



North Carolina Emergency Management 2014 Overview



ReadyNC



A new ReadyNC mobile app was launched as an all-in-one emergency preparedness tool. The app provides residents & visitors with the latest weather, traffic & hazard information & basic information on what to do to be safe. The free app is available for iPhones and Android devices.

~ January 17





The SERT activated to respond to the threat of widespread winter storms. Bitter cold temperatures and several inches of snow marked the year's storm .~ January 21

Winter Storm

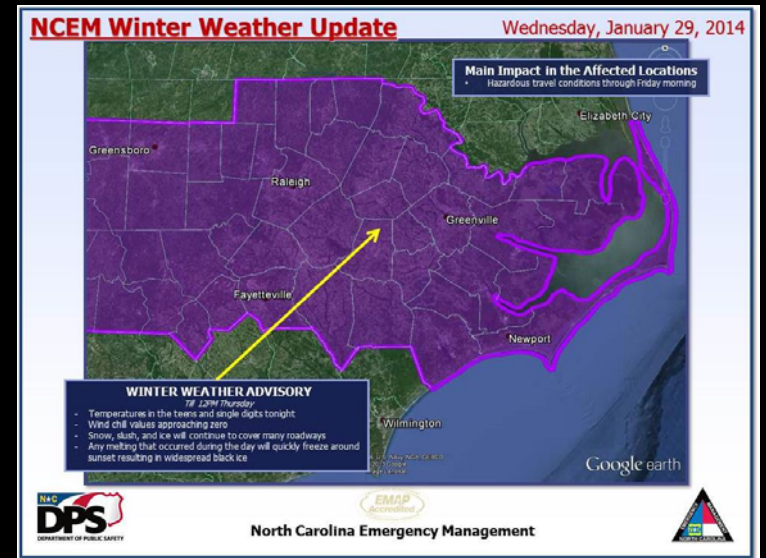
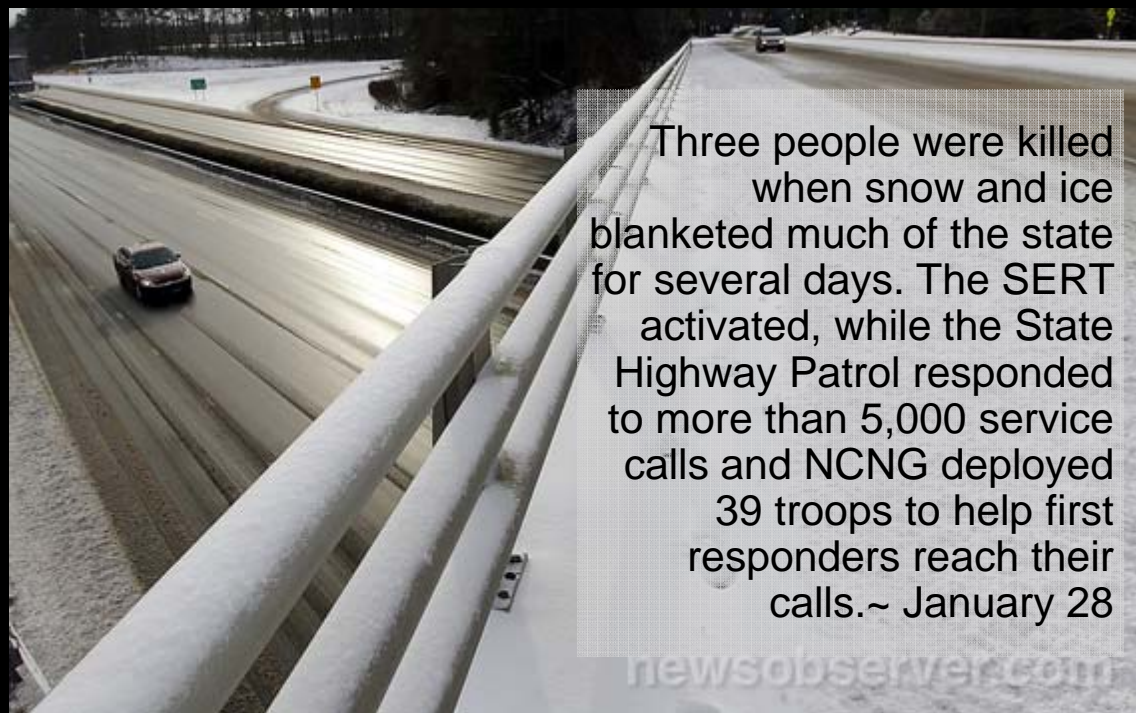




