

PGA: Unified Command press release

Thursday, August 9, 2012
7:14 PM

To media partners:

Emergency response crews working cooperatively at the 2012 PGA Championship on Kiawah Island report a very successful first day of the event with regards to safety and security.

No unexpected traffic delays are occurring, despite a marked increase in attendance. Law enforcement officials report that while there has been some slowing, signage and constant monitoring have successfully prevented significant delays.

Officials will continue to monitor traffic flow and will make adjustments to their plan accordingly.

Medical staff report treating 180 attendees mainly for heat-related health issues. One person was transported to the hospital; all other patients were treated on-site at the numerous medical stations staged throughout the Ocean Course.

In addition to stressing the need to stay hydrated, EMTs and medical staff urge attendees wear the **appropriate footwear** for the long walking distances associated with being a spectator at an event such as this. Staff notices flip-flops and sandals are causing a number of blister injuries and have had to send out for extra bandages.

Weather conditions are expected to be hot and muggy again. Spectators should be prepared for temperatures in the high 80s, humidity values above 60% and only a limited chance of relief from rain.

Visitors should also remember to remain conscious of heavy golf cart and vehicle traffic around the Ocean Course as support personnel shuttle supplies and staff throughout the event area.

Safety is of the utmost importance to all involved around and within the Ocean Course. Visitor information can be found at www.pga2012.com.

Scott Hawkins
Public Information Director
SC Forestry Commission
(803) 896-8820
(803) 360-2231 (cell)
shawkins@forestry.state.sc.us