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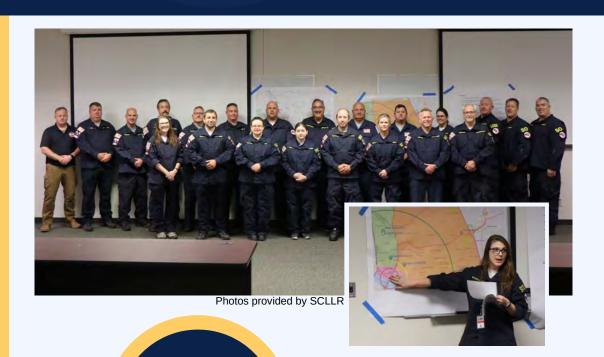
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STAFF SPOTLIGHT: JESSICA STUMPF

Deputy Director, Greenville County Emergency Management

by Mackenzie Forgacs

Deputy Director Jessica Stumpf is a member of the Palmetto Incident Support Team (IST) and South Carolina Task Force 1 (SC-TF1). In June, the Palmetto IST was invited to support the United States Marine Corps Chemical Biological Incident Response Force (USMC CBIRF) during the Scarlett Response exercise at the Guardian Centers in Perry, Georgia. The incident involved a 15 kiloton nuclear detonation under the Interstate 5 bridge between Vancouver, Washington and Portland, Oregon. The Palmetto IST was brought in to manage the incident for the City of Vancouver and worked to support the USMC CBIRF in their operations. When asked about her experience, Jessica stated that the exercise "was a great opportunity to work with colleagues and teammates on a complex incident with the USMC and Guardian Centers. It is an invaluable learning and training experience that helps me prepare for emergencies not only with this team, but for Greenville County as well." Jessica also deployed to Louisiana with the Palmetto IST and SC-TF1 in response to Hurricane Laura last year where she served as a Weather Forecast Technical Specialist and Public Information Officer.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC)

by Rachel Nafziger

Many of the chemicals, solvents, and other substances used every day in industry, farming, household cleaning, and even for purifying our drinking water can pose a potential hazard. When used properly and stored safely, we seldom hear of a problem. However, accidents, fires and unforeseen circumstances do happen.

In 1984 an accident at a pesticide plant in Bhopal, India led to thousands of deaths and sparked a discussion in America on the need for greater oversight and awareness concerning hazardous substances. To prevent similar occurrences in our communities, Congress passed the Emergency Planning and Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA Title III). This legislation called for the creation of Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC) to facilitate better community planning and coordination.





The mission of the Greenville County LEPC is to protect the community from the harmful and possibly life-threatening effects of a hazardous materials release. The LEPC collects inventories of regulated chemicals each year and strives to develop emergency plans to educate, communicate, and protect the local community in case of a hazardous materials emergency.

The LEPC also forms partnerships with local industries and governments as a resource for enhancing hazardous materials preparedness. Members of the LEPC come from the public and private sectors and are familiar with environmental and public safety issues. The LEPC also plays a role in community education, providing information regarding citizen response to hazardous materials incidents, health and environmental planning, and environmental risks.

If you would like to attend one of our quarterly meetings or find out how you can get involved, please contact <u>Rachel Nafziger</u> for more information.

OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION: EMERGENCY PLANNING

by Mackenzie Forgacs

The Duke Energy Oconee Nuclear Station <u>preparedness booklet</u> provides critical information for people who live within 10 miles of the nuclear power plant. Beyond providing basic information regarding radiation, this annual booklet also offers tips on how to prepare for a nuclear emergency and where residents can evacuate should the need arise.

Although Greenville County does not fall within this 10 mile radius, it is essential for residents to understand what happens nearby. Additionally, Greenville County is responsible for providing sheltering and decontamination sites for evacuating residents. In the event of a nuclear disaster, Greenville County will establish up to four decontamination and sheltering sites at different locations. These locations include Berea High School, Greenville Convention Center, Wade Hampton High School, and Northwest Middle School.