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Winter Storm



Three people were killed when snow and ice blanketed much of the state for several days. The SERT activated, while the State Highway Patrol responded to more than 5,000 service calls and NCNG deployed 39 troops to help first responders reach their calls. ~ January 28

Coal Ash Spill

An estimated 30,000-39,000 tons of coal ash were released into the Dan River in early February when a storm water pipe collapsed beneath a storage pond at the Duke Energy Dan River Steam Station. North Carolina, Virginia and federal environmental and emergency management agencies responded to the incident. The event sparked legislative change to strengthen regulation of coal ash ponds. ~ February 2





Winter Storm



The third winter storm in less than a month claimed three lives, closed schools, caused traffic snarls across the state and knocked out power to more than 130,000 residences. The SHP responded to nearly 3,000 calls while the NCSG deployed 200 troops to respond to the storm. ~ February 11



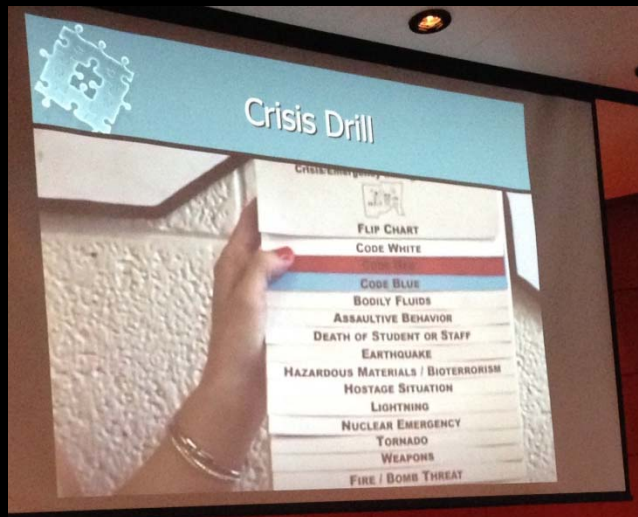
NCEM sponsored five mountain rescue training classes instructing more than 90 first responders. The February classes focused on rescues in Alpine conditions while the November sessions offered two ropes classes. These teams are called upon throughout the year to find missing or stranded hikers in the wilderness.

~ February, November

Mountain Rescue Training



NCEM Forum



The spring NCEM forum focused on assessing, improving and testing safety in North Carolina's schools. Local EMDs discussed how to develop, implement and exercise plans to address active shooters on campus. They also heard about planning for mass violence incidents and an update on department-wide school safety planning efforts.

~ March 5





Winter Storm

A powerful low pressure system impacted about one fourth of the state. More than 2 inches of rain fell around the Charlotte area flooding roads in Cabarrus and Union Counties. Freezing rain in a 20 county area knocked out power to nearly a half-million customers including more than 80 percent of the Triad. Federal funds would help local governments pay for debris removal and repairs caused by the storm.

~ March 6-7



Catawba Nuclear Drill

NCEM, Duke Energy, Gaston, Mecklenburg and York (SC) counties tested their coordinated response to a hostile attack as part of the required biennial fixed nuclear facility exercise.

~ March 18





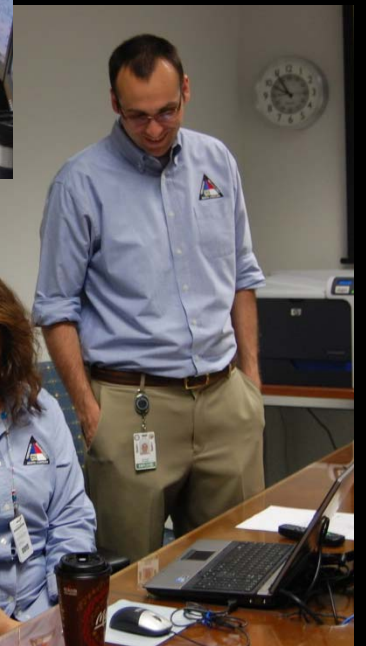
NCEMA Spring Conference

Emergency managers, first responders and public health officials gathered for the semi-annual conference to discuss public health preparedness capabilities, foreign animal disease planning, volunteer support in disasters, re-entry programs and debris management.
~ March 23-26



