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Charleston County Emergency Management Department Earns EMAP Reaccreditation

Charleston County Emergency Management is proud to announce its reaccreditation by the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP), a nationally recognized voluntary review process that evaluates emergency management programs' compliance with a rigorous set of national standards. Charleston County Emergency Management is one of just three emergency management agencies in the state to hold this distinction.

To achieve this five-year accreditation, agencies must demonstrate, through self-assessment, documentation, and peer assessment, verification that their disaster preparedness and response systems meet the Emergency Management Standard.

Charleston County was recognized for its compliance with all 66 standards certified by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), which evaluate training, planning, incident management, resource management, mutual aid, hazard identification, hazard mitigation, prevention, emergency public education, and more. Additionally, the department was honored for its ongoing efforts to strengthen preparedness efforts for any natural or manmade disaster that may affect the community.

"There's no question that the EMAP accreditation process is a rigorous one, and the Emergency Management Department staff's diligence from start to finish has been nothing short of remarkable," said Charleston County Emergency Management Director Joe Coates. "This reaccreditation speaks not only to our team's hard work and dedication, but to our commitment to protecting every life and property in Charleston County."

The department first earned EMAP accreditation in November of 2018. EMAP is the only accreditation process for emergency management programs worldwide.

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