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Henderson County Emergency Services Receives Duke Energy Foundation Grant

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The Henderson County Historic Courthouse Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room was recently the venue for a meeting between local leadership and Duke Energy. "Grid Resiliency, Storm Prep & Smart Energy" were the centerpiece discussions, followed by the presentation from The Duke Energy Foundation of a \$50,000 grant to Henderson County Emergency Management.

The grant will support the county's All-Hazards Response Initiative to:

- Hosting an All-Hazards Strike Team Leader Class (in partnership with Blue Ridge Community College)
- Purchase of a Rapid Deployment Shelter System for use at an Incident Command Post in the field
- Purchase of a Water Rescue Trailer to transport boats and deployment supplies for the Henderson County Technical Rescue Team.

"Henderson County is excited to work with Duke Energy on this preparedness grant. The specialty training, provided in conjunction with Blue Ridge Community College, along with the new equipment, will better prepare our emergency responders to handle a wide variety of disasters we respond to regularly. We appreciate Duke Energy's partnership and we look forward to seeing these investments benefit our community and the state," stated Henderson County Emergency Services Director Jimmy Brissie.

"We are proud of our partnership with Henderson County Emergency Management," said Craig DeBrew, Duke Energy's Local Government and Community Relations Manager. "They do an outstanding job preparing for, and responding to, emergencies of all types. We are pleased that this \$50,000 grant will help them to expand their capabilities".

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