Hurricane Exercise

Nearly 200 State Emergency Response Team partners from 13 state agencies and 34 counties coordinated a simulated response to Hurricane Tiawana to exercise the state's readiness for a significant storm. ~ April 22-23



Williamston Fire Chief James Peele received the *SERC Individual Service Award* for his role in developing the state's Regional Response Team hazardous materials program. Peele is one of the founding members of the state's hazmat response team. The SBI Bomb Squad earned the *SERC Team Award* for their expertise in diffusing explosive materials and responding to violent and hazardous duty missions to keep North Carolina safe. ~ April 25



State Emergency Response Commission Awards



Eastern NC Tornadoes

One person was killed and 24 injured when tornadoes raged through Beaufort, Perquimans, Chowan, Pasquotank and Greene counties damaging 325+ homes and buildings. State and federal aid helped 110 families recover from the EF-2 and EF-3 tornadoes. ~ April 25



Mobile Disaster Hospital Deploys to MS



NCEM staff traveled to Mississippi to set up the state's mobile disaster hospital after an EF4 tornado destroyed the only medical facility in Louisville, MS. The site will serve as a temporary medical care center for the 19,000 member community until their hospital is rebuilt. The facility includes an out-patient clinic, emergency department, pharmacy, X-ray unit and administrative office. ~ May 1





NCEM-ECU Hurricane Workshop

More than 200 local emergency managers, meteorologists and academics met to review and discuss hurricane predictions, preparedness and response. Topics included an overview of the hurricane evacuation study, National Hurricane Center forecasting improvements and implementing hazard mitigation plans in coastal North Carolina. ~ May 28



US Open



NCEM supported NCDPS which led security and traffic operations during the first-ever back-to-back national golf championships. NCEM staff were involved in regular planning meetings for more than a year leading up to the tournaments.

~ June 9-22





NCEM Forum

The summer NCEM forum addressed human services issues with sessions on legal concerns in sheltering operations; perfecting mass feeding efforts; and assessing, improving and planning for pets in a disaster. ~ June 10



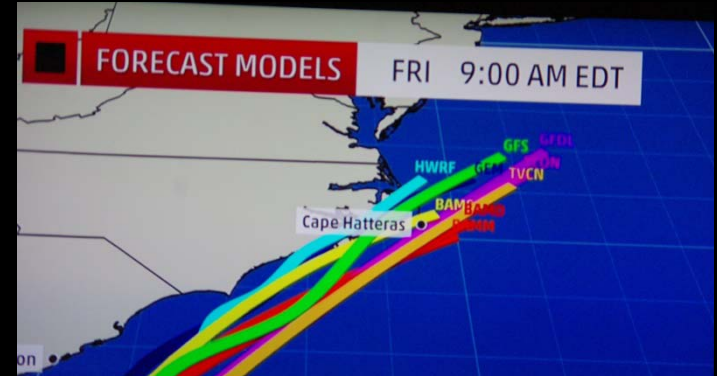
Civil Air Patrol

Nearly 800 cadets and 820 senior members support CAP missions across the state. About 200 members participated in the week-long summer encampment training which provides young people with communications and flight line training as well as rocketry, aerospace engineering, physical fitness and flying.

~ June 20-28



Hurricane Arthur



Hurricane Arthur broke records as the earliest hurricane to make landfall in North Carolina. Fortunately, damage was limited to localized scattered power outages along the coast and flooding along portions of the Outer Banks.

~ July 3-5



DOD Summit

NCEM hosted the seventh annual meeting with partner agencies of the Department of Defense to discuss operational relationships during disasters.. ~ July 10



Communications Exercise - EBO



To ensure emergency managers maintain essential communication during emergencies, NCEM partnered with county emergency management agencies to test UHF, HF, AUXCOM, SATCOM and Internet capabilities.

