

# THE SITUATION REPORT

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## NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE: IMPACT-BASED SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS

*by Mackenzie Forgacs*

On July 28th, the National Weather Service (NWS) implemented a change to the way that they deliver messaging for severe thunderstorm warnings. The following is a direct statement from the NWS:

Similar to Tornado and Flash Flood Warnings, this will add details to "tags" located at the bottom of our Severe Thunderstorm Warnings to discriminate more significant events. The added tags will be "CONSIDERABLE" and "DESTRUCTIVE":

Considerable: 1.75" hail and/or 70mph thunderstorm winds  
Destructive: 2.75" hail and/or 80mph thunderstorm winds

The NWS has worked with FEMA, and with this implementation, a Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) will be activated for any "DESTRUCTIVE" tag.

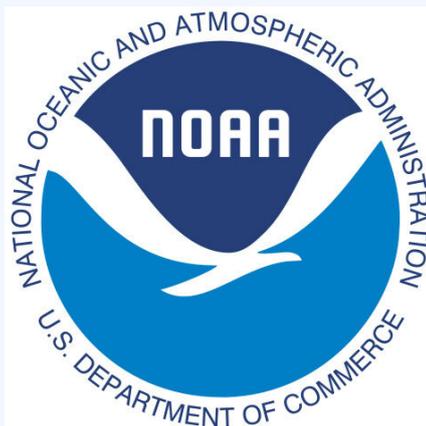
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## Did you know?

Our fearless leader, Jay Marett, is retiring on September 3rd! Read on for more about his successful career with Greenville County.

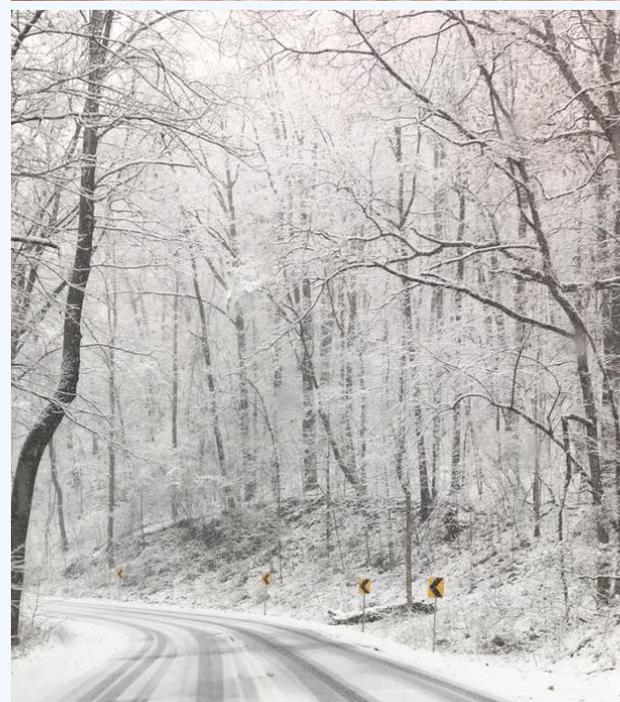
# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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Greenville County Emergency Management (GCEM) is continuously working to build relationships with the citizens we serve. As an emerging field, Emergency Management is often unknown to the public and even many of our community partners. Through public outreach events, our goal is to educate individuals about the role we play before, during, and after a disaster has affected our community. Through these partnerships, GCEM will work towards the mission of building a resilient community that is ready to take on the inevitable disasters we will face.

Examples of our community outreach include presenting to classrooms about our careers, partnering with the Traveler's Rest Farmers Market "Kids Tent" to teach children about disasters, talking with businesses about how we can help them during a disaster, and hosting an annual community preparedness event known as Get Ready Greenville. If you would like to partner with us for an outreach event or learn more about our organization, please contact us at [em@greenvillecounty.org](mailto:em@greenvillecounty.org).





# Get Ready Greenville!

*A Community Disaster Preparedness Event*

Date: Saturday, September 25, 2021  
Time: 9AM-1PM  
Location: The Home Depot  
2490 N. Pleasantburg Dr.  
Greenville, SC 29609

- Learn how to prepare your family for a disaster.
- Hear how you can help your community during an emergency.
- Find out what risks Greenville County faces.
- See emergency response vehicles and talk to first responders.



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT: JAY MARETT

Director, Greenville County Emergency Management

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For 28 years, Jay Maret has served the citizens of Greenville County by taking on several different roles within the Greenville County Sheriff's Office. These roles included uniform patrol, arson and auto theft investigations, and working in the office of professional standards. In 2008, Jay became the Deputy Director of Greenville County Emergency Management, a position that he would hold for over 10 years until being promoted to Director in 2019.

Throughout his career, Jay has received multiple awards that signify the work that he has accomplished. In both 2012 and 2016, he was awarded the Outstanding Contribution to the Profession award from the South Carolina Emergency Management Association. Jay has received the Medal of Valor from the Greenville County Sheriff's Office and the South Carolina Sheriff's Association. In 2017, Jay was awarded the South Carolina Achievement Ribbon for his deployment during Hurricane Matthew. In addition to these awards, Jay is a graduate of both Leadership Greenville and Leadership South Carolina.

Jay's many accomplishments, both on paper and through unnoticeable acts, will forever be appreciated by all those who had the privilege of working with him. As Jay looks toward the next chapter, the many people in the county that he has whole-heartedly served wish him nothing but the best for his retirement on September 3rd, 2021.

Congratulations Jay!

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for a training?**

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Emergency  
Management  
Division Training  
Registration  
System.**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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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

September 8 - MGT347: Incident Command Systems Forms Review

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September 11 - 2021 Greenville City 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb. Click the photo below to register or donate to support the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF)

September 14 - G141: Instructional Presentation and Evaluation Skills

September 14 - G288: Local Volunteer and Donations Management

