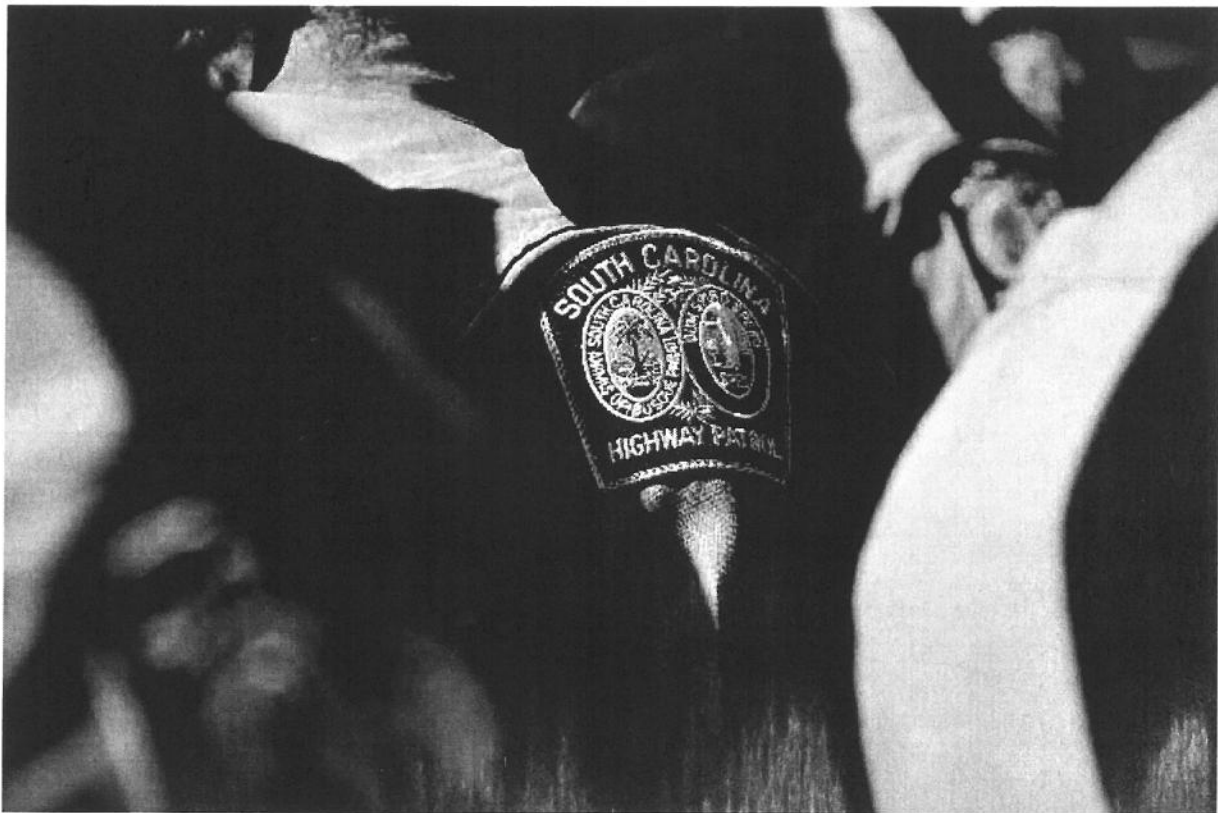


**South Carolina
Highway Patrol
2014 Annual Report**



Selfless Service ♦ *Integrity* ♦ *Responsibility*

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South Carolina Department of Public Safety

S.C. Highway Patrol

May 8, 2015

Mr. Leroy Smith, Director
South Carolina Department of Public Safety
10311 Wilson Boulevard
Blythewood, SC 29016

Dear Director Smith:

I am honored to present the 2014 Highway Patrol Annual Report highlighting our accomplishments during the past year.

