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GET READY GREENVILLE

A *FREE* EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EVENT

Get Ready Greenville was a great success, bringing together residents, community partners, and local agencies to promote preparedness and resilience! Attendees were able to sign up for CodeRed notifications, received valuable emergency readiness resources, and connected with organizations dedicated to keeping Greenville County safe. Thanks to strong community participation and collaboration, the event helped build awareness and strengthened our county's readiness for future emergencies.

THANK YOU

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- **BELMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT**
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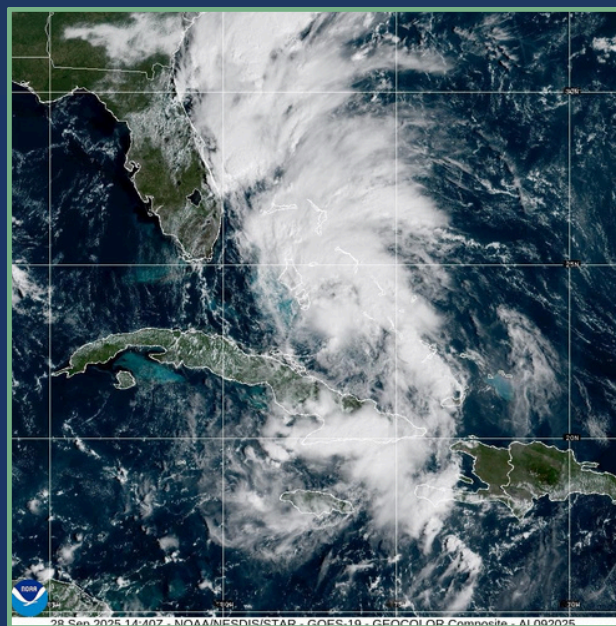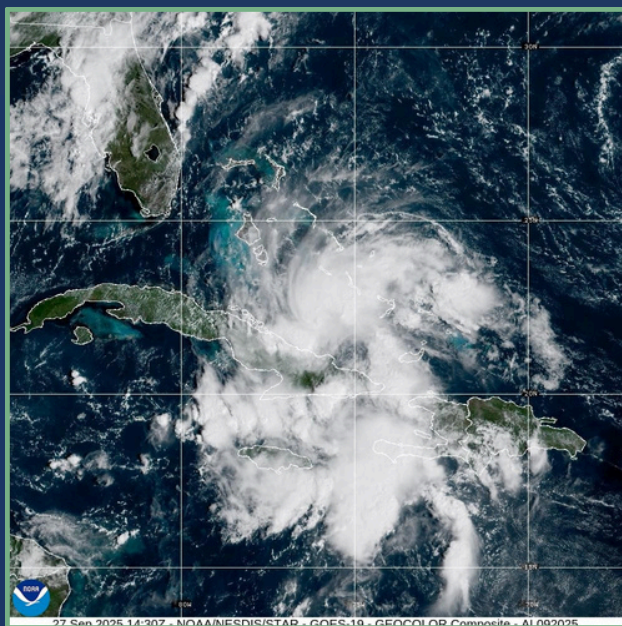- **TRIANGLE SAFETY**

GREENVILLE!

CERT VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT
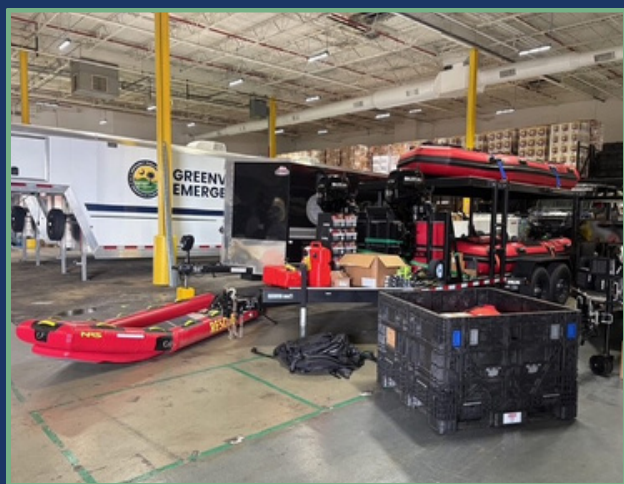
IN HONOR OF NATIONAL CERT WEEK

Last month we celebrated National CERT Week which concluded with a special appreciation dinner to honor the incredible work of our Greenville County CERT members. We are so proud of everything this team has accomplished, and we are grateful for their dedication to keeping Greenville County prepared and resilient.

PREPARING FOR TROPICAL WEATHER

Although Tropical Depression 9 shifted away from Greenville County and did not bring impacts to our area, Greenville County Emergency Management took proactive steps to ensure the community would be ready if conditions had changed.

In advance of the storm, Emergency Management closely monitored weather forecasts and modeling, participated in briefings with South Carolina Emergency Management Division, and coordinated with local partners. Staff conducted equipment checks on critical equipment-including swift water rescue boats, chainsaws, and generators, ensured communications systems were operational, and prepared for potential Emergency Operations Center (EOC) staffing.

