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TRENCH TRAINING

On May 25, 2023, the Emergency Response Team and SC Task Force 6 members participated in trench training. Trench rescue is a specialized form of rescue, a subset of confined space rescue. Trench rescue involves shoring up the sides of a trench, and digging a trapped worker out of a collapsed ditch.



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KEVIN TAYLOR

Congratulations on your retirement!



Proclamation

*On a motion from Councilor Mike Barnes
Members of Greenville County Council wish to recognize and honor*

Mr. Kevin Taylor
for 42 years of outstanding service

WHEREAS, Mr. Kevin Taylor began protecting and serving the citizens of Greenville County in 1981 when he and fellow specialists started a rescue division that would become the County's official Emergency Response Team (ERT) in 1986; and

WHEREAS, his experience with ERT includes working with the Forestry Commission since 1998, responding to wildland incidents, and as crew chief of the Air Rescue team since 2000, where he developed innovative rescue and control methods that are being used today; and

WHEREAS, always a champion for the rescue teams, he served in leadership roles working with Emergency Management, Sheriff's Office, Greenville County Fire Chiefs' Association, and EMS to determine roles and responsibilities during interoperable events; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor's extraordinary skills and unmatched experience were on display during the 2016 Pinnacle Mountain fire when, on the front lines, he led strike teams cutting fire breaks and monitoring the burn, and in 2020 he was instrumental in creating COVID drive-thru sites for first responders; and

WHEREAS, during his 42-year career, Mr. Taylor has spent more than 22,000 hours working with ERT in responding to incidents, training and collaborating.

NOW, THEREFORE, Greenville County Council honors the outstanding career of Mr. Kevin Taylor, thanking him for his decades of valuable contributions to our County, and acknowledging that his leadership and mentorship ensure that the current and future Emergency Rescue Teams will be the best trained and motivated teams in the nation.

Signed this 20th day of June, 2023

Dan Tripp, Chairman
Greenville County Council



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GREENVILLE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Awarded \$20,000 from the Duke Energy Foundation

The Duke Energy Foundation allowed first responders to apply for their microgrant program. The program is used to invest in emergency preparedness organizations across South Carolina to increase their resiliency to major weather events through advanced preparation, planning, equipment, and training.

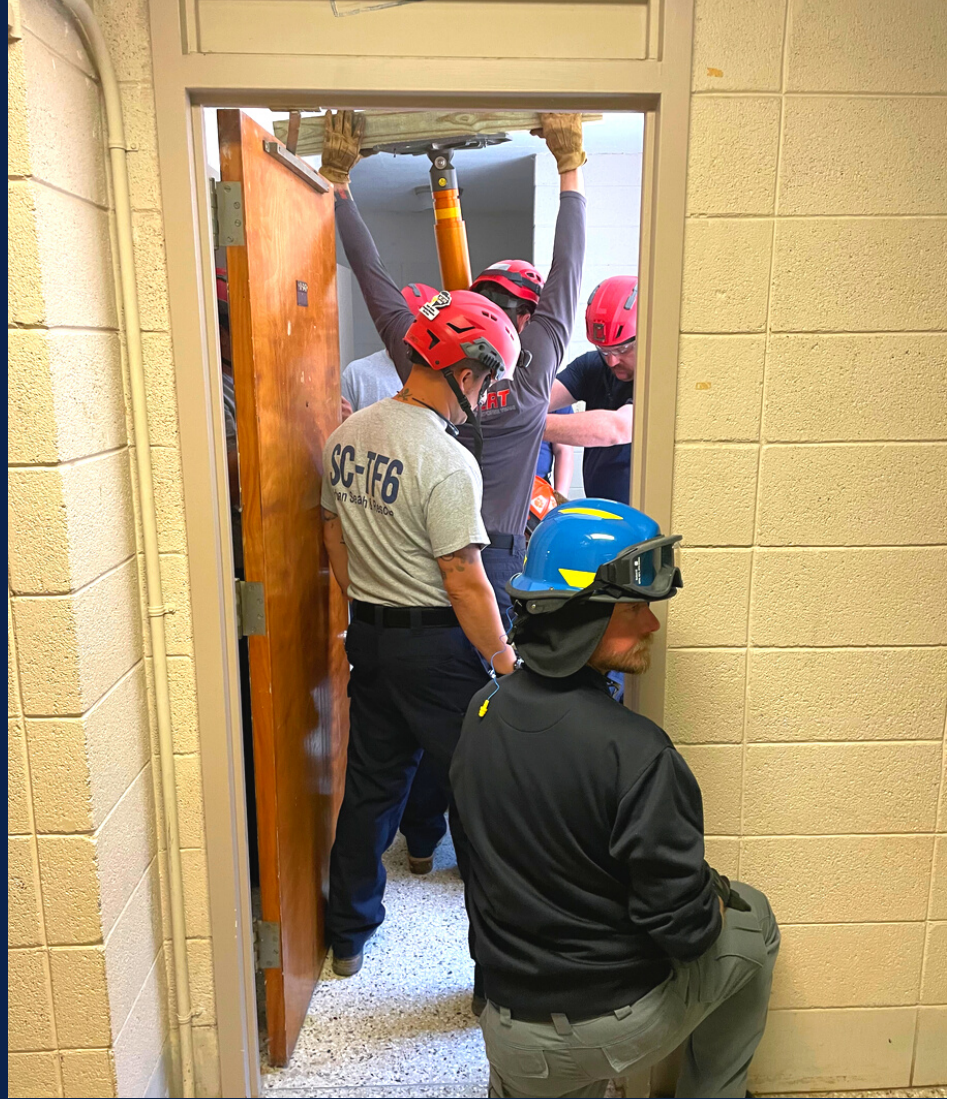
Greenville County Emergency Management applied for a grant to purchase an ATV. The use of ATVs gives first responders greater access to help citizens in life-threatening situations and other types of weather-related emergencies. The department will be able to use the ATV for logistical response in hazardous conditions to deliver supplies to responders, patient extrication, and visual assessments for property damage post-incident. These referenced uses for a vehicle of this type for Emergency Response are limitless, and for a county such as ours a vehicle of this nature would truly be lifesaving.