The men and women of the South Carolina Highway Patrol adhere to our values of Selfless Service, Integrity, and Responsibility while tirelessly serving South Carolina and its many visitors. Through enforcement, safety initiatives, and education, our Troopers continually strive to ensure safe travel on our roadways. The 2014 Annual Report provides well-deserved recognition to our members' continued efforts to provide quality law enforcement services to the people of South Carolina.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Governor Haley and the members of the General Assembly for their assistance in 2014. We also extend our appreciation to you for the leadership and support of the Highway Patrol Division.

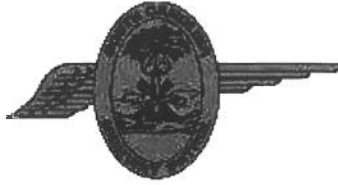
Sincerely,

Colonel Michael R. Oliver
Commander

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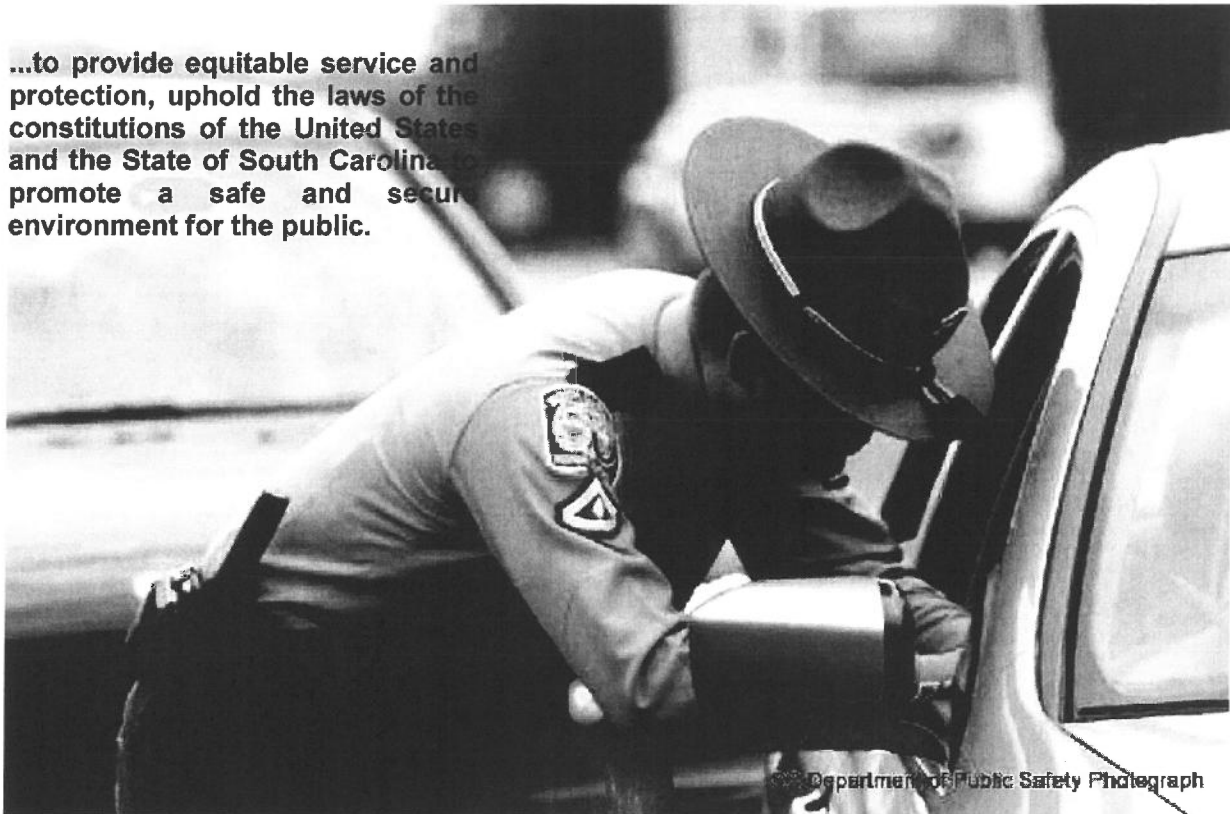
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The Mission of the South Carolina Highway Patrol

