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SLED EXERCISE



Greenville County hosted the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division Upstate Regional Response Teams Evaluation with participation from Greenville and Anderson County SWAT, BOMB and WMD HAZMAT teams, Spartanburg RMAT (Regional Medical Assistance Team), South Carolina Task Force 6, and Upstate IMT (Incident Management Team). The planning process was extensive, requiring significant preparation and coordination. The exercise scenario involved an unknown group suspected of manufacturing possible homemade improvised explosives. SWAT, BOMB, and WMD HAZMAT teams were dispatched to the scene to conduct operations to reduce the threat and identify any hazards. In the second part of the scenario, a hypothetical explosion caused the building to collapse, trapping people inside with only the roof and elevator shaft as access points. We want to thank Bob Jones University for allowing us to host this exercise on their campus and for their exercise support.

On Monday, May 15, 2023, the setup process began, which involved logistical operations such as equipment gathering and building preparations. The SWAT, BOMB, and WMD HAZMAT teams were focused on completing their assigned objectives during the operational period on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. On Wednesday, May 17, 2023, the building was reset by SLED and Greenville County Emergency Management for evaluation on Thursday.

On Thursday, May 18, 2023, South Carolina Task Force 6 and Spartanburg RMAT were actively involved in search and rescue operations, providing triage, treatment, and transportation services. The Upstate IMT ensured accountability and developed the Incident Action Plans for Thursday.



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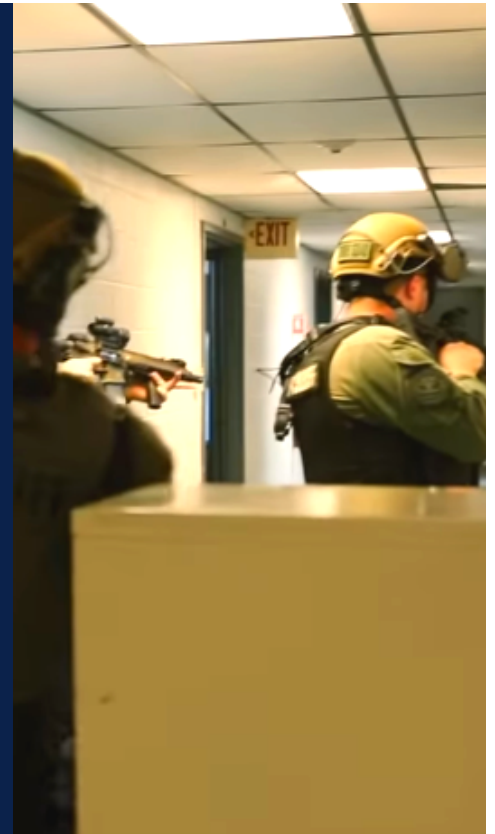
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SLED EXERCISE

May 16, 2023 | First Operational Period
SWAT Operations

The SWAT teams entered the building first to identify and address any possible threats. Once they cleared the facility, they notified the BOMB team of any hazardous items.



SLED EXERCISE

May 16, 2023 | First Operational Period
BOMB Operations

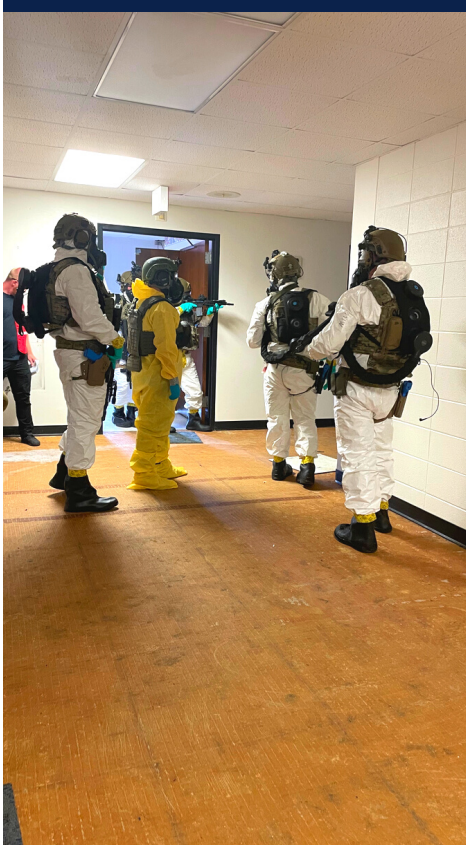
Once the SWAT team had cleared the building, the BOMB Team promptly took over to neutralize any potential explosive hazards. After confirming that the area was secure, they contacted the WMD HAZMAT team for decontamination procedures.



