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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

LINDSEY RYDER

Training and Exercise Coordinator

Meet our new Training and Exercise Coordinator, Lindsey!

Lindsey Hyder comes to Emergency Management as the Training and Exercise Coordinator. With nearly fifteen years of experience in Emergency Medical Services as a paramedic, she is known for her strong leadership and deep commitment to her community. Alongside her clinical background, Lindsey has dedicated over ten years to education and mentorship. She has developed a growing interest in emergency management, eager to continue her career with precision, compassion, and dedication.

Family is at the center of Lindsey's life. She is a dedicated mother to five boys and wife to Lieutenant Timothy Hyder of The City of Simpsonville Fire Department. Lindsey is also a small business owner of Vintage Vault, where she procures antiques. Whether she is developing training exercises, supporting her family, or growing her small business, Lindsey brings resilience and a strong sense of purpose to everything she does.



G191 ICS EOC Interface Training

In January Greenville County Emergency Management taught a G191 Incident Command System/Emergency Operations Center Interface course. The course examines the roles, responsibilities, and functions of both the Incident Command System (ICS) and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Through interactive exercises and group discussion, participants explore how these entities coordinate and work together, with an emphasis on developing effective interfaces between Incident Management Teams and EOC personnel.



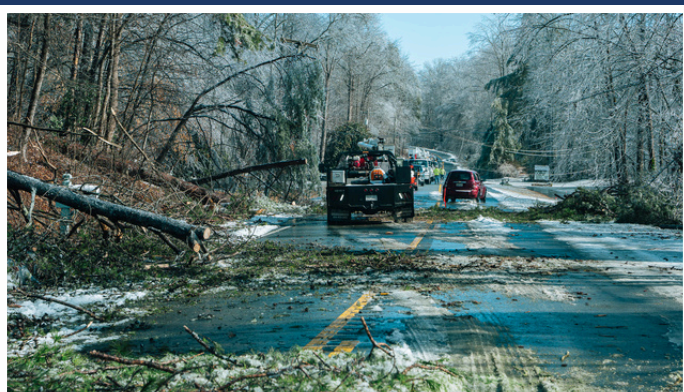
JANUARY 2026 WINTER STORM



On January 24–25, a significant ice storm impacted Greenville County, bringing downed trees, hazardous road conditions, and scattered power outages. Greenville County Emergency Management coordinated with first responders, public works, school districts, and utility partners to monitor conditions and support life-safety operations.

Crews worked to clear debris, address roadway hazards, and restore essential services. Residents were encouraged to limit travel and follow official safety guidance. In advance of the storm, Emergency Management shared preparedness messaging through social media and coordinated with community partners to ensure sheltering options were available for residents affected by power outages or unsafe home conditions.

This event reinforced the importance of public awareness, strong partnerships, and coordinated response during winter weather incidents.

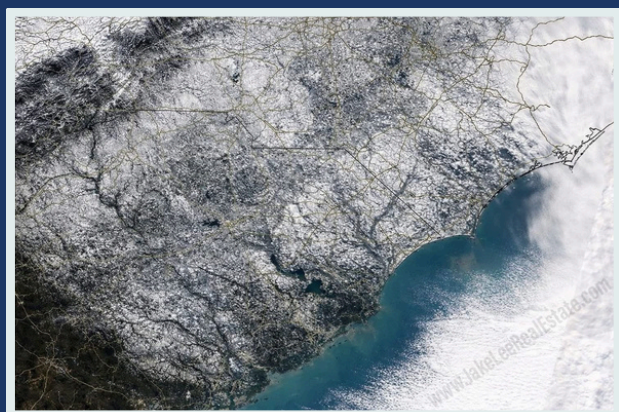


2026 JANUARY 30 – FEBRUARY 2 SNOW

Less than a week later, Greenville County experienced a second winter weather event as widespread snowfall moved through the area. Greenville County Emergency Management activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and coordinated with local, state, and community partners ahead of the storm.

Snowfall totals ranged from approximately 3 to 7.5 inches, creating hazardous travel conditions and increased demand for public safety services. County and ESF partners supported road treatment and clearing operations, emergency response coordination, shelter readiness, and ongoing public messaging to promote safe travel decisions.

Proactive planning and unified coordination helped reduce impacts and support community safety during back-to-back winter weather events, highlighting the value of year-round preparedness and strong interagency partnerships.





NATIONAL CANNED FOOD MONTH

Following a disaster there may be power outages that could last for several days. Stock canned foods, dry mixes and other staples that do not require refrigeration, cooking, water or special preparation. Be sure to include a manual can opener and eating utensils.

Suggested Emergency Food Supplies

Consider the following things when putting together your emergency food supplies:

- Store at least a several-day supply of non-perishable food.
- Choose foods your family will eat.
- Remember any special dietary needs.

We suggest the following items when selecting emergency food supplies. You may already have many of these on hand. Download the [Recommended Supplies List](#) (PDF).

- Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits, vegetables and a can opener
- Protein or fruit bars
- Dry cereal or granola
- Peanut butter
- Dried fruit
- Canned juices
- Non-perishable pasteurized milk
- High-energy foods
- Food for infants
- Comfort/stress foods

Managing Food Without Power

- Keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible.
- The refrigerator will keep food cold for about four hours if it is unopened.
- Refrigerated or frozen foods should be kept at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below for proper food storage.
- Use a refrigerator thermometer to check temperature.
- Refrigerated food should be safe as long as the power was out for no more than four hours.
- Discard any perishable food such as meat, poultry, fish, eggs or leftovers that have been above 40 degrees Fahrenheit for two hours or more.

Cooking

Alternative cooking sources can be used in times of emergency including candle warmers, chafing dishes, fondue pots or a fireplace. Charcoal grills and camp stoves are for outdoor use only. Commercially canned food may be eaten out of the can without warming.

TRAINING SPOTLIGHT

Course Name: TIM Training

When: February 10, 2026

Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Greenville County Emergency Management EOC - 225 S. Pleasantburg Drive, Greenville SC 29607

[LMS Link](#)

Course Name: Emergency Planning (G235)

When: February 18-19, 2026

Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Greenville County Emergency Management EOC - 225 S. Pleasantburg Drive, Greenville SC 29607

[LMS Link](#)

Course Name: ICS/EOC Interface Workshop (G191)

When: February 24, 2026

Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Greenville County Emergency Management EOC - 225 S. Pleasantburg Drive, Greenville SC 29607

[LMS Link](#)

Course Name: ICS 300 Intermediate ICS (ICS300)

When: March 3-5, 2026

Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Greenville County Emergency Management Multipurpose Room - 225 S. Pleasantburg Dr. Greenville, SC 29607

[LMS Link](#)

Course Name: ICS 400 Advanced ICS (ICS400)

When: May 5-6, 2026

Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Greenville County Emergency Management Multipurpose Room - 225 S. Pleasantburg Dr. Greenville, SC 29607

[LMS Link](#)

Course Name: EOC Operations and Planning (MGT 346)

When: May 12-13, 2026

Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Greenville County Emergency Management EOC - 225 S. Pleasantburg Drive, Greenville SC 29607

This is a 2 part registration; Step 1: register with the SCEMD LMS Link. Step 2: Register with the TEEX link (both must be completed to gain admittance into the course before April 10th)

[LMS Link](#)

[TeexPortal Link](#)



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