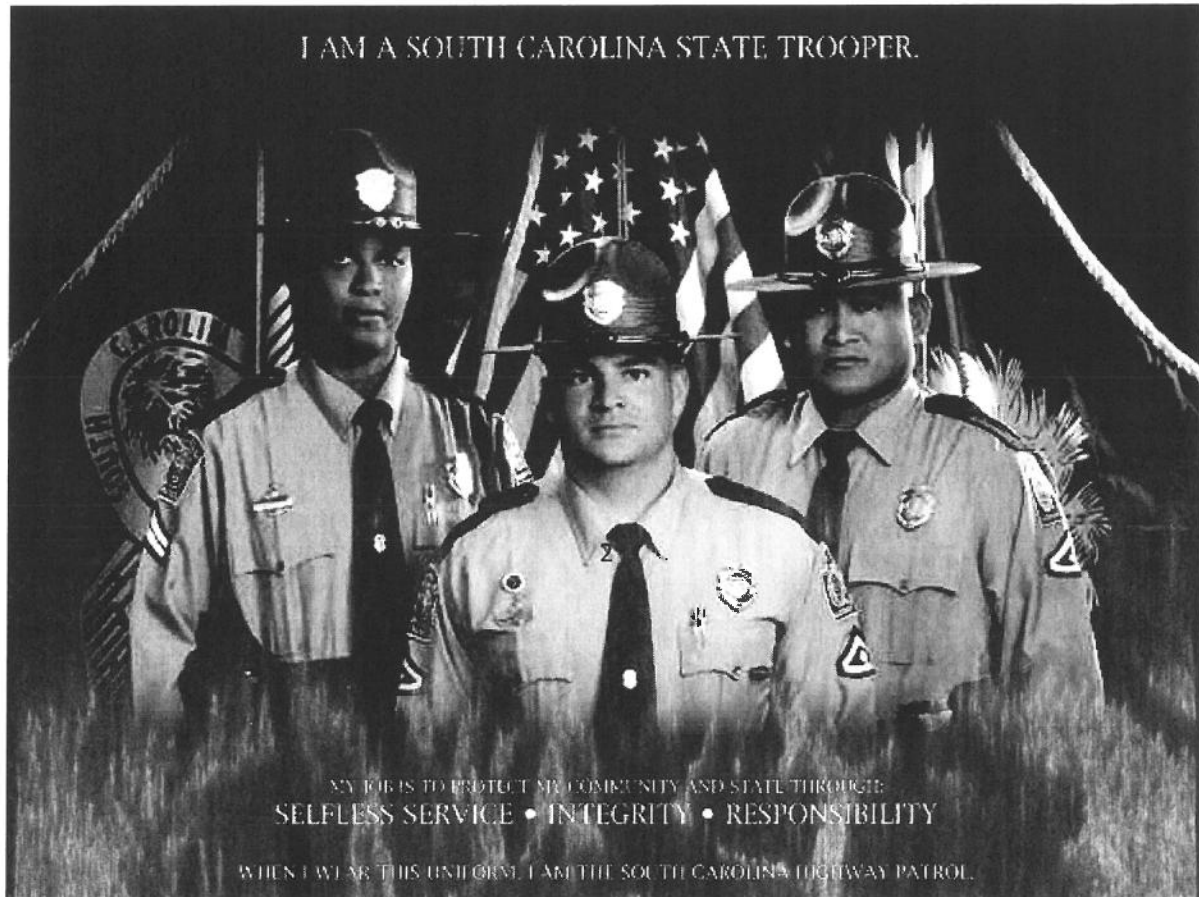
...to provide equitable service and protection, uphold the laws of the constitutions of the United States and the State of South Carolina, to promote a safe and secure environment for the public.



The personnel of the South Carolina State Highway Patrol recognize that to achieve our mission, policies and programs must be developed that allow us to:

- Serve the public in a dedicated, honest, reasonable, and professional manner.
- Assist, direct, educate, and counsel the public in matters consistent with our mission.
- Reduce the number and severity of traffic collisions through the diligent enforcement of all traffic laws and promotion of traffic safety.
- Cooperate and communicate with other law enforcement agencies in our common objectives.
- Respond to emergencies and disasters with all available resources.
- Be accountable and manage all allocated resources effectively and efficiently.

