

THE SITUATION REPORT

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SOUTH CAROLINA SEVERE WEATHER AND FLOOD SAFETY WEEK

by Mackenzie Forgacs

The South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) and the National Weather Service (NWS) jointly sponsor this week to remind people that severe storms, tornadoes and flash floods are significant hazards in South Carolina and people need to take proper safety precautions.

A highlight of the week will be the annual statewide tornado drill, which will be conducted on Wednesday, March 9, at 9:00 a.m.

Additional resources and information on Severe Weather and Flood Safety Week can be found online at scemd.org/prepare and weather.gov/wrn/spring-safety.

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT: PIERCE WOMACK

Deputy Director, Greenville County Emergency Management

by Mackenzie Forgacs

Pierce Womack is eager and excited to serve Greenville County as the Deputy Director of Emergency Management.

He brings real world experience from Pickens County, serving the community for 17 years. His work ethic elevated him from a dispatcher to Fire Captain and his most recent past position as Deputy Director of Emergency Management in Pickens County.

His passion for emergency response is spotlighted on a state level as a member of South Carolina Task Force One and the Palmetto Incident Support Team. These teams deploy in support of local first responders for any large scale emergencies. Pierce has been involved with South Carolina Firefighter Mobilization for many years and was selected as the Region 1 Coordinator in 2020. His leadership and organization was paramount during disaster events including the Pinnacle Mountain Fire and devastating hurricanes.

Pierce understands the remedy to any critical incident begins with communication and is continuously polishing his skills as a communications technician and programmer. He also brings an extensive background in HazMat and emergency services paired with his dedication and leadership to the Greenville County team.

Above all else, Pierce will quickly tell you his greatest accomplishment is his daughter Maddie Kate.

GREENVILLE COUNTY CREDENTIALING

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Greenville County Emergency Management has taken on the task of partnering with first responder agencies across Greenville County to develop a unified credentialing process. Throughout this multi-year process, every first responder will be given the opportunity to receive credentials in accordance with federal and state directives. These credentials will enhance the awareness of individuals who are available to respond to incidents and will improve the overall ability to utilize resources across Greenville County. The following is a step-by-step overview of the credentialing process.

Step 1 - Greenville County Emergency Management (GCEM) will contact an agency based on an alphabetized list of first responder agencies throughout the county. The agency will designate a point of contact for the duration of the credentialing process.

Step 2 - All individuals within the agency will be asked to complete a Credentialing Application. This application will collect an individual's demographic information as well as any relevant trainings and certifications that will be linked to their profile.

All applicants will be required to have a minimum of the following trainings: IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800. These trainings can be taken online and found [here](#).

Step 3 - GCEM staff will create an individual profile for each applicant within the State Law Enforcement Division's (SLED) credentialing system - known as Salamander.

Step 4 - The point of contact for each individual agency will receive an audit form. This form will list each applicant's trainings and qualifications. The point of contact will need to review the provided information to ensure it's accuracy.

Step 5 - Applicants will take a "passport style photo" that can either be taken by GCEM staff or be submitted to GCEM individually. These photos will be uploaded into the Salamander profile and badges will be printed.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)



EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING



PLAN AHEAD

BE PREPARED

REGISTER FOR TRAINING

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their community and trains them in basic disaster response skills. Following an event when professional responders are not immediately available, those who have completed CERT training are better equipped to assist others in their neighborhood or workplace.



Contact Email:
GreenvilleCERT@gmail.com

More Info & Registration:
gceoc.com/teams/cert

LEARN SKILLS

- Disaster Medical Operations
- Fire Suppression
- Search and Rescue

SPRING 2022 TRAINING

Part of the training will be remote using a self-paced online learning platform.

The other in-person classes will be:

- April 9 (8:30am-1:00pm)
- April 23 (8:30am-4:00pm)
- April 30 (9:00am-12:00pm)

LAUNCHES IN MARCH • REGISTER NOW!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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March 7 - AWR 326: Tornado Awareness (Berkeley)

March 7 - L101: Week 1 Basic Academy (Greenville)

March 8 - L0969: Communications Unit Leader (Lexington)

March 8 - PEOC: Palmetto EOC Training (Virtual)

March 14 - DAT: Damage Assessment Training (Charleston)

March 14 - G556: Local Damage Assessment (Charleston)

March 16 - G557: Rapid Needs Assessment (Charleston)

March 16 - Confined Space Rescue (Greenville)

March 17 - G235: Emergency Planning (Charleston)

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

March 24 - G191: ICS/EOC Interface (Greenville)

March 26 - ICS300: Intermediate ICS (Oconee)

April 1 - AWR 313: Homemade Explosives: Awareness, Recognition, and Response (Horry)

April 4 - L102/L103: Week 2 Basic Academy (Greenville)

April 4 - ICS300: Intermediate ICS (Beaufort)

April 4 - G402: ICS Overview for Executives/Senior Officials (Charleston)

April 4 - AWR 167: Sport Event Risk Management (Horry)

April 5 - AWR 147: Rail Car Incident Response (Kershaw)

April 5 - Bomb/SWAT/HazMat SLED Evaluation (Greenville)

April 6 - G288: Local Volunteer & Donations Management (Aiken)

April 7 - CSAR SLED Evaluation (Greenville)

April 13 - ICS300: Intermediate ICS (Greenville)

**Need to register for
a training? Visit the
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Division Training
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System.**