SLED EXERCISE

May 18, 2023 | 2nd Operational Period
HAZMAT Operations

A specialized team trained in handling hazardous materials and weapons of mass destruction conducted air monitoring to detect any unidentified substances. They also collected samples to ensure public safety and implemented decontamination protocols as needed.



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SLED EXERCISE

May 18, 2023 | 2nd Operational Period
Search and Rescue Operations

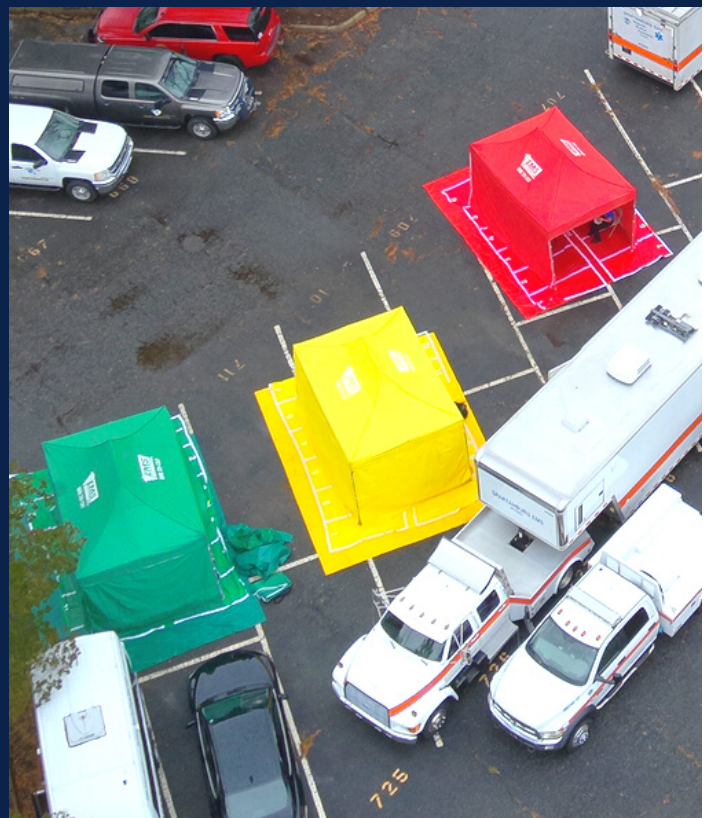
During the second operational period, the Collapse Search and Rescue Team conducted operations. They utilized a ladder truck to gain access to the building through the roof and used the elevator shaft to enter each floor. To safely transport patients (mannequins), ropes and pulleys were used to lower them to the ground level.



SLED EXERCISE

May 18, 2023 | 2nd Operational Period Regional Medical Assistance Team (RMAT) Operations

After the Collapse Search and Rescue Team removed patients from the building, they were transferred to the Regional Medical Assistance Team, who triaged, treated, and transported patients to the hospital.



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ARTISPHERE



Photo by
James Simpson Photography.

Greenville County Emergency Management worked together with Greenville City Police and Fire and Greenville County EMS to ensure Artisphere was a safe and successful event.

BLOOD CONNECTION PRESS CONFERENCE



We are all in this life-saving mission together. Emergency Management, EMS, and the Sheriff's Office encourage you to support The Blood Connection because blood donations are critical to our emergency preparedness. By donating today, we can ensure blood is available for our friends and neighbors in their time of need.



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

When: June 15-16, 2023

Time: 15th: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm & 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm

16th: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm & 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm

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

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Course Name: Pump Operations 1

When: June 19-23, 2023

Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Clear Spring Fire Department - 3008 Woodruff Road, Simpsonville, SC

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Course Name: National Emergency Management Basic Academy Train the Trainer (L0110)

When: June 19-23, 2023

Time: 08:30 am - 4:30 pm

Location: SCEMD Training Room - 2779 Fish Hatchery Road West Columbia, SC

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Course Name: Risk-Based Air Monitoring

When: July 10, 2023

Time: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Donaldson Center Fire Department - 2291 Perimeter Road Greenville, SC

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