Core Values



Selfless Service

Place the needs of others and your subordinates ahead of your own.

Integrity

Be honest, forthright, and truthful. In any and all situations do the right thing because it is the right thing.

Responsibility

Be accountable for your duties. You are expected to complete all duties and assignments to the highest standard.



South Carolina Department of Public Safety

Mission

The mission of the South Carolina Department of Public Safety is to protect and save lives through enforcement and education.

Vision

Setting the standard for public safety excellence as a cohesive team by making South Carolina a safer place to live, work, and visit through protection, education, and service.

Values

Integrity: Integrity is a fundamental value. It is characterized by honesty, fairness and ethical behavior.

Excellence: Is the result of employees consistently doing their jobs professionally, with a customer focus and constantly striving for improvement.

Accountability: As an organization and employees we are good stewards of the authority, responsibilities and resources entrusted to us.

Employees: Employees are our most valuable assets, recognized for functioning as individual ambassadors of the department and collectively as a team in our commitment to protect and save lives.

Leadership: We expect all of our employees to be leaders. We further expect them to be respectful of others, responsible for their actions and take the initiative to perform at consistently high levels.

South Carolina Highway Patrol Command Staff



Colonel M.R. Oliver
Commander



Lieutenant Colonel C.N. Williamson
Deputy Patrol Commander



Major C.S. Watford
Administrative Support



Major M.A. Gosnell
Operational Support

