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# THE SITUATION REPORT

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# **GET READY GREENVILLE**

A *FREE* EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EVENT



**SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2025  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**225 S. PLEASANTBURG DR.  
GREENVILLE, SC 29607**

- Giveaways
- Kids' Activities
- Food Vendors:
  - One Armed Smoker
  - Kona Ice
- Touch-a-truck or Police Vehicle
- Meet First Responders, Public Safety & Marty the Mitigation Moose

**SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

## TABLE ROCK COMPLEX FIRE AFTER ACTION REVIEW



July 24, 2025, Greenville County Emergency Management hosted the Greenville County Table Rock Complex Fire After Action Meeting. This meeting allowed us to review the incident, identify lessons learned, and strengthen collaboration across agencies for future emergency responses. The discussion fostered a shared understanding of successes and challenges.

We were proud to bring together our local and regional partners who played a vital role in the response to the Table Rock Complex Fire. Participants included representatives from Greenville County Emergency Management, Greenville County Emergency Medical Services, Greenville Water Commission, Pickens County Emergency Management, Clemson University Emergency Management, Oconee County Emergency Management, local fire departments, South Carolina Firefighter Mobilization, South Carolina Forestry Commission, South Carolina Emergency Management Division, SAFE Industries, and The American Red Cross. Their firsthand insights and commitment to continuous improvement are essential as we refine our response plans and build stronger, more resilient communities.

We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to protecting lives, property, and natural resources during this challenging event-and to those who continue working every day to improve our collective preparedness and response capabilities. Your dedication makes all the difference.



# ★ FIRST RESPONDERS DAY ★

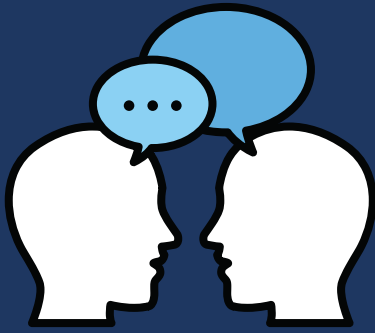


July 27<sup>th</sup>, the Greenville County Special Operations Team was proud to take part in First Responders Day at the Greenville Drive game! First Responders Day is a powerful celebration honoring the courage, service, and sacrifice of our community's first responders.

The Special Operations Search and Rescue Team is made up of dedicated personnel from various departments across the county. Representing us at the event were team members from Greenville City Fire Department, Berea Fire Department, and Gantt Fire Department.

We're honored to serve our community and thankful for the opportunity to connect with everyone at the ballpark! Events like these not only celebrate the work of first responders, but also strengthen the bond between our agencies and the community we proudly serve.





# Greenville County Listens



In a continued effort to strengthen collaboration and deepen community trust, several Greenville County agencies, including Emergency Management, participated in *The Chapman Foundation for Caring Communities'* training program, **Our Community Listens**.

The three-day course focuses on transformational communication, emotional intelligence, and relational leadership. Through meaningful conversations, interactive activities, and self-reflection, participants gain tools to better connect with others, both professionally and personally.

By participating, participants are not only investing in their own development—they are also investing in the strength of broader community. Effective communication is a critical skill in public service, and nowhere is it more essential than in emergency response, where collaboration, clarity, and compassion can directly impact lives.

Greenville County is proud to partner with *The Chapman Foundation for Caring Communities* and looks forward to continuing this work to foster strong, resilient, and caring relationships throughout our organization and beyond.







# NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AWARENESS MONTH

August 2025

## WHAT IS NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AWARENESS MONTH?

During August, emergency managers will conduct a coordinated, industry-wide awareness and advocacy campaign to promote the capabilities of emergency management and the role of emergency managers.

## WHAT IS OUR STORY?

Emergency managers are problem solvers—the ones you call 24/7/365 when an incident requires coordination across multiple services, agencies, or disciplines, even beyond traditional public safety. We help communities and corporations understand their risk, build resilience, navigate crises, and know what to do when disaster strikes.

We are Emergency Managers.

We are your neighbors. We serve rural communities and large cities. We advise corporations, nonprofits, and government agencies. We work in schools, hospitals, universities, and businesses. We are chief risk advisors for the communities, businesses, and organizations we serve—helping them prevent, mitigate, prepare for, and recover from disasters.



We always know who to call, we anticipate the needs, and we are never surprised by the phrase ***"This is unprecedented."***

We are ready.

We are disaster professionals, bridging gaps between agencies, businesses, and communities to build resilience. We connect resources, foster collaboration, and ensure that when crises happen, response efforts are seamless and effective.

We are more than lights and sirens. We are the professionals every community needs, just as much as fire, police, and EMS.

This is our story.

## WHAT IS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT?

Disasters are inevitable, but catastrophes are not.

Emergency management is the profession that:



**Helps communities and organizations prepare, respond, recover, and adapt.**



**Brings partners together to solve complex problems, reduce harm, and restore stability during emergencies.**

Emergency management isn't just about reacting; it's also about **planning in advance, coordinating under pressure, and developing lasting resilience.**

# BACK TO SCHOOL

BE SAFE. BE SMART.

- Drive carefully near children and school buses, following all traffic laws and posted speed limits.
- Always come to a complete stop when a school bus displays flashing red lights and extends its stop sign-children may be getting on or off.
- Watch for students on bicycles, especially at intersections and driveways.
- Be alert; children are often unpredictable, and tend to ignore hazards and take risks.

## KNOW THE DIFFERENCE



### HEAT EXHAUSTION SYMPTOMS

- ☐ DIZZINESS & FAINTING
- ☐ EXCESSIVE SWEATING
- ☐ RAPID, WEAK PULSE
- ☐ NAUSEA OR VOMITING
- ☐ COOL, PALE CLAMMY SKIN
- ☐ MUSCLE CRAMPS

### HEAT STROKE SYMPTOMS



- ☐ THROBBING HEADACHE
- ☐ NO SWEATING
- ☐ RAPID, STRONG PULSE
- ☐ NAUSEA OR VOMITING
- ☐ RED, HOT DRY SKIN
- ☐ MAY LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS





# ARE YOU PREPARED? WE'RE HERE TO HELP!



Emergency preparedness outreach plays a vital role in helping communities stay informed, ready, and resilient in the face of disasters. Through educational campaigns, public events, workshops, and partnerships with local organizations, outreach efforts aim to equip individuals and families with the knowledge and tools they need to respond effectively during emergencies. From creating emergency kits and developing family communication plans to understanding evacuation routes and staying connected with alert systems, preparedness outreach empowers people to take proactive steps before a crisis occurs. Building a culture of preparedness not only saves lives but also strengthens the overall safety and well-being of the community.



# TRAINING SPOTLIGHT

**Course Name:** Local Volunteer & Donations Management (G288)

**When:** August 20-21, 2025

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

**Location:** Chesterfield County EOC - 109 Scotch Rd. Chesterfield, SC 29709

[LMS Link](#)

**Course Name:** Intermediate EOC Functions (G2300)

**When:** September 16-18, 2025

**Time:** 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

**Location:** Anderson County EOC - 200 Bleckley Street, Anderson, SC 29625

[LMS Link](#)

**Course Name:** Emergency Planning (G235)

**When:** September 17-18, 2025

**Time:** 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Location:** Aiken Department of Public Safety - 834 Beaufort St. NE, Aiken, SC 29801

[LMS Link](#)



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