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# THE SITUATION REPORT

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## THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BASIC ACADEMY

*by Mackenzie Forgacs*

Starting in March 2021, Greenville County will have the opportunity to host the five Emergency Management Basic Academy courses throughout 3 different weeks. According to FEMA's Emergency Management Institute, the goal of the Basic Academy is to support the early careers of emergency managers through a training experience combining knowledge of all fundamental systems, concepts, and practices of cutting-edge emergency management.

The National Emergency Management Basic Academy is designed for newly appointed emergency managers with less than three years of experience, including members of State, local, tribal, and territorial homeland security or emergency services programs; nongovernmental organizations, voluntary organizations, or professional organizations; private sector emergency management offices; college or university emergency management staff; and FEMA, federal partners, military and emergency managers at other departments or agencies.

Click on the image below for more information about Basic Academy.

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## BASIC ACADEMY INFORMATION

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**Register  
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### **March 7 - March 11: Basic Academy Week 1** L0101, Foundations of Emergency Management

The following topics in emergency management are covered in this course: legal issues, intergovernmental and interagency context, influencing, organizing, social vulnerability issues, managing stress, collaboration, preparedness, team building, mitigation, response, prevention and protection, ethical decision-making, recovery, technology, administration, and the future.

### **April 4 - April 8: Basic Academy Week 2** L0102, Science of Disaster L0103, Planning: Emergency Operations

The Science of Disaster course is designed to provide the participants with an overview of scientific principles and concepts that shape our increasingly dangerous world.

The Planning course is designed to give basic concepts and planning steps to those new to the field of emergency management.

### **May 16 - May 20: Basic Academy Week 3** L0146, Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation (HSEEP) L0105, Public Information Basics

The HSEEP course is designed to describe the core principles of HSEEP, its standardized methodology, available resources, and practical skill development.

The Public Information course is designed to equip participants with the skills needed to be full or part-time PIOs, both in the proactive/ advocacy times and crisis/ emergency response.



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT: RICK MULLINAX

Special Operations Coordinator, Greenville County Emergency Management

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Rick Mullinax is the Special Operations Coordinator for the Greenville County Emergency Response Team (GCERT). His role involves the coordination of the County's hazardous materials team and the county's rescue team. Within his role, Rick takes on a variety of tasks, including the following:

- Conducting trainings
- Purchasing and maintaining response equipment
- Compiling reports for training and response events
- Tracking training and response hours for team members
- Recruiting responders from across the county

Rick's ability to lead these teams for Greenville County stems from his lengthy experience in the field of Public Safety. Prior to his current role, Rick served the citizenry for 35.5 years at the Greenville City Fire Department (GCFD). During this time, Rick moved up the ranks to ultimately serve as the Assistant Fire Chief for GCFD before retiring in December, 2018. Once retired from the fire department, Rick took on his new role as Special Operations Coordinator with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office, which has since become a branch of Greenville County Emergency Management.

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for a training?**

**Visit the South  
Carolina  
Emergency  
Management  
Division Training  
Registration  
System.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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January 11 - L0146: Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation (HSEEP)

January 12 - ICS400: Advanced ICS

January 18 - DAT: Damage Assessment Training

January 18 - DAW: Disaster Assistance Workshop

January 18 - MGT 341: Disaster Preparedness for Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations Within the Community Infrastructure

January 18 - ICS300: Intermediate ICS

January 19 - Commo Interop: Communications Interoperability Workshop

January 19 - G386: Mass Fatalities Incident Response

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

February 1 - G141: Instructional Presentation and Evaluation Skills

February 1 - G393: Mitigation for Emergency Managers

February 2 - G2300: Intermediate EOC Functions

February 8 - MGT 318: Public Information in an All Hazards Incident

February 9 - G191: ICS/EOC Interface Workshop

February 14 - L449: ICS Train the Trainer

February 15 - G108: Community Mass Care and Emergency Assistance

February 22 - L0146: Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation (HSEEP)

February 22 - G205: Recovery from Disaster: Local Community Role

February 28 - DAW: Disaster Assistance Workshop