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The Emergency Management Office began developing a Radiological Standard Operating Guide in October 2022 for the four reception centers situated in Greenville County. These centers are designated temporary shelters for Pickens County residents during a radiological release at the Oconee Nuclear facility. Previously, each reception center had its own plan, which was created by the hosting fire departments. By developing a standard guide for monitoring, decontaminating, and sheltering for all reception centers in the county, emergency personnel can receive consistent training on these processes, ensuring uniformity throughout the county.

On October 13, 2023, emergency personnel in Greenville County demonstrated the Radiological Standard Operating Guide for the first time at Berea High School. The effectiveness of the guide was evaluated by FEMA, which reviewed the techniques and processes demonstrated should a radiological release occur. Following the conclusion of the exercise, FEMA evaluators acknowledged the efficiency of the new Radiological SOG and the emergency personnel's well-executed process during the hotwash.







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For this exercise to be successful, Berea High School employees, Greenville County Special Operations, Greenville County Community Emergency Response Team, Berea Fire Department, Greenville County Sheriff's Office, Wade Hampton Fire Department, South Carolina Department of Social Services, Travelers Rest Fire Department, Greenville County Emergency Medical Services, Simpsonville Fire Department, American Red Cross, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Greenville County Emergency Management, South Carolina Emergency Management Division, and FEMA Region 4 were all involved.

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## GREENVILLE COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH FAIR

The Greenville County Employee Wellness Clinic organized a health fair for the county employees on October 11, 2023. The purpose of the event was to provide employees with an opportunity to learn about health services. Greenville County Emergency Management was invited to the fair to share valuable information about emergency prepardness. About 150 co-workers attended the event and learned about weather preparedness, including winter preparedness, earthquake safety, hurricane safety, and fire safety. Understanding and preparing for emergencies can give people peace of mind, and this event helped to spread awareness and knowledge on how to prepare for such situations.



#### **FALL FOR GREENVILLE**



The annual Fall for Greenville event was held from October 12 to 15, 2023, in Greenville City. Hosting such a large event required a lot of planning and preparation. Due to the high number of attendees expected, the Greenville County Emergency Management opened the Emergency Operations Center to accommodate Greenville County EMS. Greenville Police, and the Greenville Fire Department. This allowed for Unified Command, which involved different disciplines working together to ensure efficient and quick response times to any emergencies that may arise during the event.

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY OUTREACH

#### PIEDMONT PARK FIRE DEPARTMENTS OPEN HOUSE

The Piedmont Park Fire Department held its annual open house on October 14, 2023. This year's event saw a record-breaking attendance of over 350 community members. The open house featured free hot dogs cooked by the firefighters, a bouncy house for children, and a display of fire apparatus and safety equipment including the fire and safety trailer.

Through this event, the fire department aimed to educate people of all ages about the importance of fire safety.



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#### SLATER MARIETTA FIRE DEPARTMENTS FIRE FEST



On October 21, 2023, Slater Marietta hosted its second annual Fire Fest. The event included BBQ made by the department, fire apparatus, a bouncy house, a medical helicopter that arrived and landed midway during the event, and local craft and business vendors. Additionally, a 5-foot wooden cutout of a house was set up with faux wooden flames on hinges in the windows, specifically designed for children to use an actual fire hose to knock down the flames with water to simulate putting out a structure fire. This was a great community outreach event.

# **UPCOMING UPSTATE**

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**SUBSCRIBE** 

Course Name: ICS 400 - Advanced ICS

When: November 14-15, 2023

Time: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

**Location: City Of Greenville Public Works Conference Facility** 

475 Fairforest Way, Greenville SC 29607

**Register Here** 

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**Course Name: Basic Severe SkyWarn Training offered by the National** 

**Weather Service** 

When: November 13, 2023 **Time: Multiple Offerings** 

**Location: Virtual Register Here** 

Course Name: LSU Campus Emergencies, Prevention, Response, and

Recovery (MGT-324)

**When: December 5-6, 2023** Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM **Location: Spartanburg, SC** 

**Register Here** 

Access Code: 31570

**Access Code: NCBRT324** 

**Course Name: EMS Command Challenges During Civil Unrest** 

When: December 7, 2023 Time: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

**Location: Virtual Register Here** 

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