



[New Location for NCEM website \(www.ncem.org\).](http://www.ncem.org)

The NC Division of Emergency Management website has merged with the NC Department of Crime Control & Public Safety (CCPS) website. All information from the previous www.ncem.org site has been imported to the new site. The CCPS website is www.nccrimecontrol.org.

[Debris Management Planning w/ Public Assistance & NCDOT](#)

The Public Assistance (PA) Section and NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) are encouraging PA subgrantees (i.e., county governments, municipalities, towns, etc.) to review and update their debris management plans in preparation for the upcoming hurricane season. To facilitate this effort, PA and NCDOT are offering a 1.5 hours meeting to discuss debris management planning. Discussion will also include the coordination requirements with NCDOT to allow debris removal from state secondary routes. The target attendees for this meeting are city/county managers, emergency management officials, public works, finance, city/county attorney and others having debris management responsibilities. If you are interested in scheduling a debris planning meeting with PA/NCDOT, please contact Bill Dowling in Public Assistance at 919-715-8000 x305, or bdowling@ncem.org.

[Flood Mitigation PDM -- Mecklenburg County -- 2 projects](#)

NC Emergency Management's Hazard Mitigation Section has completed two projects involving flood mitigation. Charlotte-Mecklenburg's Storm Water Services allocated more than \$5.8 million in local funds to leverage Federal and State Hazard Mitigation Grant matching funds totaling \$7.5 million for both projects. In the first project, more than seventy homes and garages were purchased in the Myers Park Manor neighborhood. In the second project, sixteen homes on twenty parcels of land were bought and cleared in the Hidden Valley neighborhood. Families who took part in the voluntary buyouts were permanently moved out of harm's way. The Myers Park Manor homes were torn down to restore 22-acres of permanent open space to the floodplain. 13.5 acres of floodplain in Hidden Valley became permanent open space. Nearly ninety flood-prone houses have been removed from the Little Sugar Creek floodplain altogether. For more information, contact John Crew at (919) 715-8000 ext. 277 or jcrew@ncem.org.

[Meeting Notification: Military – Civilian Task Force For Emergency Response \(MCTFER\).](#)

The MCTFER will meet on April 10, 2008 from 11:30am to 1:00pm at the Hilda's Cooking and Catering Services located at 2586 Onslow Drive in Jacksonville, NC. The purpose of MCTFER is to coordinate all regional (military and civilian) emergency response assets in the event of a disaster. MCTFER, established in 1998, brings together local, state, and federal emergency services for a unified, coordinated response to major incidents. The MCTFER meets regularly on the second Thursday of every month. For more information, contact Onslow County EM Director Mark Goodman at (910) 347-4270 or Mark_goodman@onslowcountync.gov.

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Forsyth County wins the “2008 Citizen Corps Council of the Year” Award.



The Forsyth County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and Citizen Corps Council were presented the first annual “2008 Citizen Corps Council of the Year” award for their “Emergency Preparedness Night with the Warthogs” event held in 2007. The award was presented by NC Citizen Corp. at the North Carolina Citizen Corps Conference on March 7, 2008. Forsyth County LEPC and its Citizen Corps



Council coordinated North Carolina’s largest National Preparedness Month event at Ernie Shore Field in Winston-Salem, NC. The **2008 Emergency Preparedness event will take place on August 22nd**. For more information contact Michelle Brock at (336) 767-6161.

First Statewide Nanotechnology Safety And Response Seminar To Be Held.

On Monday April 14th, the Local Emergency Planning Committees of Lee, Wake and Guilford counties will host a Nanotechnology Safety and Response Seminar. This seminar will include information on the hazards, planning and response, safe industrial practices, and cleanup guidance regarding nanotech material releases and spills. Seminar topics include: Decontamination and Site Cleanup Planning and Operations; Contaminant Control; Nanotechnology Hazards; Nanotech Material Spill Planning and Response Operations; and many others. Speakers are leaders of their respective fields. The seminar will be held at the Dennis Wicker Civic Center in Sanford, NC and will last from 8 am to 2 pm. For more information contact Eric Griffin, Lee County EM at (919) 775-8279 or Egriffin@leecountync.gov. To register, visit www.readylee.org

NCEM’s Hazard Mitigation to host annual State Hazard Mitigation Advisory Group (SHMAG).

The North Carolina Division of Emergency Management will host the annual State Hazard Mitigation Advisory Group (SHMAG) meeting on Thursday, April 17, 2008 in the Disaster Recovery Operations Center at 1830-B Tillery Place, Raleigh, NC 27604. The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM. Lunch will be served & parking is free. The SHMAG consists of representatives from state agencies, private industry groups, local government representatives, non-profit organizations and individuals with an interest in hazard mitigation issues. The development and maintenance of the State Hazard Mitigation Plan has been the primary responsibility of the SHMAG. The meeting will focus on progress, to-date, on the State 322 Plan and on better integration of the 182 local plans scheduled to be updated and adopted over the next 5 years in North Carolina. For more information contact Mitigation Planner Alyssa Young, at (919) 715-800 ext 222 or Ayoung@ncem.org.

