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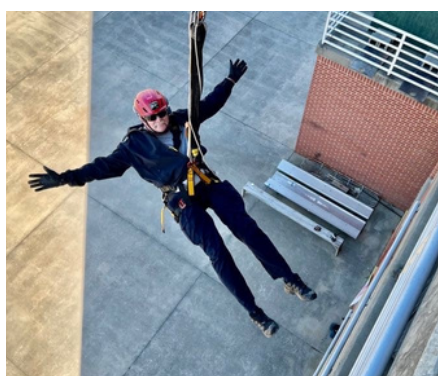
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# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

## STEVE HUNT

SPECIAL OPERATIONS COORDINATOR



Steve Hunt accepted the position of Special Operations Coordinator for Greenville County Emergency Management, in April of 2023. After 33 years of dedicated service, Steve retired from the City of Greenville Fire Department in November of 2022 as Captain in the Training Division. During his time at the City of Greenville, Steve joined the Greenville County Emergency Response Team, where he served for 18 years as a team member and rescue coordinator. Steve has also served as a part of the South Carolina Emergency Response Task Force group, specializing in urban search and rescue. Through Steve's many experiences and training opportunities, he has developed skills in instruction, planning, organization, and administration. On a more personal level, Steve enjoys camping, time at the lake, and spending time with his family and friends!

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# SEARCH & RESCUE TRAINING



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On Wednesday, April 19th, 2023, over 80 first responders from different disciplines came together to train on search and rescue operations at Bald Rock and Persimmon Ridge. Responders were trained in rescue techniques, K9s were used for tracking and drones were used for situational awareness. Responders implemented the incident command system for multi-agency coordination and communication.





# INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS' DAY

## May 4, 2023



*"Firefighters are the ones who run to the fire when everyone else runs away."*

International Firefighters' Day (IFFD) is when the world's community can recognize and honor the sacrifices that firefighters make to ensure their communities and environment are as safe as possible. It is also a day when current and past firefighters can be thanked for their contributions.

