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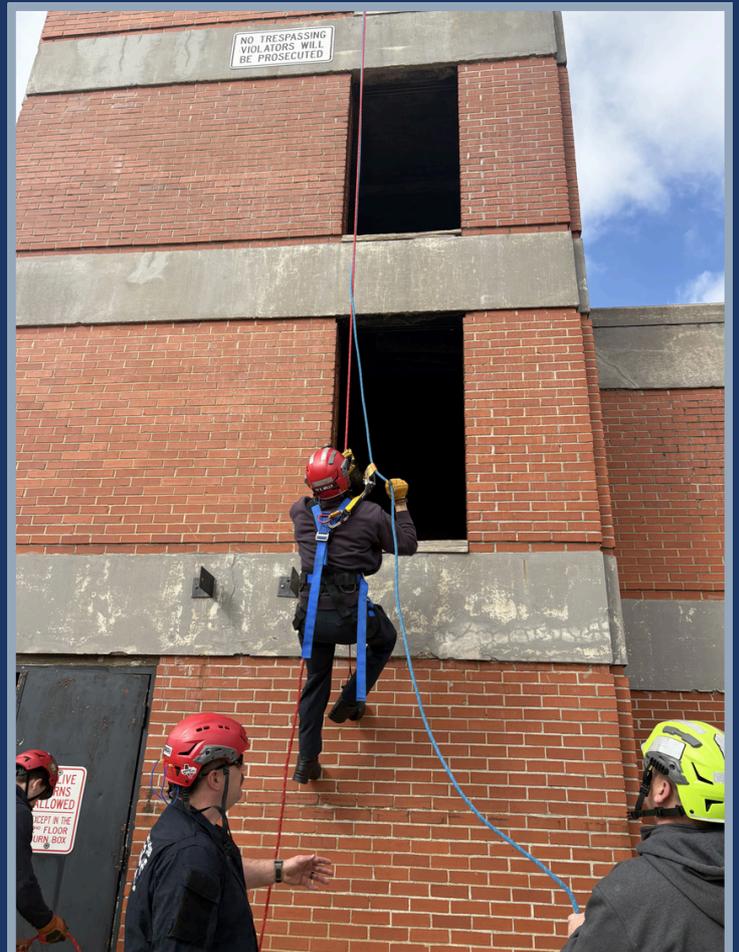
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Joint Rescue Training

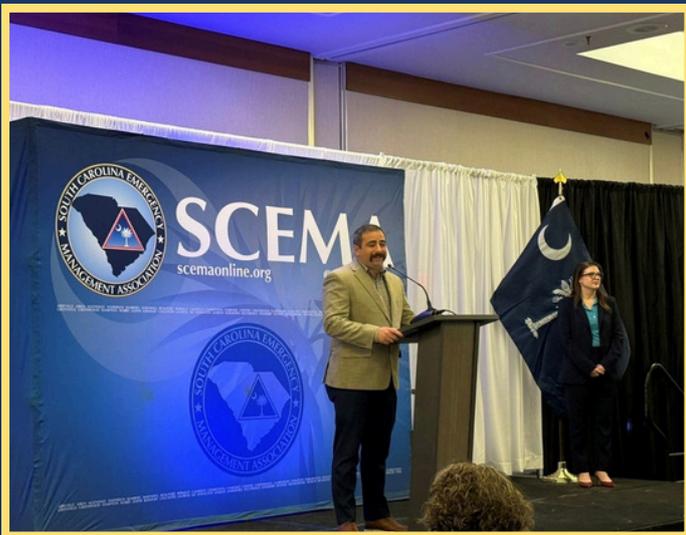
Greenville County Special Operations and SC Task Force 6 recently conducted a joint rescue training at the Greenville City Training Tower, strengthening both technical skills and interagency coordination. Personnel rotated through three skill stations focused on patient pick-offs, highline operations, and ascending rope systems, reinforcing safety, efficiency, and proficiency in elevated rescue environments.

The day concluded with a realistic scenario that required crews to apply the techniques practiced throughout the training. This final exercise emphasized teamwork, communication, and operational readiness while continuing to build the strong working relationship between the two teams.



South Carolina Emergency Management Association

Greenville recently welcomed attendees to the annual South Carolina Emergency Management Association (SCEMA) conference, centered on the theme “Rising Through Innovation, Rooted in Experience.” The conference brought together emergency managers, first responders, and public and private sector partners from across the state for several days of training, collaboration and professional development.



Director Pierce Womack welcoming attendees during the opening ceremony.

This year’s event emphasized integrating time-tested emergency management practices with innovative solutions, including discussions on the role of artificial intelligence in public safety. Attendees participated in workshops and breakout sessions focused on all-hazards preparedness, disaster resilience, and emerging technologies shaping the future of the profession.



The conference provided a valuable opportunity for emergency management professionals from across South Carolina to share lessons learned, exchange best practices, and strengthen partnerships that enhance preparedness and response capabilities statewide.

G235 Emergency Planning



This past February, Greenville County Emergency Management hosted the G235 Emergency Planning course, part of FEMA's Advanced Professional Series. The course provided training in all-hazard emergency planning, emphasizing the importance of having plans in place before an incident occurs. Participants, including emergency management professionals and partners from other sectors, developed the skills to create adaptable emergency operations plans that align with federal, state, and local guidance.