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Roanoke Albemarle Pamlico LEPC 3rd Annual Ocracoke EM Retreat / Exercise

The 3rd Annual Roanoke Albemarle Pamlico (RAP) Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Ocracoke EM Retreat and Training Exercise were held March 14-16, 2008 in Ocracoke, NC. The RAP LEPC is a multi-jurisdictional effort of Hyde, Martin, Tyrrell and Washington Counties. Hyde County Emergency Management hosted the event and NC Emergency Management funded and coordinated the event. Forty-two people from Eastern North Carolina fire, emergency medical services, law enforcement and local emergency management agencies participated and received 12 hours of training for use in their home departments. In addition to a presentation by the National Weather Service, attendees participated in a collaborative exercise and



training session of the NC Hazardous Materials Regional Response Team I (Williamston FD), NC Urban Search & Rescue Task Force Ten (Greenville Fire/Rescue) and the NC National Guard 42nd Civil Support Team. These teams are highly specialized responders with significant training designed to support local agencies in disastrous events. A major objective each year is to test agencies ability to deploy to Ocracoke Island, one of their hardest areas to access during an actual event. For more information, contact Tony Spencer at (252) 542-0805.

NCNG Blackhawk Helicopter Used In Fallen Climber Rescue

On March 9th, 2008 a North Carolina National Guard Blackhawk helicopter UH-60 with wench capabilities was dispatched from Salisbury, NC to Sylva, NC to assist emergency responders in the rescue of an injured rock climber who fell 50 feet. The NC National Guard, the N.C. Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team (NCHART), Jackson County Rescue Squad, Canada Fire Department, WestCare EMS, Jackson County Emergency Management and the Jackson County Sheriff's Office all responded to the emergency. To reach the injured climber, responders used high-angle rescue techniques. NCHART is a mission-ready package composed of members of the North Carolina Emergency Management Division, local emergency services volunteers from around the state and the N.C. National Guard. For more information, visit



http://www.thesylvaherald.com/2008/031308/html/blackhawk_helicopter_used_in_r.html or contact Todd Brown at (919) 733-4998 or Tbrown@ncem.org.

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[NC USAR Task Forces Exercise Deployment](#)

NC Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 8 deployed a Base of Operations Team to Falls Lake to simulate a request from NC Emergency Management to temporarily provide shelter for 150 people. The task force is comprised of members from the Durham, Chapel Hill, Cary, and Raleigh Fire Department as well as members of Wake County Emergency Medical Services. The task force demonstrated their complete deployment procedures. Responders were processed through check in and medical screening. They were then assigned mission support responsibilities. Upon arrival at the Base Camp site, the team set up a Base of Operations using their Western Shelter System tents. The team exercised the deployment 6 times over the course of 3 weeks to ensure all 220+ Task Force members had the opportunity to participate in the drill and to refine procedures based on lessons learned.

For more information, contact Todd Brown at (919) 733-4998 or Tbrown@ncem.org.



[WebEOC Update](#)

A WebEOC Users Group has been implemented. The first meeting was held in February at the office of Geospatial & Technology Management in Raleigh and the primary purpose of that meeting was to elect coordinators, define the vision for the group and create subcommittees to respond to education, technical standards and strategic planning issues. The subcommittees are Education, Technical Standards and Strategic Planning. A vision statement has not been finalized. Clint Osborn of Orange County Emergency Management and Carla Woodlief of NCEM/GTM have agreed to co-coordinate the users group. The next meeting is tentatively planned for May 28th at 10 am at GTM.

The next WebEOC exercise will be held April 25th from 10 – 12. As with any exercise or incident, please email Greg (gwelker@ncem.org) or Carla (cwoodlief@ncem.org) if you have any WebEOC issues or you can also send a WebEOC message.

The annual WebEOC Conference will be held April 15-18 in Boston, Mass. Carla has been nominated to sit on ESI's national user advisory board for a 2-year term. She hopes to be a spokesperson for North Carolina's WebEOC users. For more information, contact Carla Woodlief (919) 715-5711, ext 115, Cwoodlief@ncem.org or Greg Welker (919) 733-9534, Gwelker@ncem.org.

