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STAFF SPOTLIGHT: MACKENZIE FORGACS

Preparedness Coordinator, Greenville County Emergency Management

by Laura Clanton

Mackenzie Forgacs became the Preparedness Coordinator for Greenville County Emergency Management in March, 2020. As the Preparedness Coordinator, Mackenzie's primary role is to coordinate and update plans for Greenville County, review emergency evacuation plans for multiple agencies and organizations, and provide operational support before, during, and after emergencies and disasters.

Beyond working in the preparedness realm of Emergency Management, Mackenzie has also taken on the many tasks associated with recovering from a disaster. Through her experience working with FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) program, Individual Assistance (IA) program, and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Mackenzie contributes to the overall recovery and rebuilding of our community after a disaster.

JANUARY WINTER STORM

by Mackenzie Forgacs

On Saturday, January 15, Greenville County Emergency Management (GCEM) activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in preparation for the winter storm that ultimately impacted the Upstate. The storm, that began in the middle of the night between Saturday and Sunday, created dangerous conditions on roads, bridges, and power lines throughout Greenville County.

The snow, sleet, and freezing rain that accumulated within Greenville County led to the following reports:

- 6 road closures
- 12 power lines down
- 14 fallen trees blocking the roadway
- 8,916 customers without power (3.51%)

In response to the January Winter Storm, several agencies assisted with EOC operations, including the Greenville County Fire Chiefs Association, Greenville County Sheriff's Office, Greenville County EMS, Greenville Police Department, Greenville City Fire Department, Greenville County Public Works, Greenville City Public Works, Greenville County PIO, and Greenville City PIO. Thank you to all who assisted in the response to the January Winter Storm.



UPCOMING TRAININGS IN GREENVILLE COUNTY

by Laura Clanton

February

Date: February 17th, 2022
Time: 1:00-3:00pm
Course: Intro to Palmetto EOC
Location: GCEM EOC
206 S. Main Street, Greenville, SC 29601

Read on to learn more about Palmetto EOC and how to register for this online or in person training.

March

Dates: March 7th – March 11th, 2022
Time: 9:00am – 5:00pm
Course: Foundations of Emergency Management Basic Academy Week 1 (L101)
Location: Boiling Springs Fire District
208 Blacks Drive, Greenville, 29615

Date: March 24th, 2022
Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm
Course: ICS/EOC Interface G0191
Location: TBD

April

Dates: April 4th – April 8th, 2022
Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Course: Science of Disaster and Planning: Emergency Operations Basic Academy Week 2 (L102/L103)
Location - Boiling Springs Fire District
208 Blacks Drive, Greenville, SC 29615

Dates: April 13th – April 15th, 2022
Time: 8:30am – 4:30pm
Course: Intermediate Incident Command (ICS0300)
Location: TBD
Prerequisites: IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, IS-800

Date: April 19th, 2022
Time: 8:30am – 4:30pm
Course: Community Resilience (AWR-228)
Location: Greenville County Square
301 University Ridge Suite 400
Greenville, SC 29601

May

Dates: May 16th – May 20th, 2022
Time: 9:00am – 5:00pm
Course: HSEEP & Public Info and Warning Basic Academy Week 3 & 4(L 146 / L 105)
Location: Boiling Springs Fire District
208 Blacks Drive, Greenville, SC 29615
Pre-requisites: IS0120.c, IS0130 (Online)

Dates: May 26th – May 27th, 2022
Time: 8:30am – 4:30pm
Course: Advanced Incident Command (ICS0400)
Location: TBD
Prerequisites: IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, IS-800, & G300

Date: May 31st, 2022
Time: 10:00am
Course: EOC Activation Drill
Location: GCEM EOC
206 S. Main Street
Greenville, SC 29601

PALMETTO EOC

by Laura Clanton

Beginning this month, Greenville County Emergency Management will resume offering an in-person Palmetto EOC training on a quarterly basis at the Greenville County EOC. Palmetto EOC is the web based incident management software (replacing WebEOC) used by state and county emergency management agencies in South Carolina to develop a common operating picture and coordinate resources before, during, and after an event or an emergency.

This training is designed for any ESF personnel who could be assigned to the EOC during activations and exercises in Greenville County. During each two-hour training session, a brief overview and basic instruction on using Palmetto will be provided, and participants will have the opportunity to practice navigating the control panel and using different functions. Participants will be required to have a Palmetto account. Creating an account can be done by requesting access [here](#).

The training is also available in video format in the Palmetto EOC File Library in the Palmetto Webinar folder for those who prefer a self-directed format that can be completed anywhere.

Registration for the in-person class can be completed by emailing [Laura Clanton](#).

Please feel free to contact us by phone or email with questions or to register for sessions.

Thank you!



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for a training?
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Carolina
Emergency
Management
Division Training
Registration
System.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

by Mackenzie Forgacs

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

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

February 28 - DAW: Disaster Assistance Workshop

March 1 - ICS400: Advanced ICS

March 7 - AWR 326: Tornado Awareness

March 7 - L101: Week One Basic Academy - Foundations of Emergency Management

March 8 - PEOC: PalmettoEOC Training

March 14 - DAT: Damage Assessment Training

March 21 - G235: Emergency Planning

March 22 - G290/291: Basic PIO/JIS-JIC

March 22 - G318: Mitigation Planning for Local and Tribal Communities

March 23 - G556: Local Damage Assessment

March 24 - G557: Rapid Needs Assessment