



# **MEDIA OPPORTUNITY**

June 26, 2013

## **Charleston County Emergency Operations Center Hurricane Drill** 8500 Palmetto Commerce Parkway

### **WHEN:**

- 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 26 (plan to come early to set up). For media only, not open to the public.

### **WHAT:**

- Charleston County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) staff will participate in the annual, full-scale exercise. The drill **scenario is a pre-landfall hurricane**, so the focus will be preparing for an evacuation and storm damage. There will be a "power outage" at some point so staff will have to utilize non-electronic means of communication.
- The "press conference" will be built into the drill scenario, so staff will take time from the drill to do **media interviews at 11 a.m.**
- Media will also have the opportunity to get **footage of the EOC** fully staffed and in simulated operational mode that is representative of a real emergency.

### **WHERE:**

- Media Room in Charleston County's Emergency Operations Center at 8500 Palmetto Commerce Parkway in North Charleston.

### **MEDIA CONTACT:**

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