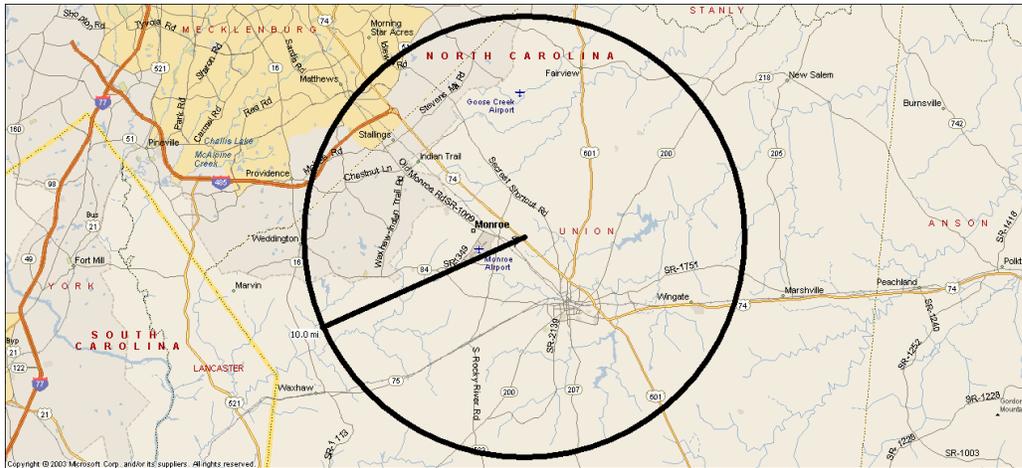
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VIPER Site Activations

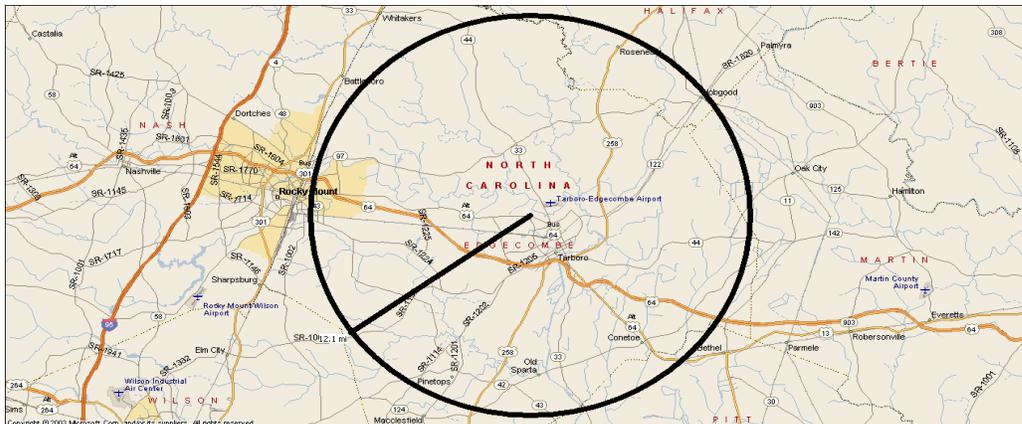
Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER) is a way for first responders and public safety officials to communicate with one another on a single radio system. When in place, interoperable communications will benefit all public safety agencies when dealing with daily emergency calls and large scale disasters. For more information on VIPER, contact Captain Alan Melvin, NC State Highway Patrol at (919) 662-4440 or amelvin@ncshp.org

The following VIPER sites have been established and are now operational:

<u>Location (City/County)</u>	<u>Date Activated</u>	<u>VIPER Site Made Possible Through</u>
Monroe - Union County	N/A	City of Monroe Fire Department.



<u>Location (City/County)</u>	<u>Date Activated</u>	<u>VIPER Site Made Possible Through</u>
Tarboro/Edgecombe County	N/A	Town of Tarboro



Note: map is not exact and are to be used as general reference.

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Special Mentioning-

Derrick Remer has joined NCEM's Logistics' Training and Exercise Branch.

Derrick Remer has joined NCEM's Logistics' Training and Exercise Branch. He will oversee NIMS compliance, ICS100 thru 400 courses, new instructor recruitment and retention and other duties as needed. Derrick comes to us from Wake County City County Bureau of Investigation where he was an identification technician. He also has five years experience as a volunteer and part time firefighter in Wake County. Derrick can be reached at (919) 733-3785 or Dremer@ncem.org.

Joyce Holley has moved to the Hazard Mitigation Section.

NCEM's Joyce Holley has moved from the Logistics' Training and Exercise Branch to Hazard Mitigation in the Recovery Section. In her new role, she will be working with Grants Management and Risk Assessments. Joyce can be reached at (919) 715-8000, ext 226 or Jholley@ncem.org.

Felicia Pyle is selected for Administrative Professionals Certificate Program.

NCEM Information and Planning Section's Felicia Pyle has been selected for the Administrative Professionals Certification Program. The program, originated by the NC Office of State Personnel, provides education and training in critical competencies for all administrative professionals. The program runs from April 1 to August 26th. The program is offered through a partnership between the NC Office of State Personnel and Wake Technical Community College.

Deborah Miller and Carolyn Penny are NCEM's wellness coordinators.

Deborah miller and Carolyn Penny are NC Emergency Management's Wellness Coordinators for the "Worksite Wellness" campaign. Worksite Wellness is an effort to encourage and motivate employees to become healthier thru diet and exercise. The program is supported by the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety as part of a statewide effort by the NC Department of Health and Human Services. For more information, contact Deborah miller at (919) 715-8000 ext 255 or Dmiller@ncem.org or Carolyn Penny at (919) 733-2500 or Cpenny@ncem.org.

For more information on the Worksite Wellness initiative, visit <http://www.eatsmartmovemorenc.com>.

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