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# THE SITUATION REPORT

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# GET READY GREENVILLE COUNTY

September is National Preparedness Month. It is time to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies. Greenville County Emergency Management is hosting our 6th annual community preparedness event and you are invited! Come out and see fire trucks, ambulances, police cars, and more. Plus learn lifesaving skills, and how to prepare for emergencies!

**FOOD FROM THE SPINX CLUK TRUK AND  
COFFEE FROM CLUTCH COFFEE BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE**



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024**



**THE FRONT PARKING LOT AT  
225 S. PLEASANTBURG DRIVE  
GREENVILLE, SC 29607**



**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**



**[Visit our Facebook Event page for more!](#)**



# NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

## TOOLS YOU CAN USE

Sign up for CODE RED - Greenville County's Emergency Notification System. You can get phone calls or text messages about urgent situations in your community!

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DOWNLOAD THE SCEMD APP FOR ON-THE-GO TOOLS & RESOURCES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

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# GREENVILLE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ANSWERS THE CALL FOR HELP

## TROPICAL STORM DEBBY



In early August, South Carolina began tracking a tropical disturbance approaching the State after Hurricane Debby made landfall on the Florida Gulf Coast as a Category 1 Hurricane.

Debby was downgraded to a Tropical Storm in South Carolina. The system stalled over the coastal region resulting in several tornados and large amounts of rain leading to significant flooding in the Lowcountry.

Greenville County Emergency Management was called up to assist several agencies throughout South Carolina that were impacted by Debby.



# TROPICAL STORM DEBBY (Continued)



The Greenville County Special Operations Team, joined by a crew from Boiling Springs FD were deployed to assist St. John's Fire Protection District in Charleston County, with a swift water rescue team.

Director Jessica Stumpf and Deputy Director Pierce Womack were assigned to the SC State Fire - Search & Rescue Incident Support Team; while Training Coordinator Kathy Opalacz was assigned to the South Carolina Emergency Operations Center.



Planning Coordinator Michael Jankowski joined Kathy and Pierce in a mission to Berkley and Dorchester Counties for Emergency Operations assistance, as well as Search & Rescue mission support.



## OTHER AUGUST INCIDENTS



### Search for Missing Marietta Man, Mark Wagnon

Wagnon went missing on the evening of August 19th. His car was found in Oconee State Park on August 21st. Greenville County Special Operations Team and Emergency Management assisted with the search on August 23rd and 24th in Oconee County. Wagnon was found alive around 3:15PM on August 24th by a volunteer search team.

### Car vs. Building in Travelers Rest

Travelers Rest Fire Department requested assistance from the Greenville County Special Operations Team to shore up a building on South Main Street after a car drove through the front of Freehub Bicycles around 2:45AM on August 27th. Greenville City Fire Department, SC-TF6, Berea Fire Department, and Parker District Fire responded with the team.



### Downtown Fire in Clinton

Laurens County requested communications and firefighter mobilization support for a multi-business fire in downtown Clinton on the evening of August 27th.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## COME VISIT US AT THESE EVENTS

**SEPT**  
**8**  
1:00 PM  
First Responder Day  
Greenville Drive

**SEPT**  
**14**  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Get Ready Greenville  
County

**SEPT**  
**24**  
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM  
Duke Energy Storm  
School  
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**OCT**  
**5**  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Piedmont Park Fire Open  
House

**OCT**  
**5**  
10: 00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Upstate Weather Fest  
GSP Airport

**OCT**  
**9**  
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Greenville County Health Fair  
301 University Ridge,  
Greenville

**OCT**  
**19**  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Lake Cunningham Fire  
Community Day

**NOV**  
**2**  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Slater Marietta Fire  
Department Open  
House

**NOV**  
**11**  
Veterans Day  
County offices are  
closed



# TRAINING SPOTLIGHT



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**Course Name:** ICS-300 Intermediate ICS

**When:** September 17-19, 2024

**Time:** 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

**Location:** Greenville County Emergency Management  
225 S Pleasantburg Dr. Greenville, SC 29607

[Register Here](#)

**Course Name:** Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation (HSEEP) (L-146)

**When:** September 25-26, 2024

**Time:** 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Location:** Greenville County 225 S Pleasantburg Dr. Greenville, SC 29607

[Register Here](#)

**Course Name:** Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

**When:** In-person - October 12 & 19, 2024

**Time:** 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Prerequisite:** Students must complete the online virtual training prior to attending in-person class

[Register Here](#)

**Course Name:** Recovering from Cybersecurity Incidents (MGT-465)

**When:** October 15-16, 2024

**Time:** 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Location:** Greenville County Multi-purpose Room 225 S Pleasantburg Dr.  
Greenville, SC 29607

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