

# POWERLINES

## Coweta-Fayette EMC Hosts Electric Vehicle Fire and Safety Training for Local Emergency Responders

A NEWSLETTER FROM  
COWETA-FAYETTE EMC



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“Coweta Fire Rescue members found the training refreshing to attend alongside our partners at Newnan Fire Department,” said CCFR Chief Robby Flanagan. “EVs and alternative fuel vehicles are evolving quickly, and we need to continuously update our techniques accordingly to provide the best and safest response model.”

As a cooperative business, Coweta-Fayette EMC adheres to seven guiding principles, including providing education, training and information to our members, employees, and community. “We hope these trainings, as well as those to come in the future, will help educate our community’s emergency responders, as well as encourage them to stay safe while on the job,” said Wright.

Coweta-Fayette Electric Membership Corporation (CFEMC) hosted two electric vehicle (EV) fire and safety training sessions for 40 local firefighters in June.

Held at CFEMC’s headquarters in Palmetto, the two training sessions offered a chance to learn about electric vehicles and corresponding emergency response procedures, including the key components of an EV and how they are constructed, as well as how to approach a variety of emergency situations involving these vehicles.

“With the increase of electric vehicles in our local area, we want our first responders to be equipped with the knowledge and training to handle emergency situations involving EVs,” said Greg Wright, Senior Director of Community and Economic Development with Coweta-Fayette EMC. “And with accidents and incidents involving these vehicles, there are special considerations to make that do not apply with internal combustion engine vehicles.”

Firefighters from the City of Fayetteville Fire Department, City of Newnan Fire Department, City of Peachtree City Fire and Rescue Department, Coweta County Fire Rescue, and Fayette County Fire Department attended the sessions, which offered classroom training and a live demonstration taught by instructors from Safety and Security Consultation Specialists LLC.

According to Coweta County Fire Rescue (CCFR), their department gained a deeper understanding of EVs and the techniques necessary to use in emergency situations.





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# UPCOMING

## COMMUNITY EVENTS 2024

### FAYETTE

**SEPT 5**  
**THURSDAY**

**THE FAYETTE CHAMBER MEETING PLACE**  
600 W Lanier Ave, Fayetteville, GA 30214  
Stop in between 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

### COWETA

**THURSDAY**  
**SEPT 19**

197 Temple Ave, Newnan, GA 30263  
Stop in between 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
**ASA M. POWELL, SR. EXPO CENTER**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



# 2024

## ANNUAL MEETING DRIVE THRU

**Tuesday, October 15, 2024**  
**4:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

807 Collinsworth Road Palmetto

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## The President's Message



### Chris Stephens, CEO

As the CEO of Coweta-Fayette EMC, I am continually inspired by the strong sense of community that defines our cooperative. Our commitment to serving our members goes beyond providing reliable electricity; it's about being an integral part of the communities we serve. This month, we have several exciting initiatives that highlight the importance of our community connections and our dedication to safety and engagement.

#### Training for Local Heroes

One of the standout events this summer was the training session hosted by CFEMC, for local firefighters on how to safely manage electric vehicle (EV) fires. With the increasing number of EVs on the road, it's crucial that our first responders are equipped with the knowledge and skills to manage any incidents involving these vehicles.

This training is a prime example of our commitment to community safety. By partnering with local fire departments, we ensure that our emergency responders are prepared to tackle new challenges, enhancing the overall safety of our community. It's about supporting our local heroes who work tirelessly to protect us every day.

#### Engaging with Our Members

We are also thrilled to announce two upcoming community meetings. These gatherings are designed to foster open communication between our members and the CFEMC board of directors and staff. They offer a valuable opportunity for you to learn more about our programs, ask questions, and share your thoughts directly with us.

#### 1. Fayette County Community Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 5, 2024  
Time: 4:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Location: The Fayette Chamber Meeting Place  
600 W Lanier Ave, Fayetteville, GA 30214

#### 2. Coweta County Community Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 19, 2024  
Time: 4:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Location: Asa M. Powell, Sr. Expo Center  
197 Temple Ave, Newnan, GA 30263

These meetings are not just about disseminating information; they are about building relationships. We want to hear your feedback and understand your needs better. Your insights help us improve our services and ensure that we are meeting your expectations.

We encourage all our members to participate in these community meetings and to stay informed about the various programs and services we offer. From energy efficiency initiatives to community outreach programs, we are here to support you in every way we can.

#### Our Commitment to You

At CFEMC, we believe that our strength lies in our community. We are committed to maintaining open lines of communication, ensuring safety, and promoting a sense of belonging among our members. Whether it is through specialized training for our local firefighters or interactive community meetings, we are dedicated to being a positive force in our region. Thank you for being an essential part of our cooperative. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and continuing to work together to make our community a better place for all.