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Sunshine to return for weekend in Upstate

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ANDERSON — Anderson County sheriff's deputies dealt with wet roads Wednesday during driving training. Next week they can look forward to sun beaming down on the roads.

All this month, sheriff's employees have swerved through an obstacle course lined with orange cones near the Civic Center of Anderson. An hour of training is required of employees each year, said Sgt. David LaCasse, the instructor. The purpose is for each driver to feel comfortable in his or her assigned vehicle. Employees drive Crown Victorias, Jeep Grand Cherokees, pickups and sport-utility vehicles.

Rain or shine, a deputy might have to safely navigate during a chase on slick roads.

"We work in the rain so we train in the rain," LaCasse said.

Training wraps up this week, just in time for sunshine. Friday's forecast is cloudy with a low of 43 degrees and a high of 61, but Saturday's high will rise to 69 and it will be sunny. Sunshine will continue through Sunday with a high of 70 and a low of 50.

Almost an inch of rain fell in Anderson on Tuesday, said Bryan McAvoy, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Greer. March rainfall totals 5.6 inches, with .71 inches on Wednesday.

Hartwell Lake's water level rose 1 foot in the last to weeks to 659.66, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Lake Keowee also rose a foot to 98.5 feet, and Lake Jocassee is at 93.8 feet, according to Duke Energy.

Though the sun is here for the weekend, McAvoy says don't get used to it.

"We've had quite a bit of variance lately, but this is quite typical for spring, actually," McAvoy said.

The fickle weather will continue through April, he said.

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