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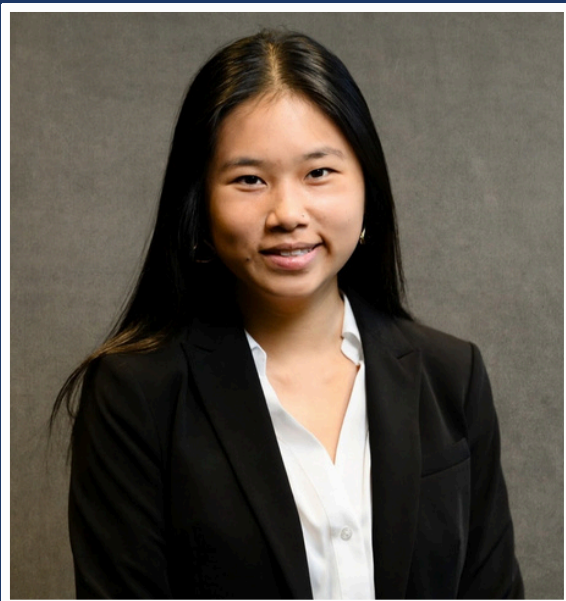
Training and Exercise

Meet our new Training and Exercise
Coordinator, Caroline!



Caroline Oakley joined Greenville County Emergency Management in September 2026 as the Training & Exercise Coordinator with experience in emergency management for an institution of higher education.

She holds a degree in Homeland Security & Emergency Services Management from Anderson University and has supported the development, coordination, and delivery of training and exercises for a variety of audiences. She looks forward to bringing her experience to her new role, supporting the overall preparedness and resilience of Greenville County and beyond.



While she's not working, Caroline enjoys spending time with her family, reading, exercising, and trying new recipes. She is excited to join the Greenville County Emergency Management team and looks forward to making meaningful connections throughout the community.

Get Ready Greenville



In recognition of National Preparedness Month in September, Greenville County Emergency Management hosted its annual Get Ready Greenville County event. The event raises awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies and connects residents with the resources to do so.

This year was our biggest event yet, with 37 vendors. Thank you to every vendor, partner, and community member who came out to participate and support preparedness in Greenville County!



GSP Active Shooter Exercise

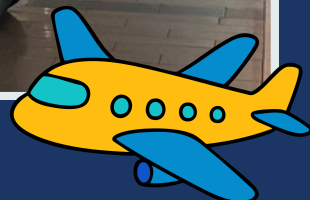


Preparedness is built long before an emergency happens, and it is built together. This past month, Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport (GSP) brought airport personnel and emergency response partners together for an emergency response exercise, giving everyone the chance to train side by side in a realistic, simulated incident.



Exercises like this are where partnerships grow stronger. When agencies train together, they get to know one another's capabilities, build familiarity with shared procedures, and strengthen the communication and coordination that a unified response relies on. Every exercise builds on the relationships and trust our community depends on.

We appreciate GSP's commitment to preparedness and look forward to continuing to train and exercise alongside our partners to keep our community ready for whatever comes next.



PREPARING TOGETHER: RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



Storm Spotter Class

GCEM recently hosted a SKYWARN storm spotter class led by the National Weather Service (NWS).

This free training, presented by NWS meteorologists, teaches volunteers how to identify and report severe weather, helping get critical information to forecasters when it matters most.



PIO Class

GCEM hosted TEEX's MGT 318, Public Information in an All-Hazards Incident, which trains emergency management, public information officers and public safety personnel to deliver timely, accurate, and accessible information to the public and media during routine operations and emergencies.



Red Cross Build-a-Kit Event

GCEM staff were proud to join the American Red Cross and Duke Energy for a Build-a-Kit event, where volunteers came together to assemble 1,000 emergency preparedness kits. Thanks to an incredible turnout, more individuals and families in our community will have essential supplies on hand when they need them most. We were happy to be part of such a great example of neighbors working together to build a more prepared and resilient Greenville County.



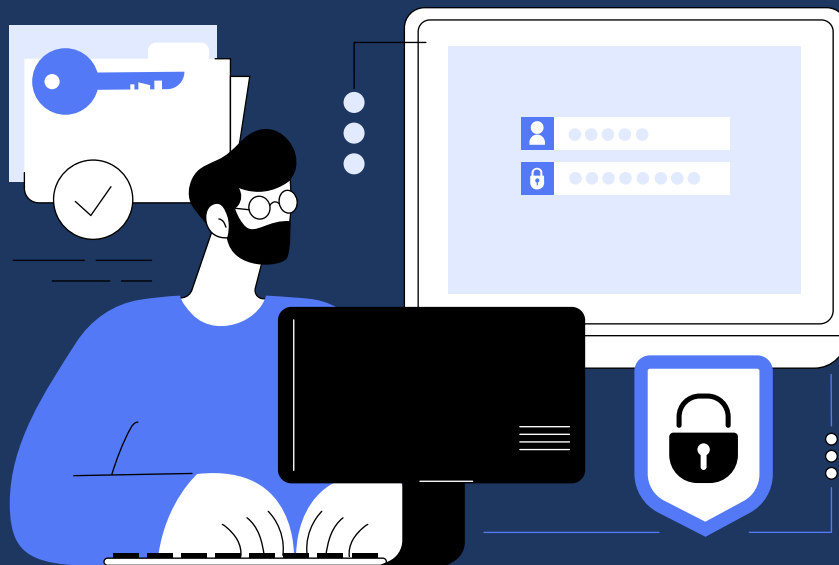
CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

Cyber threats are getting faster and smarter. New and evolving technology, such as Artificial Intelligence is accelerating the rate at which hackers can find and take advantage of weak spots in our computer software and systems. That puts our country and economy at risk.

But we can fight back. We encourage everyone to explore the tips and resources on this page.

Everyone should take these 4 core steps

- Avoid and report phishing scams.
- Use strong passwords.
- Use multifactor authentication and a password manager.
- Update software.



[Click here for more information!](#)



TRAINING SPOTLIGHT

Course Name: Advanced ISC 400 (ICS400)

When: October 12 - 13, 2026

Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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

[LMS Link](#)

Course Name: Mitigation for Emergency Managers (G393)

When: October 28th-29th, 2026

Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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

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Course Name: Sports Event Risk Management (AWR 167)

When: November 3-4, 2026

Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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

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Need to register for a training?

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