Situation reports were also sent out through ReadyOp to keep partners informed and connected throughout the event. Emergency Management encourages residents to use this storm as a reminder to review personal and family preparedness plans. With hurricane season still underway, now is the perfect time to refresh emergency supply kits, update communication plans, and stay alert to weather forecasts. For preparedness tips and resources, visit gceoc.com, or Greenville County Emergency Management on FB, Instagram, and X.

SLED HAZMAT EXERCISE

Greenville County recently participated in a specialized hazardous materials exercise led by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division Office of Homeland Security (SLED-OHS). The exercise focused on procedures in response to potential weapons of mass destruction (WMD) incidents.

The training scenario brought together key response partners, including the Greenville City Fire Department Hazmat Team, RAP Team 3, and SLED-OHS. Participants practiced critical skills in hot zone entry, detection, and establishing safe and effective decontamination corridors.

The exercise provided hands-on experience with specialized protective equipment, detection tools, and decontamination operations, reinforcing the importance of teamwork and communication across agencies.

Greenville County Emergency Management commends all participants for their dedication to readiness and thanks SLED-OHS for providing this valuable training opportunity.

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OPERATION GATEWAY RESPONSE GSP AIRPORT

Greenville-Spartanburg Airport conducted a full-scale exercise titled Operation Gateway Response to evaluate multi-agency coordination during a simulated aircraft incident.

The exercise tested the region's ability to operate under a Unified Command (UC) structure, ensuring fire, law enforcement, EMS, airport operations, communications, and emergency management partners could work together seamlessly in a high-stakes environment. Exercises like this ensure responders and healthcare partners are ready to save lives when every second counts.

The event highlighted strong collaboration among airport staff, emergency services, healthcare providers, and regional partners, further enhancing the community's resilience in the face of complex emergencies.

BUILDING A
CYBER STRONG AMERICA

CYBERSECURITY
AWARENESS
MONTH

OCTOBER 2025

ABOUT CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

Cybersecurity Awareness Month (October) is an international initiative that highlights essential actions to reduce cybersecurity risks. This year's theme is Building a Cyber Strong America, highlighting the need to strengthen the country's infrastructure against cyber threats, ensuring resilience and security.

Cybersecurity is more than an IT issue-it's a public safety and economic security priority. Many organizations are part of the nation's critical infrastructure, from local utilities and transportation systems to hospitals, schools and public safety agencies. Many small and medium size businesses play an important role in critical infrastructure, who might be suppliers, contractors, vendors, manufacturers, or another role that helps keep critical infrastructure operating.

When these systems are disrupted, the impact is immediate and far-reaching. Protecting them starts with each person's daily actions online.

PRACTICE THESE

FOUR ESSENTIALS
TO STAY SAFER ONLINE

1 UPDATE SOFTWARE

Updating software and devices is the easiest way to stay protected from security threats. Perform updates as soon as they become available or set automatic updates.

2 USE STRONG PASSWORDS

All passwords should be:

LONG: At least 16 characters

RANDOM: Use a random string of mixed-case letters, numbers and symbols, like: Yuc8$RikA34%ZoPPao98t

UNIQUE: Never reuse passwords

Keep your passwords safe by using a PASSWORD MANAGER!

3 TURN ON MULTIFACTOR AUTHENTICATION

Multifactor authentication provides an extra layer of security for your accounts. Choose the most secure MFA method available. A physical security key provides the best protection and is easy to use.

4 RECOGNIZE AND REPORT PHISHING SCAMS

Keep an eye out for phishing and other scam attempts in your emails, texts, direct messages or phone calls. Always verify the sender before clicking links or downloading attachments. If you spot a scam, report it!

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CHARGE into *Fire Safety*™

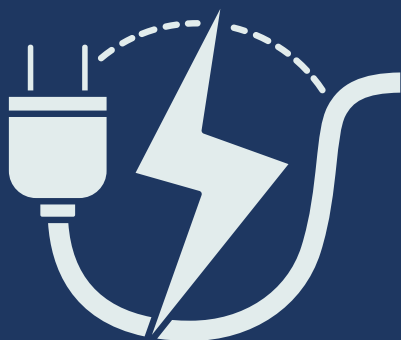**Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home**

NFPA FIRE PREVENTION WEEK™

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Charge into Fire Safety: 3 Steps

Buy only listed products: When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery, look for a safety certification mark such as UL, ETL, or CSA. This means it meets important safety standards.

Charge devices safely: Always use the cords that came with the product to charge. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer. Buy new chargers from the manufacturer or one that is approved. Charge your device on a hard surface. Don't overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it's fully charged.

Recycle batteries responsibly: Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could start a fire. Recycle your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location. **Visit call2recycle.org** to find a recycling spot near you.

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TRAINING
SPOTLIGHT

Course Name: Working with the Media: A Course for Rural First Responders (AWR 209)
When: October 15, 2025
Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Location: SC Rural Water Association - Training Room - 128 Stonemark Lane, Columbia, SC 29210
LMS Link

Course Name: Wide Area Search (PER 213)
When: November 4-6, 2025
Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Location: Greenville County EOC - 225 S. Pleasantburg Dr. Greenville, SC 29607
LMS Link

Course Name: Advanced ICS (ICS 400)
When: November 12-13, 2025
Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Location: Greenville County EOC - 225 S. Pleasantburg Dr. Greenville, SC 29607
LMS Link

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