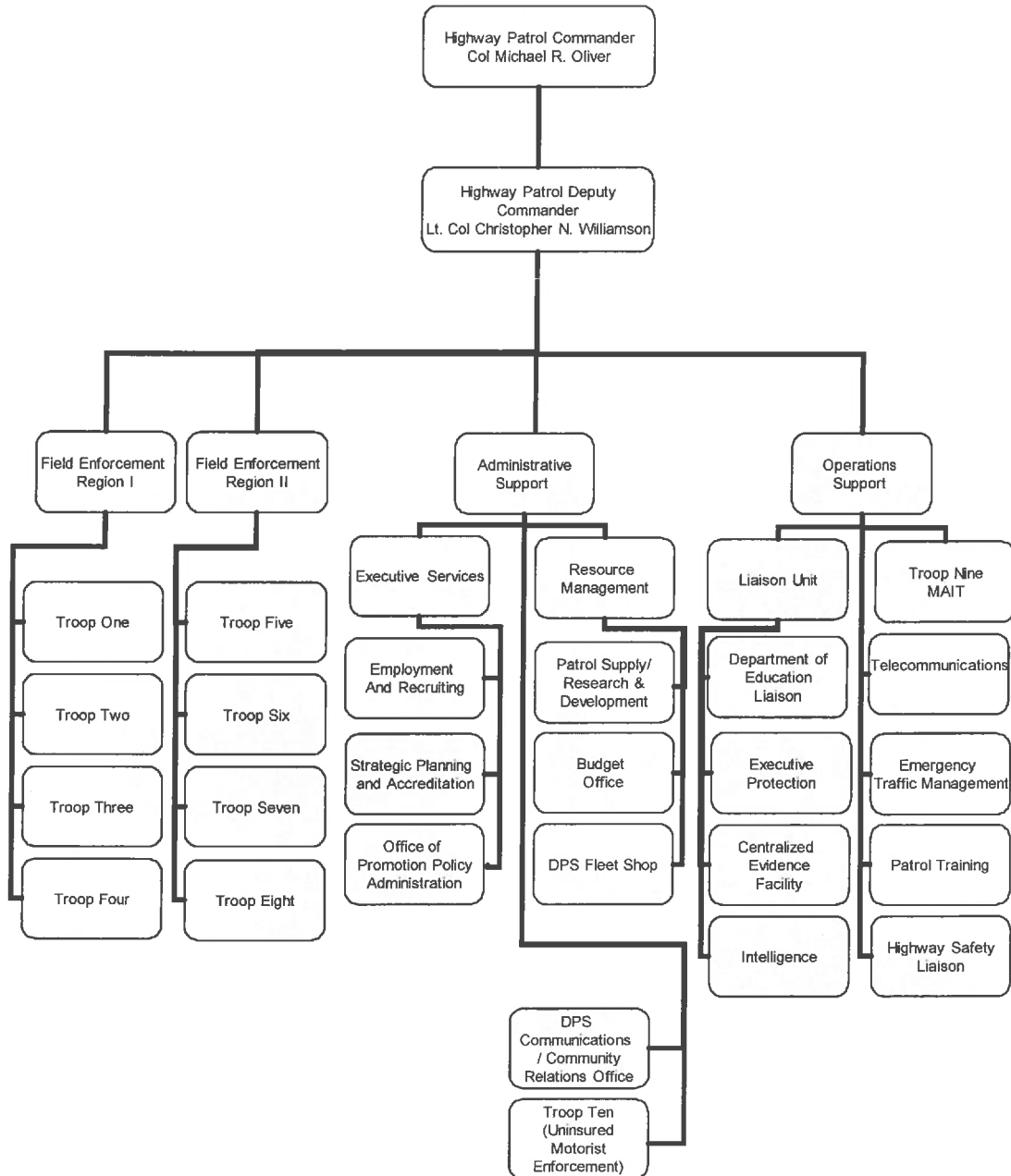


Major M.S. Wright
Field Operations Region
1



Major Melvin Warren
Field Operations Region
2

South Carolina Highway Patrol Organizational Chart



State Enforcement Statistics

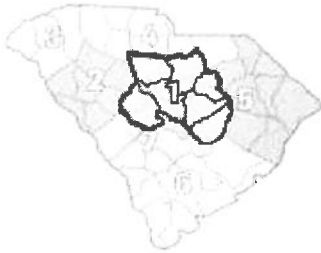
State Statistics	
4,832,482	Population
3,692,541	Licensed Drivers
4,229,277	Registered Vehicles
66,265	Roadway Miles
32,004	Square Miles

Statistics: Patrol and Enforcement			
	2012	2013	2014
Total Troopers	796	764	773
Motorists Assisted	128,247	173,573	136,444
Miles Driven	32,381,520	30,183,431	27,473,480
Crashes Investigated	74,219	78,443	79,549
DUI Arrests	14,264	14,490	13,974
Warnings Issued	408,948	372,728	319,608
	2012	2013	2014
Tickets Issued	501,131	489,666	458,895
Seatbelt Violations	174,207	170,622	144,951
Child Seat Violations	5,300	4,860	4,358
Speed Violations	193,058	184,671	185,788



Troop 1 Clarendon, Sumter, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Richland

Captain C. T. Stephens



Troop Statistics

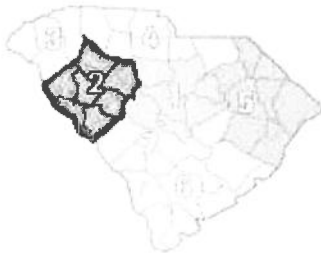
896,349 Population (2013)
 662,827 Licensed Drivers
 777,187 Registered Vehicles
 10,336 Roadway Miles

Post A: Clarendon, Sumter			
	2012	2013	2014
Troopers	22	21	18
Cases	14,275	11,677	11,722
Warnings	11,879	10,450	10,165
Crashes	1,792	1,754	1,749
DUI	471	456	503
Post B: Kershaw, Lee			
	2012	2013	2014
Troopers	18	17	16
Cases	12,020	9,030	10,657
Warnings	13,364	12,593	11,939
Crashes	1,334	1,328	1,442
DUI	319	241	259
Post C: Lexington			
	2012	2013	2014
Troopers	24	26	30
Cases	18,311	18,104	24,966
Warnings	12,914	12,712	15,543
Crashes	4,597	4,877	4,966
DUI	726	626	634
Post D: Richland			
	2012	2013	2014
Troopers	31	41	38
Cases	19,560	31,891	31,240
Warnings	11,765	20,685	19,536
Crashes	6,723	7,338	7,022
DUI	721	933	924