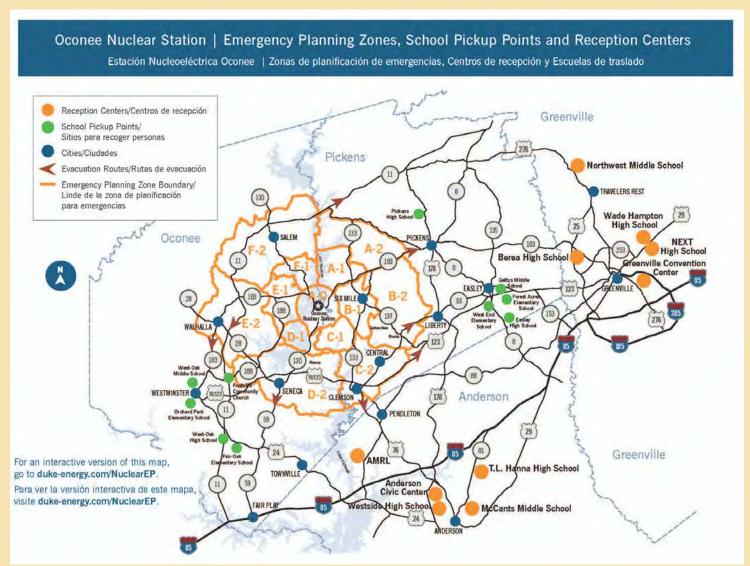
This year, Greenville County Emergency Management (GCEM) and Greenville City Fire Department (GCFD) trained and exercised the decontamination procedures at the Greenville Convention Center on June 30th. Individuals from South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Greenville County Emergency Medical Services (GCEMS), the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC), Greenville County Sheriff's Office (GCSO), Greenville County Emergency Response Team (GCERT), Clemson Emergency Management, Pickens County Emergency Management, and Duke Energy came out to support operations. Additionally, volunteers from the Greenville City Fire Explorer program participated as victims within the exercise. Many thanks to all those who supported these efforts!



OCONEE EVACUATION ZONES

by Mackenzie Forgacs

ZONES		ZONES	
A-0 B-1	Berea High School 201 Burdine Dr. Greenville, SC 29617	C-1 C-2	Greenville Convention Center 1 Exposition Dr. Greenville, SC 29607
A-1 A-2	Northwest Middle School 1606 Geer Hwy. Travelers Rest, SC 29690	B-2	Wade Hampton High School 100 Pine Knoll Dr. Greenville, SC 29609



*The reception site at NEXT High School operates under Oconee County's jurisdiction

UPCOMING EVENTS

by Mackenzie Forgacs

July 12 - K2300: Intermediate EOC Functions

July 13 - G205: Recovery from Disaster: Local Community

Role

July 20 - G235: Emergency Planning

July 20 - SCEMD Day of Recovery

July 26 - L146/L105: Basic Academy Week 3 (HSEEP & Public

Information and Warning)

July 27 - Damage Assessment Training (DAT)

August 2 - ICS400: Advanced ICS 400

August 3 - ENV501: DOT-501 Hazardous Materials Instructor

August 10 - All Hazards Disaster Response (AHDR)

August 11 - ICS300: Intermediate ICS 300

August 11 - G318: Mitigation Planning for Local and Tribal

Communities

August 17 - ICS400: Advanced ICS 400

August 17 - New County Director and Staff Workshop

(NCDSW)

August 19 - G108: Community Mass Care and Emergency

Assistance

August 20 - PER213: Wide Area Search

August 24 - G393.a: Mitigation for Emergency Managers

August 30 - G288: Local Volunteer and Donations

Management

Ongoing - Dam Ownership Online Training. Click here for more

information.

Need to register for a training? Visit the South Carolina Emergency
Management Division
Training Registration
System.