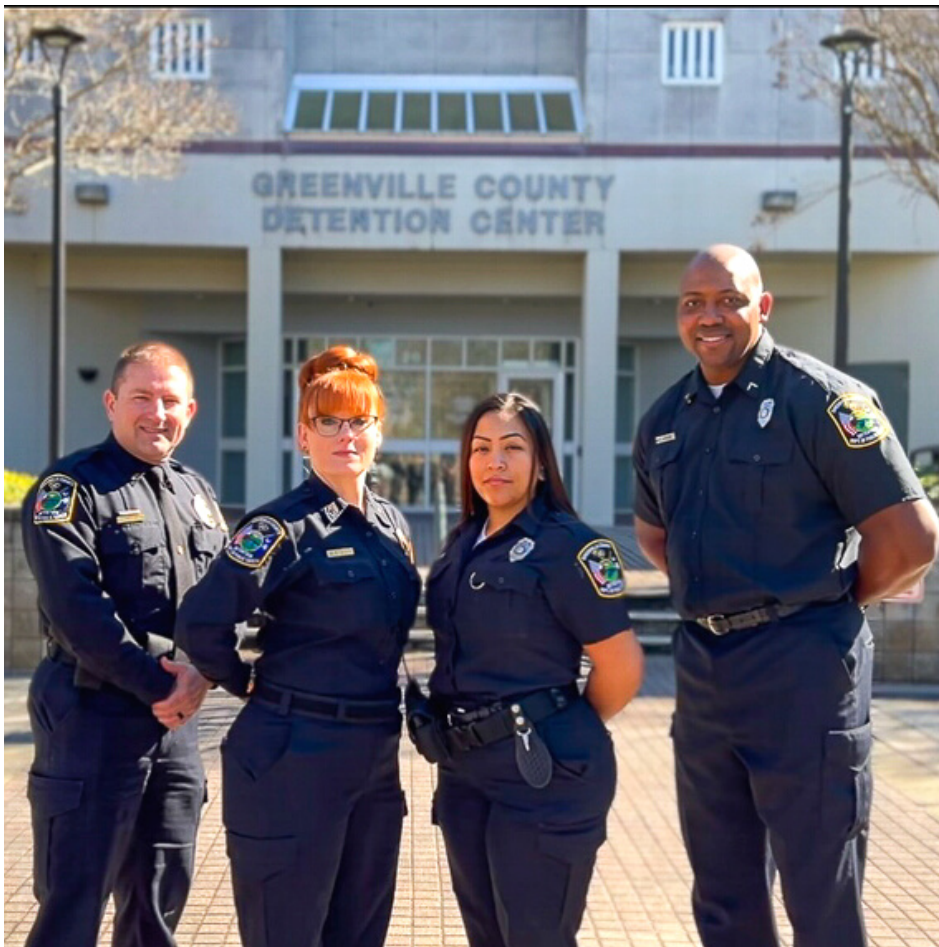


Thank you, to the professionals who form the strong "Thin Red Line" of life safety and commitment, who protects us during the day and night when we don't even know it.

# CORRECTIONAL OFFICER APPRECIATION WEEK May 7-13, 2023

*"No group of Americans has a more difficult or less publicly visible job than the brave men and women who work in our correctional facilities."*

We celebrate National Correctional Officers Week in the first week of May. Former President Ronald Reagan established this week on May 5, 1984. He saw the need to create a week for correctional officers to thank them for their services and celebrate their contributions to society. Often, they are to make sure the court orders are seen through and implemented. During this week, various U.S. agencies honor correctional officers in our jails, prisons, and community correctional facilities by organizing different programs for them.



Thank you, to the professionals who form the strong "Thin Gray Line" of impartial treatment and security.



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# LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEK

May 14-20, 2023

*"Bravery is not the absence of fear but action in the face of fear."*

Law enforcement professionals put the life and safety of others before themselves and work hard to enforce the law.

Happy National Law Enforcement Appreciation Week to all the hardworking officers.



Thank you, to the professionals who form the strong "Thin Blue Line" of law and order. Who protect us during the day, night, and when we don't even know it.



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# EMS WEEK

## May 21-27, 2023



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"Where emergency care begins."

This year is the 48th annual National EMS Week. In 1974, President Gerald Ford authorized EMS Week to celebrate EMS practitioners and the important work they do in our nation's communities.



EMS Week is a time to thank paramedics, EMTs and the entire EMS workforce for their service and sacrifices. It's also an opportunity for EMS to continue to raise public awareness about the critical role of EMS in the community.

Thank you, to the professionals who save lives for a living! We can't say thank you enough!



# 59th AVIATION TROOP COMMAND SOUTH CAROLINA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD



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On April 14, 2023, the South Carolina Army National Guard Aviation Troop Command celebrated the arrival of two UH-72B, Lakota helicopters to the 151st Security and Support Battalion.



In prior years several large-scale missions, the Battalion, and its soldiers have served the citizens of South Carolina and other states numerous times in support of hurricane response, wildfire suppression, and through a unique partnership with civilian rescue authorities forming the South Carolina Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team (SC-HART). With its increased power and advanced avionics capabilities, the UH-72B will surely play a significant role in continuing to serve the citizens of South Carolina.



# UPCOMING UPSTATE TRAINING SPOTLIGHT

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**Course Name:** Chlorine Response

**When:** May 8-9, 2023

**Time:** 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

**Location:** Greenville City Fire Department - 688 Mauldin Road, Greenville SC 29607

[E-Mail Kathy Opalacz to Register.](#)

**Course Name:** Norfolk Southern Safety Train - Rail Safety & Emergency Response Training

**When:** June 15-16, 2023

**Time:** 15th: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm | 16th: 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm

**Location:** Norfolk Southern - 1120 W Washington St. Greenville, SC 29601

[Register Here](#)

**Course Name:** ICS/EOC Interface Workshop (G191)

**When:** April 11-13, 2023

**Time:** 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Location:** Anderson County Emergency Operations Center - 200 Bleckley St. Anderson, SC 29625

[Register Here](#)

**Course Name:** Advanced ICS 400 (ICS 400) - Anderson SC

**When:** April 26-27, 2023

**Time:** 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Location:** Anderson County Emergency Operations Center - 200 Bleckley St. Anderson, SC 29625

[Register Here](#)

Need to register for a training?

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