Troop 2 Laurens, Newberry, Abbeville, Greenwood, Edgefield, McCormick, Saluda

Captain D.W. Yongue



Troop Statistics

254,954 Population (2013)
 188,304 Licensed Drivers
 235,449 Registered Vehicles
 7,921 Roadway Miles
 3,795 Square Miles

Post A: Laurens, Newberry			
	2012	2013	2014
Troopers	22	21	21
Cases	18,856	16,538	17,573
Warnings	13,014	13,667	12,808
Crashes	1,777	1,963	1,971
DUI	303	319	320
Post B: Abbeville, Greenwood			
	2012	2013	2014
Troopers	19	17	17
Cases	14,925	13,850	12,166
Warnings	13,940	9,437	8,787
Crashes	1,239	1,278	1,335
DUI	363	400	421
Post C: Edgefield, McCormick, Saluda			
	2012	2013	2014
Troopers	10	14	15
Cases	8,415	8,812	9,051
Warnings	7,405	7,676	7,164
Crashes	636	606	655
DUI	192	195	226



Troop 3 Anderson, Oconee, Pickens, Greenville, Spartanburg

Captain Michael Warren



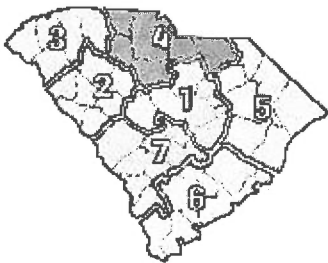
Troop Statistics

1,150,750 Population (2013)
 895,285 Licensed Drivers
 1,024,194 Registered Vehicles
 7,921 Roadway Miles
 3,795 Square Miles

Post A: Anderson			
	2012	2013	2014
Troopers	28	26	27
Cases	17,479	17,054	17,102
Warnings	18,902	15,313	17,263
Crashes	4,151	4,544	4,312
DUI	626	777	658
Post B: Oconee, Pickens			
	2012	2013	2014
Troopers	25	25	21
Cases	17,578	16,274	13,043
Warnings	19,284	19,329	14,240
Crashes	2,517	2,643	2,453
DUI	602	597	579
Post C: Greenville			
	2012	2013	2014
Troopers	44	50	51
Cases	37,267	33,147	30,405
Warnings	33,966	27,546	22,286
Crashes	11,044	11,467	11,557
DUI	1,213	1,220	1,259
Post D: Spartanburg			
	2012	2013	2014
Troopers	36	40	40
Cases	24,847	29,720	25,639
Warnings	23,820	24,188	18,464
Crashes	6,433	6,767	6,771
DUI	768	696	684

Troop 4 Cherokee, Union, York, Chester, Fairfield, Chesterfield, Lancaster

Captain B.J. Albert



Troop Statistics

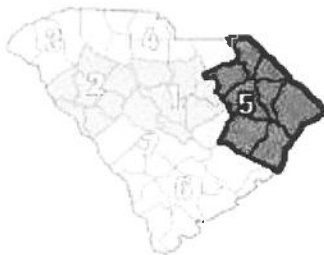
505,620 Population (2013)
 402,762 Licensed Drivers
 469,953 Registered Vehicle
 8,864 Roadway Miles
 4,266 Square Miles

Post A: Cherokee, Union			
	2012	2013	2014
Troopers	18	18	17
Cases	14,083	14,116	13,735
Warnings	15,327	11,987	11,509
Crashes	1,554	1,642	1,757
DUI	349	438	383
Post B: York			
	2012	2013	2014
Troopers	27	25	27
Cases	22,231	23,412	25,181
Warnings	22,349	20,686	19,402
Crashes	2,910	3,021	3,464
DUI	570	681	741
Post C: Chester, Fairfield			
	2012	2013	2014
Troopers	18	15	18
Cases	11,486	14,165	11,565
Warnings	13,229	12,218	10,234
Crashes	1,116	1,215	1,150
DUI	314	312	222
Post D: Chesterfield, Lancaster			
	2012	2013	2014
Troopers	16	18	15
Cases	12,619	10,345	7,851
Warnings	15,195	14,051	10,428
Crashes	1,710	1,588	1,719
DUI	391	368	340



