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South Carolina Emergency Management Division

Office of the Adjutant General
2779 Fish Hatchery Road, West Columbia, S.C. 29172

2016 State Exercise

PLANNING ADVISORY

Immediate Release

STATEWIDE DISASTER EXERCISE, MARCH 14-16

State and Local Agencies Test Earthquake Emergency Plans

Columbia, S.C. (Sunday, March 13, 2016) – The S.C. Emergency Management Division will be hosting the state's annual disaster exercise beginning tomorrow and lasting through Wednesday. SCEMD will be coordinating with county emergency managers and members of the state Emergency Response Team as we test our ability to respond to and recover from an earthquake scenario. The SERT is made up of emergency response personnel from various state agencies and nonprofit organizations.

This annual training event is an opportunity for everyone in South Carolina's emergency management community to practice updated procedures as they relate to a disaster that occurs with little to no warning. The state Emergency Operations Center in West Columbia will be fully activated for the duration of the exercise. Members of the media are encouraged to attend exercise events taking place at SCEMD from 1:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. each day.

Interviews with SCEMD Director Kim Stenson and state agency representatives will be possible during these arranged times. A mobile unit that is designed to simulate an earthquake will be available for demonstration from Edgefield County Emergency Management.

What: Statewide Disaster Exercise

When: March 14 – 16, 1:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Where: The South Carolina Emergency Operations Center, 2779 Fish Hatchery Road, West Columbia, SC 29172. [Directions](#)

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