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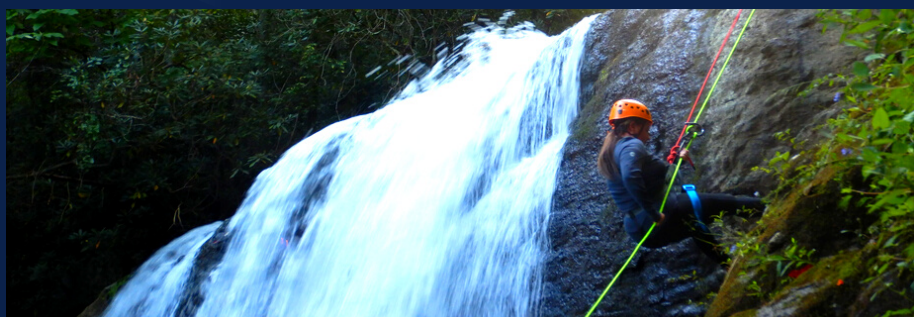
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Sign up for training!
"Learning never exhausts the mind."
- Leonardo da Vinci

Staff Spotlight

KATHY OPALACZ



Kathy started her career in Emergency Services as a 911 Communications Specialist for the City of Greenville Police and Fire Departments in 2009. Later, in June 2020, Kathy accepted a position with South Carolina Emergency Management Division. During her time with SCEMD, she continued to expand her skill set working in Hazard Mitigation, Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program, and Regional Emergency Manager Program. While at SCEMD, Kathy assisted with the coordination and planning of multiple exercises, including Radiological Emergency Preparedness Exercises and a variety of training. Professionally, she has a passion for building strong working relationships, community service, and helping others expand their knowledge and skill set. On a more personal level, Kathy enjoys hiking, snowboarding, relaxing on the beach, and spending time with her two dogs, family, and friends!

JOIN THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM



The most frequent utilization of the ERT involves fuel spills, missing persons and hiking incidents. It is estimated that in an average year, one out of every three trains and one out of every ten trucks is carrying some type of hazardous material. Greenville County has more than 1,400 miles of state-maintained highways, numerous railroad lines, and many industrial manufacturing plants that use hazardous materials.

Sign Up 

Radio Communications

Greenville County continues to improve radio redundancy.

As with all aspects of emergency services, the radio system is a critical component because this is how emergency crews on the street receive calls for assistance, so there has to be built-in levels of redundancy.

Check out the new page on our website here!

Learn about site trunking!

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Radio Communications

Greenville County administration decided the best solution to ensure the safety of public safety responders was to move all radios to a statewide...





WINTER WEATHER



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KNOWING THE DIFFERENCE



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.



WINTER STORM WARNING

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 WEATHER ADVISORY

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



ICE STORM WARNING

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



WIND CHILL WARNING

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



WIND CHILL ADVISORY

A Wind Chill Advisory is issued when wind chill temperatures are expected to drop between 0°F to -15°F



UPCOMING TRAINING



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Understanding Targeted Cyber Attacks (AWR 376)

When: January 10, 2023

Location: Greenville County Square Bldg
Suite 400 301 University Ridge, Greenville

Time: 0800-1700

Need to register for a training?

Greenville County Emergency Management Training: [Training & Exercises Calendar](#)
South Carolina Emergency Management Division Training: [Training Registration System](#).