SHORING TRAINING

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

On June 13, 2023, the Clemson FD, Pickens County Rescue, Greenville County ERT, and Task Force 6 came together to participate in shoring training at Clemson University. This training involved providing temporary support to structures, vehicles, and objects during emergency incidents. Its purpose is to ensure stability and minimize the hazards associated with the movement of objects, in order to protect both rescuers and victims.



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SOUTH CAROLINA FIRE-RESCUE CONFERENCE



Pierce Womack, the Deputy Director of Greenville County Emergency Management, was elected as the 3rd Vice President of the South Carolina Firefighters Association during the South Carolina Fire-Rescue Conference.

The South Carolina State Firefighters' Association was founded in 1905 by a group of determined fire service leaders to work to promote education, training, benefits provision, and legislative representation. Today their mission stands: to serve the membership as the leader in fire service advocacy, benefits, education, and safety while acting as the steward of the Firemen's Insurance and Inspection Fund.



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AMERICAN RED CROSS WELLNESS DAY



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Greenville County Emergency Management joined the American Red Cross for its first-ever Wellness Day on Saturday, June 3rd, at the Bon Secours Wellness Arena in Greenville. During National CPR and AED Awareness Week, the Red Cross aims to train as many people as possible in Hands-Only CPR. Hands-only CPR is a free and quick training that equips participants with the confidence and skills to act during an emergency until help arrives. The American Red Cross offered FREE family-friendly activities from 9 am to noon, including learning Hands-Only CPR, a Community Wellness Fair, Be Red Cross Ready – an emergency preparedness program, and give life at the American Red Cross Blood Drive.



UPCOMING UPSTATE TRAINING SPOTLIGHT

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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

[Register Here](#)

Course Name: Public Information Basics

When: July 25-27, 2023

Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Boiling Springs Fire Department - 208 Blacks Dr. Greenville, SC

[Register Here](#)

Course Name: Incident Management (TIM) Responder Training

When: August 10, 2023

Time: 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Boling Springs Fire Department - 208 Black Dr. Greenville, SC

[Register Here](#)

Course Name: Rail Safety & Hazmat Emergency Response Training

Featured Hazmat Training: Toxic Gases (Chlorine & Hydrogen Chloride);
Corrosive Liquids (Hydrochloric Acid, Caustic & Bleach) & Flammable
Gases (Vinyl Chloride)

When: August 1-2, 2023

Time: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Lanxess Corp - 2151 King St. Ext. North Charleston, SC 29405

For more information contact Larry Kowal [Here](#).

[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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