Troop 5 Darlington, Marlboro, Dillon, Florence, Marion, Georgetown, Williamsburg, Horry

Captain J.N. Nell



Troop Statistics

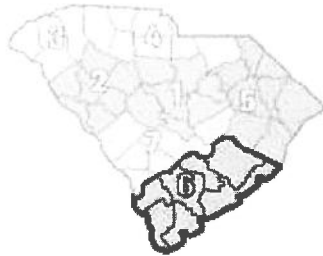
680,722 Population (2013)
 546,329 Licensed Drivers
 601,226 Registered Vehicle
 10,648 Roadway Miles
 5,892 Square Miles

Post A: Darlington, Marlboro			
	2012	2013	2014
Troopers	18	20	19
Cases	13,493	12,810	12,702
Warnings	5,839	4,761	5,830
Crashes	1,384	1,435	1,487
DUI	704	648	670
Post B: Dillon, Florence, Marion			
	2012	2013	2014
Troopers	38	37	37
Cases	33,592	26,821	22,949
Warnings	18,416	14,489	8,246
Crashes	3,034	3,234	3,362
DUI	1,106	1,082	1,009
Post C: Georgetown, Williamsburg			
	2012	2013	2014
Troopers	24	25	25
Cases	13,949	13,648	12,065
Warnings	7,453	6,748	4,566
Crashes	1,456	1,473	1,524
DUI	632	593	540
Post D: Horry			
	2012	2013	2014
Troopers	42	46	44
Cases	42,943	40,410	29,928
Warnings	12,776	13,199	8,074
Crashes	4,928	5,770	6,374
DUI	1,088	1,169	1,191



Troop 6 Charleston, Berkeley, Dorchester, Colleton, Beaufort, Jasper

Captain J.T. Manley



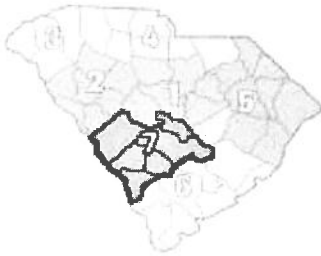
Troop Statistics

948,475 Population (2013)
 729,320 Licensed Drivers
 806,387 Registered Vehicles
 7,796 Roadway Miles
 5,904 Square Miles

Post A: Charleston, Berkeley			
	2012	2013	2014
Troopers	25	26	27
Cases	21,050	22,858	22,664
Warnings	8,638	10,280	7,967
Crashes	3,702	3,975	4,063
DUI	691	582	546
Post B: Dorchester, Colleton			
	2012	2013	2014
Troopers	19	20	20
Cases	11,885	13,558	14,342
Warnings	6,019	7,824	7,334
Crashes	2,446	2,548	2,690
DUI	368	379	380
Post C: Beaufort, Jasper			
	2012	2013	2014
Troopers	20	23	19
Cases	12,929	15,974	14,753
Warnings	8,777	10,241	8,083
Crashes	1,448	1,601	1,787
DUI	526	495	537

Troop 7 Allendale, Barnwell, Bamberg, Hampton, Calhoun, Orangeburg, Aiken

Captain A.K. Grice



Troop Statistics

317,561 Population (2013)
 251,162 Licensed Drivers
 295,851 Registered Vehicle
 8,621 Roadway Miles
 4,528 Square Miles

