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Deputy Adjutant General visits Georgetown County EOC

GEORGETOWN COUNTY, S.C. –Brigadier Gen. Jeffrey Jones, the Deputy Adjutant General for the S.C. Military Department, stopped by the Georgetown County Emergency Operations Center today to meet with Brandon Ellis, our Emergency Manager. Accompanied by his staff, Jones spoke with Ellis about how the county is faring during the COVID-19 emergency and pledged his support. "It's kind of like fighting a sloth right now," Ellis told him of the virus, which has had most residents staying at home as much as possible for the last 4 weeks. The two discussed contingency planning and Jones listened in on a conference call between counties and state officials.



Georgetown County Emergency Management is currently beginning the planning process for gradually reopening facilities to the public, though it is uncertain exactly when reopening will occur. "That too is going to be a marathon, not a sprint," Ellis said. He expects COVID-19 will not only result in lasting additional safety precautions in the workplace, but will also have long-term psychological effects for many. GCEMD is also preparing a virtual means of conducting annual hurricane training exercises for the county ahead of the start of the Atlantic hurricane season.

Recalling several staff members by name, Jones expressed his commitment to helping Georgetown County. "This relationship is extremely important to the Adjutant General," Jones said. "We pride ourselves on having relationships with all the counties, but this one is special to us."

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