



# Clayton County Fire & Emergency Services

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## NEWS RELEASE

**For Immediate Release**  
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**On Friday, October 14-** Clayton County Emergency Management Agency conducted a “Table Top Exercise” at the Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center on Rex Road. The purpose of the exercise was to provide opportunities for applied training when responding to an emergency involving the recreation center and to develop better understanding of the emergency plans that are already in place. Experience and data show that exercises are a practical, efficient, and cost-effective way for communities to prepare for disasters.

Participants were given an “Emergency Scenario” prepared by Clayton County Emergency Management Agency. They then discussed step by step how each department would respond in order to mitigate the incident safely. Topics that were covered included Unified Command, Fire & Emergency Medical Care Response, Facility Evacuation & Transportation Plans, Emergency Management Agency Activation, Emergency Shelter, Public Information Officers’ role, Public Health issues, roadway management & public access.

Exercise Controller: Beth Durmire, Clayton County Emergency Operations Officer

Participants:

**Commissioner:** Sonna Singleton

**County Manager Assistant:** Tamara Patridge

**Clayton County Fire & Emergency Services**

Fire Chief Jeff Hood, Clayton County Emergency Agency Director

Assistant Chief Landry Merkison

Deputy Chief Tim Sweat

Deputy Chief Blaine Clark

Battalion Chief Jacque Feilke, PIO

Battalion Chief Jeff McHenry, Operations

Battalion Chief Dana Lee, Operations

Captain Frank Clackum

Lt. John Hall

**Parks & Recreation Department**

Detrick Stanford, Director Parks & Recreation

Tarik Maxwell, Parks & Recreation Center Management

Nicole Horne

**GEMA, Georgia Emergency Management Agency**

Danielle Graham, School Safety Coordinator GEMA

Cory bushway, Exercise Specialist, GEMA

**Clayton County Police Department**

Captain Steve Branham

Lt. Bryan Danekes

**Clayton County Board of Health**

Doug Dugger, Director

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