

# Oconee Republicans host emergency preparedness meeting

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SENECA — With possible ice storms around the corner and horrific shootings staying in the headlines, Monday night brought a little bit of peace for local residents who attended an emergency preparedness meeting. Hosted by the Oconee

County Republican Party, the crowd at the Gignilliat Community Center heard from Sheriff Mike Crenshaw about active shooters and emergency management director Scott Krein about planning ahead for inclement weather. This was the second such meeting in as many months, with the November meeting focus-

ing on how the community can stay prepared for the worst.

"The October meeting focused on how emergency personnel assists the community," Krein said, "but Monday we emphasized how they can stay better prepared themselves."

Krein said resources

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A large crowd was on hand for an emergency preparedness meeting hosted by the Oconee County Republican Party at the Gignilliat Community Center on Monday night.

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about many of the topics he covered Monday are available online at ready.gov and that having a communication and evacuation plan is crucial to any family.

"Everyone needs to be prepared and have a family plan and a family kit," Krein said. "It helps everyone around them, and the information is easily available."

Marilyn Lehman attended Monday's meeting with her husband, Bob, and was

impressed by the professionalism and knowledge of the presenters.

"With everything you see going on in the news and even the storm damage we had after the hurricanes," she said, "it's nice to have a little more knowledge of what to do and how to stay safe."

The Lehmans have plans to update their emergency kit with new canned foods, first aid kit and more water. Oconee County Republican Party chairman Bill Jerome said he is adding supplies for his pets as well.

Jerome said the organization doesn't want to be known for politics alone, but for community service. Lehman said Monday night was a great service to the area and she looks forward to taking advantage of similar classes in the future.

"It's a great resource for anybody in this area," she said. "It never hurts to know how to keep yourself safe in any given situation and be prepared for an emergency."

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