~ July 16



Brunswick Nuclear Drill



NCEM, Duke Energy, Brunswick and New Hanover counties tested their coordinated response to a hostile attack on the coastal plant. ~ July 22





ReadyNC.org

The ReadyNC web site was updated as the one-stop-shop for emergency preparedness AND recovery information for North Carolinians. The web site was updated to include information in Spanish and improve accessibility for individuals with developmental disabilities by updating the text, adding high contrast and improving accessibility for screen readers. ~ Summer

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Unaccompanied Alien Children

When record numbers of unaccompanied migrant children began crossing from Mexico into the US to escape violence in their homelands, U.S. officials were faced with a humanitarian crisis. An estimated 1,200+ kids came to North Carolina; most were placed with relatives. NCEM worked with local and federal EM agencies and health and human services groups to plan for a potentially large influx of children. ~ Summer- Fall



WRAL news



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Caring for Pets in Disaster



The American Kennel Club donated 16 microchip scanners to help pet owners register their pets at emergency evacuation shelters. The scanners will be included as part of the Companion Animal Mobile Equipment Trailer and also can help reunite displaced pets with their owners after disaster strikes. ~ Sept. 10



Communications Exercise - WBO

Mitchell County physically relocated and electronically rerouted its 911 and emergency operations center to test continuity of emergency communications. More than one dozen county emergency services agencies participated along with NCEM, NCNG and NC Public Health. ~ Oct. 8

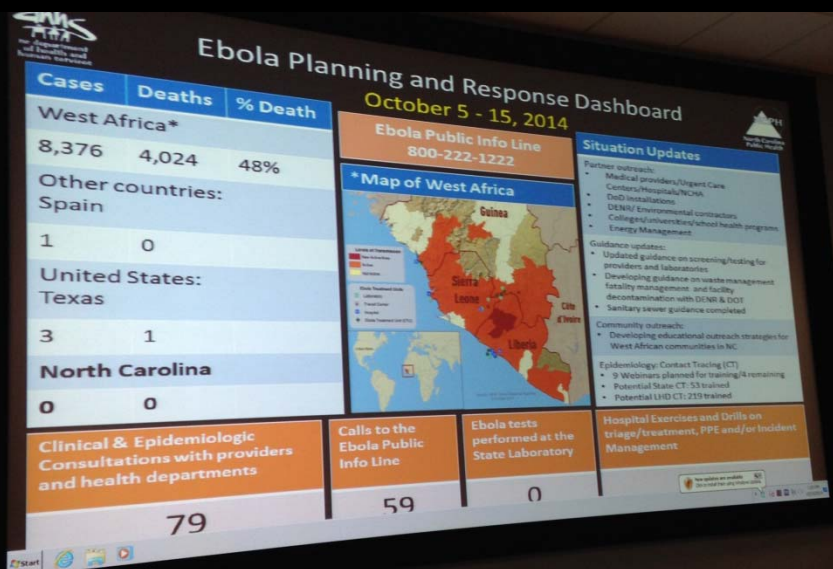


Ebola



NCEM partnered with DHHS to work with county emergency managers, local health departments, medical providers and the military to prepared the state for a possible case of the deadly Ebola virus. The SERT team met multiple times each

week to review plans and update procedures for infection control, waste handling, health monitoring and emergency response. ~ October-November





NCEMA Fall Conference

State and local emergency managers and SERT members discussed emergency preparedness for citizens with disabilities, mass fatality response and recovery, and response to coal ash events.

~ October 13-15





Coal Ash Management Commission



Following the nation's second largest coal ash spill, the NC General Assembly passed the Coal Ash Management Act to strengthen environmental reviews. A nine-member commission was appointed to review coal combustion residuals surface impoundment classifications and closure plans and make recommendations on rules related to managing coal combustion residuals. The CAMC, which is housed under NCEM, held their first meeting Nov. 14. ~ Fall 2014



Emergency Action Plan Development Tool

NCEM & DENR collaborated to develop a web-based tool so that dam owners can create and maintain emergency action plans. Plans are accessible by DENR dam safety engineers and local emergency management agencies in the event of a dam leak or failure. ~ November





HART Training

NC HART teams held nearly three dozen classes in every region of the state practicing with SHP & NCNG aviators monthly. Currently, there are about 40 active HART technicians in N.C. who are called upon to rescue hikers trapped on rock ledges, people stranded in the wilderness or surrounded by rising water.





