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SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Severe weather can encompass floods, heavy rains, tornadoes, thunderstorms, and lightning.

SOUTH CAROLINA SEVERE WEATHER AND FLOOD SAFETY WEEK



MARCH 3RD - 9TH



STATEWIDE TORNADO DRILL



MARCH 6TH



9:00 AM

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://gceoc.com/prepare/get-ready-greenville/)

[HTTPS://SCEMD.ORG/STAY-INFORMED/MOBILE-APPLICATIONS/](https://scemd.org/stay-informed/mobile-applications/)



UPCOMING EVENTS



The picture above is of the EOC located in Greenville City Hall.

WE'RE MOVING!

We are pleased to announce that the Greenville County Emergency Operations Center has recently undergone an upgrade, which will enhance our ability to serve the community. The Greenville County Emergency Management Office has been located in the basement of Greenville City Hall since 1973. However, we will be relocating to our new Emergency Operations Center and offices on S. Pleasantburg Drive, McAlister's Square during the first week of March.



GREENVILLE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

EVENT INFORMATION

Monday, March 18, 2024

Fox Run Country Club
215 Club Drive
Simpsonville, SC 29681



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SOUTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

What is the South Carolina Certified Emergency Manager Program?

The SC CEM program certifies professional standards in emergency management in South Carolina. It is a collaboration between the South Carolina Emergency Management Division and the South Carolina Emergency Management Association. The program requires detailed documentation of qualifications, experience, and training. Candidates are evaluated by a committee of peers. To uphold the certification, professionals are required to recertify every five years.



Jessica Stumpf, the Emergency Management Director for Greenville County, has been re-certified as a South Carolina Certified Emergency Manager.



Kathy Opalacz, the Training and Exercise Coordinator for Greenville County Emergency Management, has been awarded the title of Certified Emergency Manager.



Karen Kent, the Emergency Management Planning Coordinator for Greenville County, has been re-certified as a South Carolina Certified Emergency Manager.





DIVE SEARCH

Lancaster County requested assistance from the Greenville County Special Operations Team, Dive Division to search for a man who went missing. The incident occurred on Monday evening, February 5, 2024, when a man drove a white van onto the bridge over the Catawba River near Highway 5/Rock Hill Highway from the York County side, abandoned the van, and jumped into the river. The Greenville County Special Operations Team was requested to dive into the Catawba River on February 16, 2024, to help with the search.

MEDCOM MOVES

MedCom is responsible for dispatching 20 out of the 31 Fire Departments in Greenville County, along with the Greenville County Special Operations Team. This communications center was recently relocated and upgraded from its previous location at County Square to McAlister Square on S Pleasantburg Drive in Greenville. The dedicated efforts of MedCom's dispatchers have enabled them to receive five years of accreditation. MedCom operates as a backup communication center for the primary public safety answering points located at the Greenville County Sheriff's Office and in each of the municipalities. Whenever someone dials 9-1-1 for a medical emergency, the call is transferred to the MedCom communications center.



TRAINING SPOTLIGHT



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Course Name: Emergency Planning (G 235)

When: April 30 - May 1, 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Greenville County Multipurpose Room - 225 S. Pleasantburg Dr.,
Greenville, SC 29607

[Register Here](#)

Course Name: Community Preparedness for Cyber Incidents (MGT 384)

When: May 14 - 15, 2024

Time: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Furman University - 455 Furman Mall Ave., Greenville, SC
29609

[Register Here](#)

Course Name: ICS 300 - Intermediate ICS

When: May 28 - 30, 2024

Time: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Greenville County Multipurpose Room - 225 S Pleasantburg Dr.,
Greenville, SC 29607

[Register Here](#)

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