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Public safety exercise to take place in Georgetown, Horry counties Feb. 1

GEORGETOWN COUNTY — Wacca Wache boat landing in Murrells Inlet will be closed from 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31, to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, to accommodate a multi-agency public safety exercise. Other facilities located at Wacca Wache Marina will remain open.

The exercise, known as Operation Coastal Response 2014, will take place on Saturday in and around the Bucksport area, Sandy Island, Wacca Wache and the Reserve Marina. This full-scale exercise is a joint effort between Georgetown and Horry counties and will be led by their emergency management divisions. The exercise is designed to train and assess the ability of Georgetown and Horry counties to respond to a mass casualty/fatality incident, and to coordinate and integrate multi-agency and multi-discipline assets from local, state and federal agencies that would likely provide support and assistance in a large-scale incident.

For this exercise, officials will simulate a commercial airliner crash near the border between Georgetown and Horry counties. Residents may notice unusual activity in this area, including the use of military helicopters, as the exercise plays out, primarily on Saturday morning and afternoon.

Agencies participating in this exercise will include Georgetown County Emergency Management, Georgetown County Fire/EMS, the Georgetown Sheriff's Office, Georgetown County School District, Murrells Inlet-Garden City Fire Department, Midway Fire Rescue, Georgetown County Public Information, Georgetown County Public Services Department, Georgetown Memorial Hospital, Waccamaw Community Hospital, the S.C. Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team, The Salvation Army, Myrtle Beach International Airport, Horry County Emergency Management and various supporting agencies

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