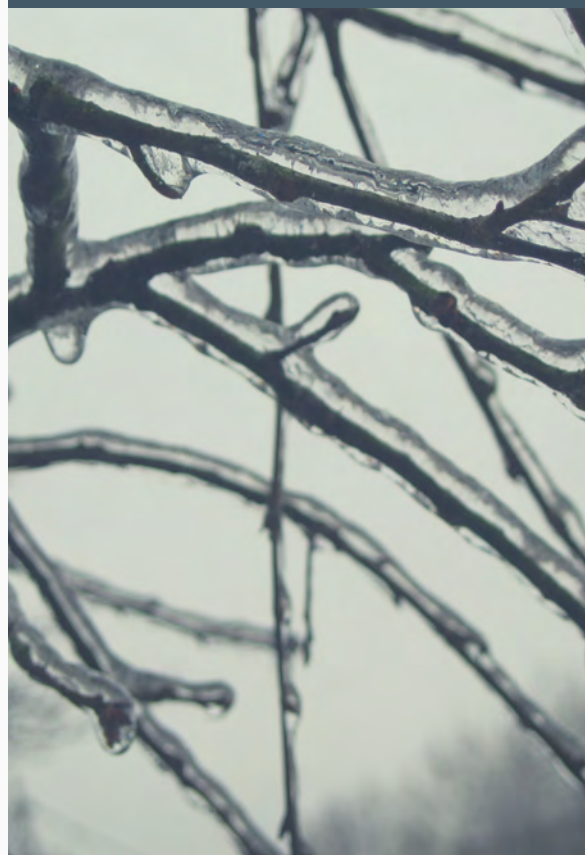
Are you prepared for a major winter storm?

Inside

- Know about Ice and Snow
- Stay Connected
- Emergency Information
- Power Pointers
- Winter Checklists and more...

A winter weather resource guide from the South Carolina Emergency Management Division and the State Emergency Response Team.

scemd.org





Announcements, Events, and Updates

BY JESSICA STUMPF

Upcoming Events

- 1/7/2020 - Greenville County Fire Chief's Association Meeting
- 1/15/2020 - South Carolina Emergency Management Association Quarterly Meeting in West Columbia
- 1/16/2020 - **AWR 209 Dealing with the Media, Anderson, SC
- 1/22/2020 - LEPC Meeting - Cyber Security and Amateur Radio
- 1/22/2020 - **EO212 Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance, SCEMD
- 1/23/2020 - **MGT312 Senior Officials Workshop for All-Hazards Preparedness, Anderson, SC
- 1/23/2020 - Palmetto Training. Contact Laura Clanton to Register
- 1/27/2020 - **PER 243 Personal Radiation Detector, SCDHEC
- 1/28/2020 - **PER245 Radiation Isotopic Identifier Device (RIID), SCDHEC
- 1/28-1/29/2020 - **L146 Homeland Security Exercise Program (HSEEP), Rock Hill, SC
- 1/28-1/30/2020 - **G290/291 Basic PIO/JIS-JIC, SCEMD
- 1/30/2020 - Greater Greenville Area Mental Health TTX
- 1/30/2020 - **PER246 Preventive Radiological/Nuclear Detection Backpack Operations for the Primary Screener, SCDHEC
- 1/30/2020 - **PER355 Radiation Instruments, SCDHEC
- 2/3/2020 - Greenville County ESF-8 (Health and Medical) Meeting
- 2/4/2020 - Greenville County Fire Chief's Association Meeting
- 2/4/2020 - **AWR 160 WMD/Terrorism Awareness for Emergency Responders, SCEMD
- 2/5/2020 - **PER212 Operational Level Response to HazMat/WMD Incidents, SCEMD
- 2/5/2020 - Oconee Nuclear Station Exercise Initial Planning Meeting
- 2/11/2020 - Palmetto Training
- 2/11/2020 - **MGT347/ICS300 ICS Forms Review/Intermediate ICS, Anderson, SC
- 2/27/2020 - Palmetto Training

**These classes are free and offered by SCEMD. You can register by going to <https://www.scmdlms.org/TRS/>. If it is your first time registering for a class, you'll have to create a free account.

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WE'RE HIRING

Greenville County Emergency Management is currently hiring a Preparedness Coordinator. Visit the careers section of www.greenvillecounty.org for more information.