NCEM partnered with local first responders from across the state to provide numerous basic and advanced boat operator classes that gave students invaluable hands-on training needed for swift water rescues. Teams practiced navigating river hazards, emergency rescue procedures and boat maneuvers – all essential skills needed for real life rescues.



Swift Water Rescue Training Classes



School Shooter Exercises

Craven, Forsyth, Onslow, Orange and Stokes counties held in-depth training, tabletop discussions and/or hands-on exercises that gave local first responders, law enforcement, emergency managers and school officials the opportunity to practice their response plans to an active shooter on a school campus.



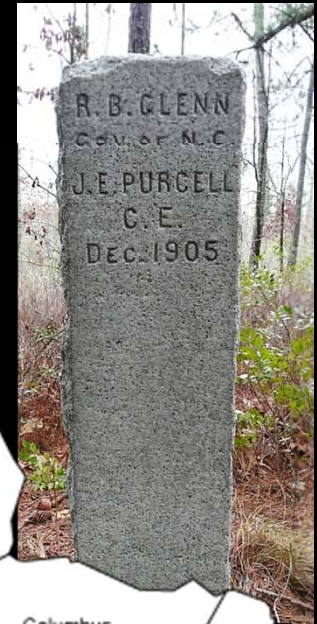
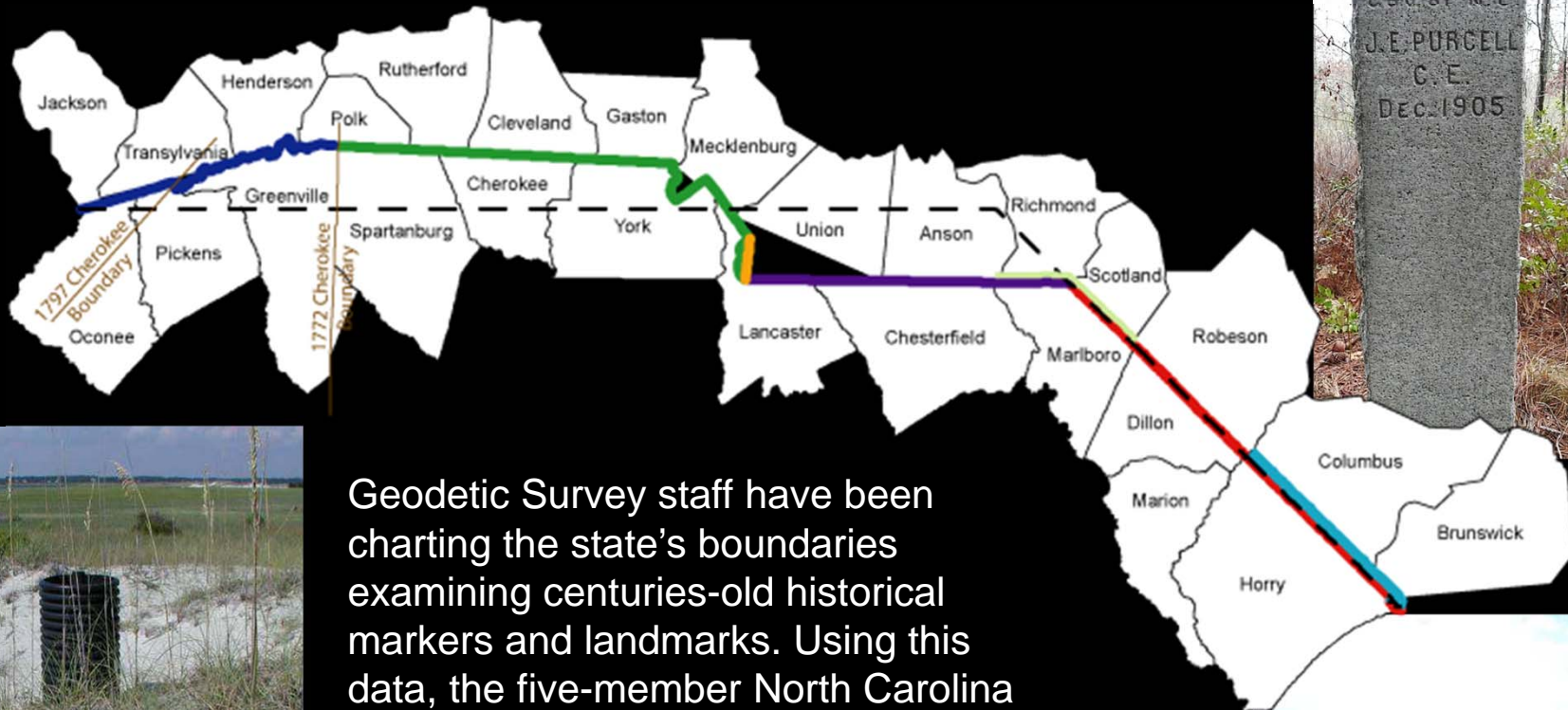


