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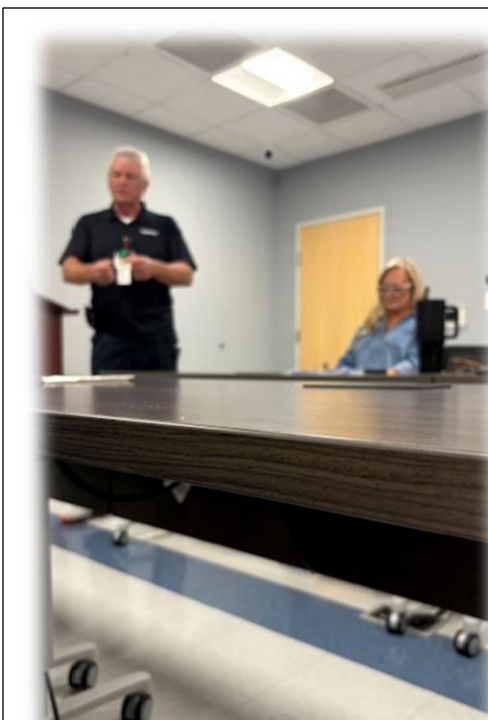
April 15, 2026

NEHCC Quarterly Meeting- Etowah County Communications 911

We had our quarterly meeting at the Etowah 911 in Gadsden, Alabama with outgoing Committee Chair Michael Asdel welcoming the group. Presenters were Jessica Hughes from Southern Link Wireless for a quick refresher and to answer questions for any coalition member with equipment questions. Also presenting was Doug Williams from SMORT (State Mortuary Response Team) which is the state level response to finding and transporting decedents in the immediate aftermath of a disaster. We also voted on a new Executive Committee for the Coalition:

****New Healthcare Coalition Executive Committee Chair & Vice Chair****

Chair-Keshawn Long- Etowah EMA
Vice Chair- Leighann Butler- Talladega EMA



About Us

Healthcare Coalitions are multiagency coordinating systems that involve diverse organizations including emergency management, emergency medical services, healthcare, public health and first responding agencies that work together to improve the health and safety of our community. Involvement in the Healthcare Coalition is an effective means for communities to share scarce resources, strengthen information sharing, access healthcare expertise, and build healthcare capability during times of disaster. Effective community partnerships help support the mission of the healthcare coalition by playing a critical role in preparedness & response.

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April 22, 2026

MRSE-Talladega

The Northeastern District had their 2026 MRSE(Medical Response Surge Exercise) tabletop exercise at Central Alabama Community College in Talladega. This year members were tested on a max influx of patients from an influenza type illness. We had members of local EMS, EMA, State EMA, Fire Departments, Hospitals, Long Term Care, Schools, Coroners, Behavioral Health, and Public Health all participate. Practicing real world scenarios has been imperative in improving communication and understanding resources.



April 30, 2026

Capstone 100- Lincoln

The Northeastern Healthcare Coalition partnered with the Division "G" AEMA partner Mike Asdel to bring the Capstone 100. This was a tabletop exercise lead by the National Weather Service and Alabama Power Company. This exercise focused on how all emergency partners would handle a dam failure at any one of the districts three dams. The National Weather Service lead the scenario helping truly understand the real dangers of weather on the dams and how far regions could be affected by excessive rain alone. All entities of emergency response including, but not limited to police, fire, EMS, EMA, hospitals, Alabama Power Company, the Red Cross DHR, Public Health, National Guard, and prison officials to name a few.



UPCOMING

MGT-32

Tornado Hazards: Science & Preparedness
Etowah County EMA
July 7, 2026

HCC Quarterly Meeting

Calhoun County EMA
July 22, 2026

PER-941

Response to Controlled Dangerous Substances (CDS): Fentanyl, Analogs, and Pharmaceutical-Based Agents
August 16-21, 2026
August 30-September 3, 2026
September 20-26, 2026

MGT-319

Medical Countermeasures: Point of Dispensing, Planning & Response
Cherokee County Health & Rehab
October 27-28, 2026

MGT-439

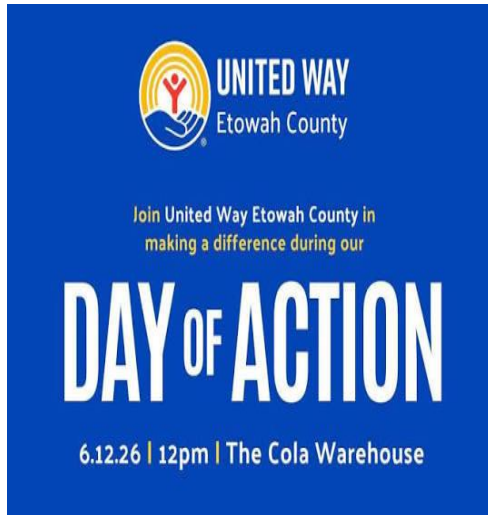
Pediatric Disaster Response & Emergency Preparedness
Baptist Health Shelby Hospital
November 17-18, 2026

If there are any trainings your organization is interested in, let us know. Also, remember the HCC offers "Stop the Bleed" classes. Let us know if your organization is interested.

June 12, 2026

United Way Day of Action-Southside

The Northeastern District participated in The United Way's Day of Action on Friday, June 12, 2026 at Southside Elementary School by helping assemble 50 desks and painting the boy's restroom, contributing to projects that support and enhance the community.



Congratulations to New Committee Chair and Etowah County EMA Deputy Director, Keshawn Long, for receiving his certification of completion of the National Emergency Basic Academy.

Southern Linc Call Down Drills 2026

Hospitals and Nursing Homes/Long Term Care

July 1 15
August 5 19
September 2 16
October 7 21
November 4 18
December 2 16

Community Health Centers/Quality of Life

July 7 8 21 22
August 11 12 25 26
September 8 9 22 23
October 13 14 27 28
November N/A
December 8 9 22 23

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