

## JUNE 2025 THE SITUATION REPORT

The Official Newsletter of Greenville County Emergency Management





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## STAFF SPOTLIGHT BEN MCELROY

Training & Exercise Coordinator



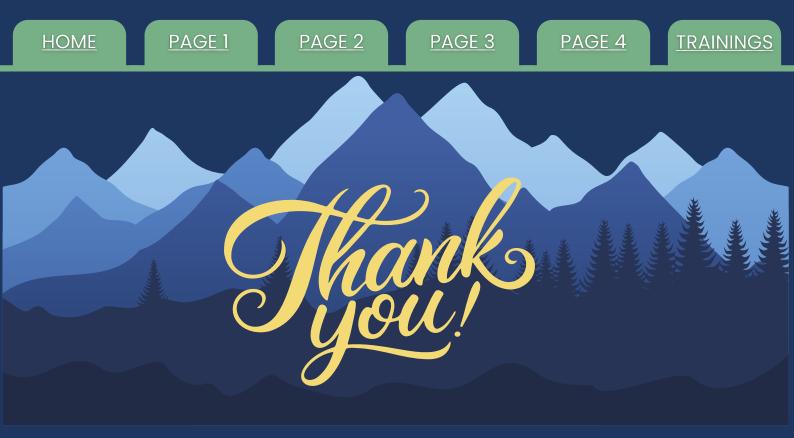
Meet our new Training & Exercise Coordinator, Ben McElroy

Ben McElroy joined Greenville County Emergency Management after spending 12 years with Greenville County EMS. He began his career as a support technician and EMT, later earning his paramedic certification from Greenville Technical College in 2014. Over the years, he served in various roles including field paramedic, Field Training Officer, and Operations Supervisor. Most recently, he worked as the Schedule and Deployment Supervisor, helping manage day-to-day operations and staffing.

Ben is currently finishing a Bachelor's Degree in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management from Arkansas State University. He also serves on Greenville County's Special Operations Team as a diver and is a member of South Carolina Task Force 1, contributing as both a planner and a medic.

Ben is looking forward to supporting the county in a new capacity and continuing to be part of the broader public safety team.





As a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who responded to the Table Rock Fire, Ms. Danielle Yother and Ms. Molly Johnson, along with the community, have produced a song and video to honor and recognize the contributions of everyone involved.

A special drop-in event to view the music video "May You Feel the Love": A Celebration for our Heroes will be held at:

> Hagood Community Center (Pickens Senior Center) 129 Schoolhouse Road, Pickens, SC

> > Tuesday, June 17, 2025 from 4:00-7:00 PM

\*\*The video will be shown every 30 minutes throughout the event\*\*

Please RSVP to Betty McDaniel at mcdanibw@bellsouth.net or 864-230-9695

visitpickens.org: Link will open after June 17







Greenville County Emergency Management, in collaboration with the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), conducted the MGT-346 course on EOC Operations and Planning for All-Hazard Events from May 13<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

This course provided personnel who could be assigned to or work in an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) the skills necessary to effectively plan for and manage largescale incidents by applying and implementing an all-hazards, multi-disciplinary, management team approach. The course placed special emphasis on planning, resource, and information management processes.



For more information on future training in Greenville County, or to sign up for the training newsletter







## Greenville County Long-Term Recovery Group

In the wake of Hurricane Helene, which struck Greenville County with unexpected intensity, the community was left grappling with widespread damage, displaced families, and disrupted services. In response to this crisis, local leaders, faith-based organizations, non-profits, and government agencies came together to form the Greenville County Long-Term Recovery Group (GCLTRG)-a coalition dedicated to coordinating recovery efforts and supporting survivors over the long haul.

Initially sparked by informal meetings between emergency management officials, SCEMD, FEMA, and non-profits, the GCLTRG began to take shape, moving quickly to establish a formal structure, guided by the National VOAD guidelines and best practices from similar groups statewide. Recognizing the scale and complexity of the recovery process, the GCLTRG is focusing on long-term recovery strategies to rebuild and support those affected by Helene, while strengthening our community's resilience moving forward.

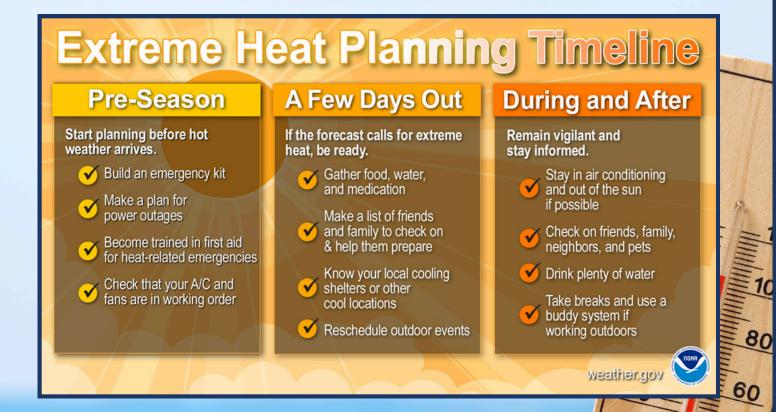
GCLTRG is under the fiscal sponsorship of the United Way of Greenville and has received support from various other partners including: American Red Cross, Brookwood Church, Catholic Charities, Greenville County Redevelopment Authority (GCRA), Greenville County School District, Greer Relief and Resources, Information Technology Disaster Resource Center (ITDRC), LiveWell Greenville, Loaves and Fishes, Lutheran Services Carolinas, Foothills Presbytery, Salvation Army, South Carolina Office of Resiliency (SCOR), Team Rubicon, United Ministries and Valley Brook Church.

The mission of the GCLTRG is to unite and empower Greenville County communities in the face of disasters by promoting effective information sharing, simplifying access to critical resources for long-term recovery for households, and collaboratively addressing unmet needs.









Don't wait until heat arrives to begin protecting yourself. If the forecast calls for extreme heat, begin preparing NOW. Stay Weather-Ready.

https://www.weather.gov/safety/heat



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## SAFETY

There is no safe place outside when thunderstorms are in the area. If you hear thunder, you are likely within striking distance of the storm. Just remember, "When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!" Too many people wait far too long to get to a safe place when thunderstorms approach. Unfortunately, these delayed actions lead to many of the lightning deaths and injuries in the U.S.





Go inside when you hear thunder or see lightning!



Find a sturdy house, building, or car with a hardtop roof.





Retreat to dugouts, sheds, pavilions, or other small structures.

DON'T



Use or touch electronics, outlets, or corded phones.



Go under tall trees, swim or be near water, or touch metal objects.



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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>.