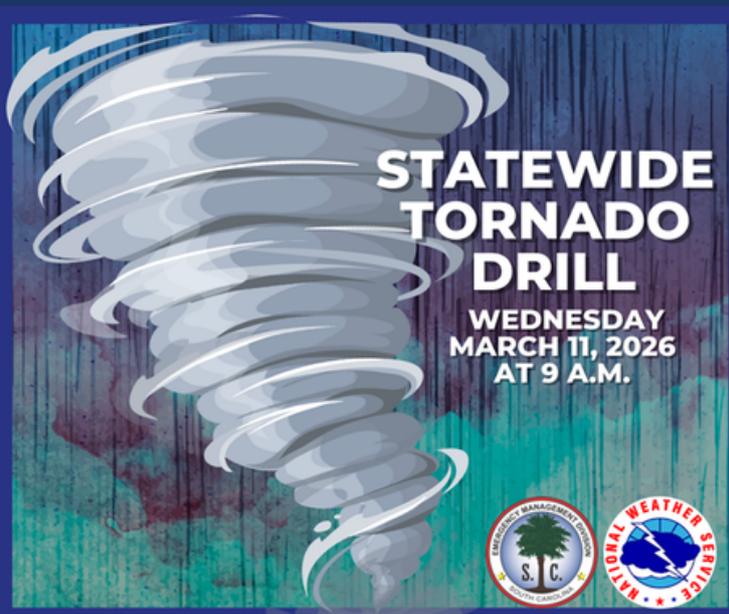
The course fostered collaboration and the sharing of lessons learned, strengthening coordination across agencies and sectors. By applying these skills, personnel help safeguard lives, protect property, and enhance community resilience. Trainings like G235 play a vital role in building professional expertise and preparing communities across South Carolina for evolving threats.

South Carolina Severe Weather & Flood Safety Week: March 8-14, 2026

The National Weather Service Greenville-Spartanburg, in partnership with South Carolina Emergency Management, will observe Severe Weather & Flood Safety Week March 8-14, 2026. With warmer weather quickly approaching, now is the time to prepare for the severe weather season.

A Statewide Tornado Drill will take place on Wednesday, March 11th at 9:00 AM. Schools, businesses, and families are encouraged to participate and practice their tornado safety plans.

The drill will be broadcasted on NOAA Weather Radio as a Required Weekly Test (RWT). There will be no actual Tornado Warning issued. If severe weather is occurring that morning, the drill will be rescheduled for Friday, March 13th at 9:00 AM.



FLOODS

SPRING AND FLOOD SAFETY

Flooding is a temporary overflow of water onto land that is normally dry. Floods are the most common disaster in the United States. Failing to evacuate flooded areas or entering flood waters can lead to injury or death.

FLOOD WARNING

If you are under a flood warning:

- Find safe shelter right away.
- Do not walk, swim or drive through flood waters. Turn Around, Don't Drown!
- Remember, just six inches of moving water can knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.
- Stay off bridges over fast-moving water.
- Depending on the type of flooding:
 - Evacuate if told to do so.
 - Move to higher ground or a higher floor.
 - Stay where you are.



DURING FLOOD

Staying Safe During a Flood:

- Evacuate immediately, if told to evacuate. Never drive around barricades. Local responders use them to safely direct traffic out of flooded areas.
- Contact your healthcare provider if you are sick and need medical attention. Wait for further care instructions and shelter in place, if possible. If you are experiencing a medical emergency, call 9-1-1.
- Listen to EAS, NOAA Weather Radio or local alerting systems for current emergency information and instructions regarding flooding.
- Do not walk, swim or drive through flood waters. Turn Around. Don't Drown!
- Stay off bridges over fast-moving water. Fast-moving water can wash bridges away without warning.
- Stay inside your car if it is trapped in rapidly moving water. Get on the roof if water is rising inside the car.
- Get to the highest level if trapped in a building. Only get on the roof if necessary and once there signal for help. Do not climb into a closed attic to avoid getting trapped by rising floodwater.

AFTER FLOOD

Staying Safe After a Flood:

- Pay attention to authorities for information and instructions. Return home only when authorities say it is safe.
- Avoid driving except in emergencies.
- Wear heavy work gloves, protective clothing and boots during clean up and use appropriate face coverings or masks if cleaning mold or other debris.
- People with asthma and other lung conditions and/or immune suppression should not enter buildings with indoor water leaks or mold growth that can be seen or smelled. Children should not take part in disaster cleanup work.
- Be aware that snakes and other animals may be in your house.
- Be aware of the risk of electrocution. Do not touch electrical equipment if it is wet or if you are standing in water. Turn off the electricity to prevent electric shock if it is safe to do so.
- Avoid wading in floodwater, which can be contaminated and contain dangerous debris. Underground or downed power lines can also electrically charge the water.
- Use a generator or other gasoline-powered machinery **ONLY** outdoors and away from windows.



TRAINING SPOTLIGHT

Course Name: Science of Disaster and Planning: Emergency Operations (L102/L103)

When: April 20-22, 2026

Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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

You may use the same link to register if you would only like to take one of the two

[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](#)



Need to register for a training?

Greenville County Emergency Management Training: [Training & Exercises Calendar](#)
South Carolina Emergency Management Division Training: [Training Registration System](#).