



UPLIFT UPDATE

September 2022

Welcome our new Community Paramedic, Mark!

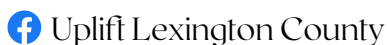
Staff Sargent Mark Goudelock has been hired to fill the role as a Community Paramedic for Uplift Lexington County. He has been paramedic for 15 years and he possesses a servant's heart. Mark has a beautiful wife named Georgia and the two of them recently celebrated thirty years of marriage. They have two amazing daughters who are excelling in academics as well as sports. We are blessed and grateful to have Mark join our Uplift Team and look forward to what he brings to the community.



First Responder Support

- Interviews with Law Enforcement around policies and procedures have been completed. The report from this feedback is being started.
- Presented at police chiefs meeting August 2022.
- Hot spot analysis process is still in progress

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National Night Out- Batesburg/Leesville

Community Engagement

1. Attended two National Night Outs - Town of Lexington and Batesburg/Leesville.
2. Second Quarterly Meeting June 2022- 32 individuals, 25 organizations convened.
3. Identified top high utilizers for law enforcement, hospital, EMS. Patient visits commenced and started tracking.
4. Participated in Park North Apartments Back to School Bash where we handed out youth MH resources to families!
5. Attended Rhythm on the River hosted by Lexington Medical Center Foundation. Funds raised from this event will benefit Uplift in our efforts within the community!





UPLIFT Success Stories

Through identification from our LCSD partners, a referral from LCSD mentioned that an individual was calling law enforcement an average of 8.67 times a month prior to Uplift Lexington County Involvement. Since Tiera (DMH MSW supervisor) and Tanee (our stand-in community paramedic) got involved there have been significant improvements! Her case was re-evaluated for call volume at the end of June, the call volume has been reduced to an average of 4.50 calls a month. Greater than 50% reduction!

Subcommittee Goals

1. Law enforcement/Healthcare Worker Support - Goal of hosting an event for Law Enforcement and their families.
2. Resource Guide - Adding eldercare to the resource guide to increase awareness and resources to this population.
3. Youth- Participate in an event towards youth and hand out resources around youth mental health.

Other agencies that have helped to identify individuals to assist in Uplift services are Pelion PD, Lexington PD, LCSD, and Lexington County Detention Center.

Uplift Family Fun Day

Full access to the zoo and lunch was provided to First Responders and their immediate families. We recognize that the lifestyle and culture of a first responder affects more than just the individual. This event was a way to support and thank our first responders and their families for all the support and commitment they have to the work they do.

In partnership with the College of Social Work at the University of South Carolina, Serve and Connect has onboarded 5 interns under the direct supervision of Macey, our Program Manager. They will be assisting in Uplift initiatives and support!

Do you have Feedback?
Please let us know how we are doing!



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