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The Official Newsletter of Greenville County Emergency Management



TRAININGS

TRAVELERS REST RADIOLOGICAL EXERCISE



VEHICLE MONITORING SETUP

Greenville County is a Host County for the Oconee Nuclear Station, which means it accepts evacuees from Pickens County around the plant in case of an emergency. In October 2022, Emergency Management began writing a new Radiological Standard Operating Guide to include the four reception centers. These centers serve as temporary shelters for Pickens County residents in the event of a radiological release at the Oconee Nuclear facility. Previously, each reception center had its own plan, 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 June 21, 2024, emergency personnel in Greenville County demonstrated the Radiological Standard Operating Guide for the first time at Travelers Rest High School, which had not been previously tested. The effectiveness of the guide was evaluated by FEMA, which reviewed the techniques and processes demonstrated in the case of a radiological release. After the exercise, FEMA evaluators praised the efficiency of the new Radiological Standard Operating Guide and the emergency personnel's well-executed process during the evaluation.



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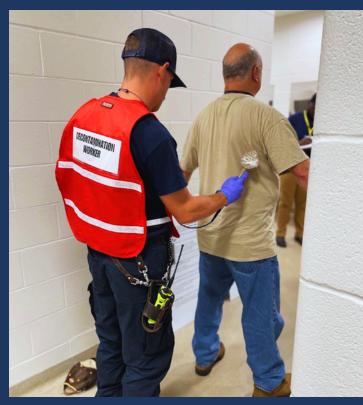
PORTAL MONITOR CHECK



EVACUEE MONITORING



HANDHELD MONITORING OF VEHICLES AFTER THEY'RE DRIVEN THROUGH THE PORTAL



EVACUEE MONITORING AFTER DECONTAMINATION



PERSONNEL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT INSTRUCTIONS (DONNING & DOFFING)



FIREWORK SAFETY TIPS



KEEP A BUCKET OF WATER OR A HOSE HANDY. SOAK USED FIREWORKS BEFORE DISCARDING TO PREVENT A TRASH FIRE.



NEVER HANDLE MALFUNCTIONING FIREWORKS. SOAK THEM WITH WATER AND THROW THEM AWAY.



KEEP PETS AND YOUNG CHILDREN AWAY FROM FIREWORKS, INCLUDING SPARKLERS THAT REACH TEMPERATURES OF ABOUT 2,000 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT.



NEVER HOLD A FIREWORK THAT IS NOT MEANT TO BE HELD.



NEVER POINT OR THROW FIREWORKS (INCLUDING SPARKLERS) AT ANYONE.



LIGHT FIREWORKS ONE AT A TIME, THEN MOVE AWAY QUICKLY.

EXTREME HEAT TIPS

There's hot, and then there's hot-hot! Extreme heat turns up the dial with scorching temperatures above 90 degrees for a couple of days. Your body goes into overdrive trying to stay cool, which, let's face it, isn't a walk in the park. In fact, extreme heat is responsible for causing the most annual casualties compared to any other weather mischief. Stay cool, folks!





PARK HOP

On Tuesday, June 11th, Greenville County Emergency Management took part in the Park Hop event at Conestee Park. The event also included the participation of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office, Greenville County EMS, Greenville Swamp Rabbits, Once Upon a Dream, Spartanburg County Girl Scouts, Conestee Nature Preserve, and Spare Time. Park Hop is an upstate parks scavenger hunt that is currently running until September 7th. It offers great family fun, encouraging people to visit local parks, find clues, and explore the outstanding recreation options in our communities.



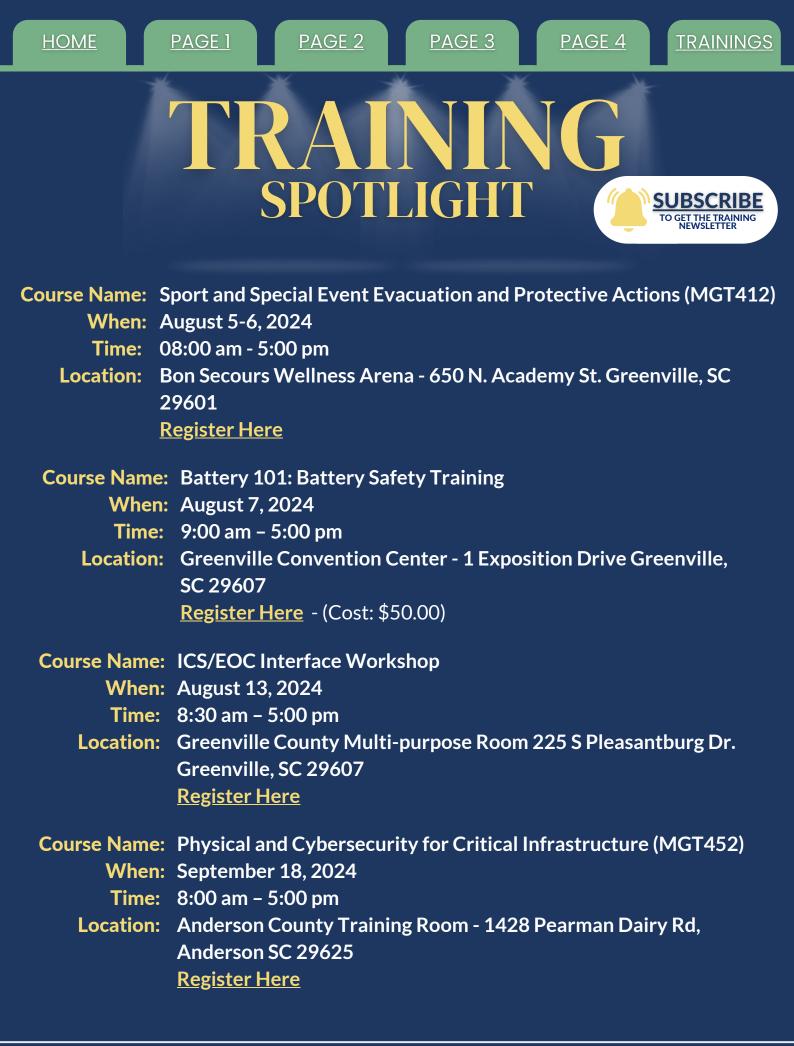
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SOUTH CAROLINA FIRE-RESCUE CONFERENCE

In June, a number of Emergency Management personnel had the opportunity to participate in the 119th Annual South Carolina Fire-Rescue Conference. The conference was filled with a wide range of educational and speaker programs, catering to the diverse needs of all attendees. Notably, the awards banquet included a significant moment as the South Carolina Firefighters Association underwent a transfer of leadership. Deputy Director Pierce Womack assumed the role of 1st Vice President of the Fire Fighters Association Executive Committee during this ceremony at the banquet.







Need to register for a training?

Greenville County Emergency Management Training: <u>Training & Exercises Calendar</u> South Carolina Emergency Management Division Training: <u>Training Registration System</u>.