

MITIGATION

- Emergency management can often develop into a cycle as officials prepare, respond, and recover from one disaster and begin again before the next.
- Mitigation provides an opportunity to break the cycle of disasters by reducing future risk.
- Examples of mitigation include:
 - Buying out properties that were built within a floodplain and turning them into a greenspace
 - Retrofitting a building to withstand earthquakes
 - Constructing firebreaks to slow or stop a wildfire



RECOVERY

- The recovery phase is the longest, and often most expensive, phase of emergency management.
- Individuals, public agencies, and private organizations have to work to restore the community to pre-disaster conditions.
- Requesting assistance during recovery can be a critical component of rebuilding the community.



RESPONSE

- During disaster response, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) can be activated.
- The EOC is a central location that allows representatives of local government, public agencies, and private sector organizations to come together.
- The primary objectives of the EOC are to set priorities, make decisions, and allocate resources.
- When the needs of a disaster go beyond county resources, we may request assistance from other jurisdictions, the state, or even the federal government.



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GREENVILLE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

GCEM is an agency that is tasked with planning, integrating, and implementing all emergency management and Homeland Security activities for Greenville County. These activities include preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation efforts as they relate to emergency situations.

Within these situations, our agency often acts as a liaison and coordinator between county departments, public or private organizations, and community members as we work to re-establish and maintain essential functions in times of disaster. Developing effective working relationships, coordinating vital resources, and ensuring community resiliency are some of our primary goals.

PREPAREDNESS

- Preparing for disasters is ongoing.
- We develop our plans based on the greatest hazards and risks that face our county.
- We develop, train, and exercise these plans with community partners.
- Preparedness includes developing relationships with other agencies and organizations to ensure a timely response during a disaster.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Greenville County Emergency Management is continuously working to build relationships with the citizens that we serve. Through public outreach events such as Get Ready Greenville or public speaking engagements, our mission is to build a community that is resilient to the inevitable disasters we will face. If you would like to partner with us for an outreach event or learn more about our organization, please contact us at em@greenvillecounty.org.

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