CAP Helps With SAR

CAP held Search & Rescue exercises in the Eastern and Central Branches. The training paid off as CAP teams were used in several ground and air search and rescue missions and were credited with recovering a missing person in Wake County.



NC – SC Boundary Commission



Geodetic Survey staff have been charting the state's boundaries examining centuries-old historical markers and landmarks. Using this data, the five-member North Carolina Boundary Commission has been working with its South Carolina counterpart to clarify precise state boundaries.



Continuously Operating Reference Station



Geodetic Survey staff added 4 CORS locations for a total of 91 sites in the CORS system. The service provides corrections in real-time for precision mapping applications. The CORS system is used to develop and produce aerial image maps for 911-centers in each county as well as all phases of floodplain mapping. 200 new firms or agencies joined the real-time network in 2014. More than 1,500 firms and local governments now use the CORS system.



Emergency Preparedness Initiative



More than 100 emergency management planners, first responders, state agencies, partner organizations and self-advocates collaborated for a year to develop a detailed plan to improve emergency preparedness for those with intellectual or developmental disabilities. The four-year Emergency Preparedness Initiative will identify specific policies, enhance community awareness, develop specific tools and implement training for responders and support professionals.



Providing Essential Training



Effective training gives first responders, emergency managers & law enforcement officers the opportunity to develop, sharpen & practice essential skills for disaster response and recovery. North Carolina NCEM sponsored 330+ classes that trained more than 7,350 personnel on topics such as: disaster response and recovery; debris management; handling mass fatalities; damage

assessment; mass shootings and response, etc. The division also began developing a series of interactive on-line courses.



Improving School Safety



The Wilson County School System led the state in school safety planning by developing and exercising an all hazards emergency plans for each public school in the county. They equipped classrooms with emergency kits and are planning hands-on exercises for each school during the next two years.

SERC Meetings

The 19-member State Emergency Response Commission met quarterly to review, assess, plan and implement projects and procedures to protect North Carolina residents and the environment through effective emergency planning.



Private Sector Program

NCEM hired its first Private Sector Coordinator to develop an outreach program with key private industries, enhance the recovery re-entry program and improve North Carolina's resiliency after disasters. More than xx representatives from 15+ industries

participated in the Public Private Partnership Workshop.

~ December 3



Community Emergency Response Team



The newly-formed Hatteras Island Community Emergency Response Team visited homes in Rodanthe, Salvo and Waves to help assess damages from Hurricane Arthur, the category 2 storm that brushed the NC coast. Their efforts helped to expedite repairs to coastal homes and earned praise from some of the volunteer organizations. ~ July



Central Branch



Eastern Branch

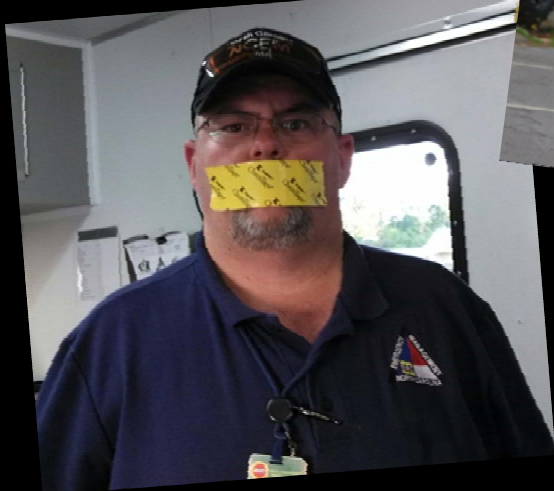


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