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STAFF SPOTLIGHT: LAURA CLANTON

Training and Exercise Coordinator, Greenville County Emergency Management

by Mackenzie Forgacs

Laura Clanton became the Training and Exercise Coordinator for Greenville County Emergency Management (GCEM) in April of 2019. Prior to her role with GCEM, Laura spent more than 20 years in emergency medical services (EMS). Within EMS, Laura served as a Paramedic, an EMS Instructor, and held various administrative roles. Since her transition to GCEM, Laura has revamped the training and exercise program that our office offers to other county agencies. Through the design, development, and implementation of these training and exercise programs, Laura remains focused on the goal of increasing the capabilities of agencies and citizens to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the hazards that put Greenville County at risk.

JOINT OPERATIONS EXERCISE

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On Friday, November 5, Greenville County Emergency Management hosted a Joint Operations Exercise at the old Department of Motor Vehicles building on University Ridge. During this exercise, multiple agencies from across Greenville County were given the opportunity to work with one another to respond to a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRNE) threat within the county. Beyond the CBRNE threat, first responders quickly identified that the scenario was written to evolve into an active shooter and hostage situation. This 3-hour exercise encouraged the participation and cohesion between multiple different response agencies. More than 175 individuals from approximately 25 different county agencies or organizations participated in this full-scale exercise. As a joint operations opportunity, agencies developed stronger working relationships and have improved their capabilities to work with one another should a real-world event occur.

Since the exercise, all participants have had the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the capabilities of Greenville County's response agencies. One of the most prevalent pieces of feedback has stemmed from the recognition of all that Greenville County has to offer our citizens in regards to public safety. Several mentions were made of the many resources within Greenville County, the highly trained individuals within every agency, and the continued progress towards strong working relationships among agencies that will better serve the citizenry.

Greenville County Emergency Management would like to extend a sincere "thank you" to all of the individuals who helped to develop this exercise, the many individuals who participated within this exercise, and the many individuals who supported this exercise since its inception.







WINTER WEATHER: UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCES

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Winter Storm Watch

A Winter Storm Watch alerts the public to the possibility of a blizzard, heavy snow, heavy freezing rain, or heavy sleet. A Winter Storm Watch is usually issued 36 to 48 hours in advance.

A Winter Storm Warning is issued when 3" of heavy snow or sleet is expected within a 12 hour period or when 4" of heavy snow or sleet is expected within a 24 hour period. Winter Storm Warnings are usually issued 12 to 24 hours in advance.

Winter Storm Warning



A Winter Weather Advisory is issued when 1" of snow or sleet or a trace of 1/4" of ice is expected within a 12 hour period. A Winter Weather Advisory is generally issued 12 to 24 hours in advance.

Winter Weather Advisory

An Ice Storm Warning is issued when 1/4" of ice or more is expected in the area.

Ice Storm Warning



Wind Chill Warning

A Wind Chill Warning is issued when wind chill temperatures are expected to drop to -15°F or less

A Wind Chill Advisory is issued when wind chill temperatures are expected to drop between 0°F to -14°F

Wind Chill Advisory



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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December 15 - Benefit Cost Analysis Workshop

January 11 - L0146: Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation

January 11 - AWR 167: Sport Event Risk Management

January 12 - ICS400: Advanced ICS

January 18 - DAT: Damage Assessment Training

January 18 - DAW: Disaster Assistance Workshop

January 18 - MGT 241: Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations within the Community Infrastructure

January 18 - ICS300: Intermediate ICS

January 19 - Communications Interoperability Workshop

January 19 - G386: Mass Fatalities Incident Response

January 20 - ICS400: Advanced ICS

January 24 - L0967: All-Hazards Position Specific Logistics Section Chief

