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SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Severe weather can encompass flood, heavy rains, tornadoes, thunderstorms and lightning, tsunamis, and wildfires.

Severe Weather & Flood Safety Week is March 5th-11th.

Statewide Tornado Drill will be at 9 AM on Wednesday, March 8th.

This drill is conducted with the South Carolina Broadcasters Association. The purpose is to test communication systems and safety procedures. The National Weather Service will use a real-event code. The "TOR" code will activate tone-alert weather radios that are set to receive tornado warnings and those radios will broadcast the drill message.

More info on the drill you can use here: <https://scemd.org/prepare/statewide-tornado-drill/>



- **Be Weather-Ready:** Listen to local news or a Weather Radio to stay informed about severe thunderstorm watches and warnings.



- **Sign Up for Notifications:** GCEM uses a system named CodeRed to notify the community. Sign up for severe weather information [here](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#).



- **Create a Communications Plan:** Have a family plan that includes an emergency meeting place and related information. Pick a safe room in your home such as a basement, storm cellar, or an interior room on the lowest floor with no windows.



- **Prepare Your Home:** Keep trees and branches trimmed near your house. If you have time before severe weather hits, secure loose objects, close windows, and doors, and move any valuable objects inside or under a sturdy structure.

Get more ideas for a plan at:

<https://gceoc.com/prepare/get-ready-greenville/>

<https://scemd.org/stay-informed/mobile-applications/>

RAIL SAFETY & Emergency Response Training

Emergency Response Team Members participated in training offered by Norfolk Southern on responding to railroad emergencies.

The training included these topics:

- Safety Around the Railroad
- Understanding Rail Shipping Documents
- Rail Equipment Identification
- Tank Car Valves & Fittings
- Locomotive Emergencies
- Hazard Communication
- Responding to Emergencies involving the Railroad
- First Responder Mobile Apps



COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

RESPONSE TEAM

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.



SPRING TRAINING

- Basic Disaster Preparedness
- Basic Fire Suppression
- Disaster Medical Operations
- Triage & Treating Life Threatening Injuries
- Disaster Medical Operations Assessment, Treatment, and Hygiene
- Light Search & Rescue
- Team Organization & Disaster Psychology
- Terrorism & Active Shooters
- Final Exercise

REGISTER BEFORE MARCH 30TH

SIGN UP FOR TRAINING

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SOUTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE



Greenville County Emergency Management Director, Jessica Stumpf was voted in as President-Elect for the South Carolina Emergency Management Association.

The term of each office for all officers shall be for a period of two (2) years and shall commence immediately following the fourth quarter meeting during the year of election.



Greenville County Emergency Management Deputy Director, Pierce Womack was recognized as a South Carolina Certified Emergency Manager.

What is the South Carolina Certified Emergency Manager Program?

The SC CEM was created to raise and maintain professional standards in emergency management and to certify the achievement of that standard within the profession in South Carolina. The program was developed in cooperation between the South Carolina Emergency Management Division and the South Carolina Emergency Management Association. It requires extensive documentation of the applicant's qualifications, experience, and training. Applications are reviewed and evaluated by a committee comprised of the applicant's peers.

Director Jessica Stumpf and Planning Coordinator Karen Kent have also completed the SC CEM process.

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SOCON Conference at the SC Fire Academy

When: March 17th-19th, 2023

Location: S.C. State Fire 141 Monticello Trail Columbia, SC 29203

Time: See Conference Attachment For Times [Here](#)

HazMat Technician Training

When: March 27th-31st, 2023

Location: City of Greenville Fire Department, Training Facility/Drill Tower, 688 Mauldin Road Greenville, SC 29607

Time: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

Need to register for a training?

Greenville County Emergency Management Training: [Training & Exercises Calendar](#)

South Carolina Emergency Management Division Training: [Training Registration System](#).

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HazMat Technician Refresher

When: May 10th-11th, 2023

Location: Gantt Fire Department

1201 White Horse Rd, Greenville, SC 29605

Time: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

HazMat Technician Refresher

When: April 27th-28th, 2023

Location: Donaldson Center Fire Department

2291 Perimeter Rd, Greenville, SC 29605

Time: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

HazMat Technician Refresher

When: May 4th-5th, 2023

Location: Parker Fire Department Training
Facility

117 Smythe street Greenville, SC

Time: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

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Chlorine Response

When: May 8th-9th, 2023

Location: City of Greenville Fire Department, Training Facility/Drill Tower, 688 Mauldin Road Greenville, SC 29607

Time: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

Risk-Based Air Monitoring

When: July 10, 2023

Location: Donaldson Center Fire Department
2291 Perimeter Rd, Greenville, SC 29605

Time: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

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