

Hurricane Florence Overview – Jonathan Jones, SC State Fire Marshal

This session will serve as a preliminary overview of rescue and firefighting operations during Hurricane Florence, which struck South Carolina in September. South Carolina's response to Hurricane Florence was the longest duration event in the history of the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, the S.C. Emergency Response Task Force and Firefighter Mobilization. Topics will include storm preparations, pre-staging of resources, and a timeline of significant events and resource requests. Chief Jones will provide insight into state-level fire and rescue planning, preparation, and coordination, as well as highlight actions to ensure an appropriate response to resource requests from local response agencies and efforts taken to improve coordination and communication. He will cover lessons learned personally and organizationally and planned improvements. **This session is not an official After Action Review of Hurricane Florence.**