Post A: Allendale, Barnwell, Bamberg, Hampton			
	2012	2013	2014
Troopers	14	15	14
Cases	9,922	10,302	11,012
Warnings	11,812	10,180	9,243
Crashes	484	510	497
DUI	196	254	201
Post B: Calhoun, Orangeburg			
	2012	2013	2014
Troopers	18	21	22
Cases	17,115	16,991	14,004
Warnings	10,757	9,863	7,172
Crashes	2,491	2,740	2,679
DUI	452	444	347
Post C: Aiken			
	2012	2013	2014
Troopers	16	16	21
Cases	17,899	16,302	14,983
Warnings	13,376	10,445	6,451
Crashes	2,002	2,017	2,121
DUI	503	431	356

Troop 8 Interdiction, Canines, Motors, Safety Improvement Team



Captain G.S. Owens

Troop 8 is comprised of four sections: the Interdiction Unit, Canine Unit, the Motorcycle Unit and the Safety Improvement Team. Members of the Interdiction Unit, which includes the Canine Section, are trained in aggressive criminal enforcement (ACE) methods. The Unit focuses its efforts on the interception of illegal drugs and its associated currency, the apprehension of fugitives and felons, and the seizure of counterfeit merchandise, illegal weapons, stolen vehicles and explosives. The Interdiction Unit has six (6) Interdiction/Canine troopers.

The Motorcycle Unit's primary responsibility is motorist and pedestrian safety. Members of this unit are trained in aggressive traffic enforcement. They respond statewide to enforcement assignments that target fatality reduction, aggressive driving and selective enforcement based on prior crash data. There are 14 motorcycle troopers.

The Safety Improvement Team (SIT) is a partnership between the South Carolina Highway Patrol and the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT). It began as a three year, federally-funded grant program intended to reduce the number and severity of collisions in and around work zones. Currently it is funded directly through SCDOT. There are four teams that operate across the state. In accordance with federal guidelines, the SIT Team members must perform 100% of their duties enforcing in work zones. Each region has a SCDOT project engineer who works closely with the patrol supervisors to determine the areas to be patrolled. There are currently 18 troopers assigned to SIT Team.



Troop 8 Interdiction, Canines, Motors, Safety Improvement Team

ACE Team Activity	2012	2013	2014
Troopers	52	44	45
Cases	33,996	24,149	23,030
Warnings	53,168	39,294	33,225
DUI	60	32	17
Stolen Vehicles	0	2	2
Weapon Violations	13	2	4
Fugitive Arrests	26	12	28
Felony Arrests	60	45	39
Vehicles Seized	1	4	1
Currency Seized	\$423,571.00	\$308,845.00	\$370,016.00

Drug Activity	2012	2013	2014
Marijuana			
Cases	102	68	95
Amount	433 lbs.	.12 lbs.	220.56 lbs.
Cocaine			
Cases	17	10	9
Amount	354 lbs.	23.2 lbs.	5.78 lbs.
Crack			
Cases	6	0	3
Amount	4 lbs.		8g
Methamphetamine			
Cases	5	14	11
Amount	3 lbs.	65.4 lbs.	3.47 lbs.
Stimulants / Depressants			
Cases	1	4	0
Amount	38 Dosage Units	27 Dosage Units	
Ecstasy			
Cases	1	1	1
Amount	151 Dosage Units	27 Dosage Units	4 Dosage Units



Troop 9 Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team (MAIT)

Captain M.A. Dangerfield

In the early 1990's, the Highway Patrol Command Staff began to recognize the need for more intensive collision investigations. The Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) was created in 1994 to determine the collision and injury causes in severe collisions. MAIT's goal is to reduce the number and severity of collisions in South Carolina by identifying the causes of collisions and supporting the Highway Patrol in educating the public on these causes. To accomplish this, MAIT conducts in-depth investigations into significant collisions throughout the state.

MAIT is divided into four regions across the state: Piedmont (Troop 2 and 3), Pee Dee (Troop 5), Coastal (Troop 6 and 7) and Midlands (Troop 1 and 4). Select members from each region are assigned to the Special Response Unit; these troopers are prepared to travel to any part of the state on short notice.

In 2014, MAIT worked 776 cases. This was accomplished even when deadlines were reduced in order to quickly deliver a complete investigation to those waiting on the results.

MAIT is also completely digital and paper-less. This has tremendously reduced the amount of physical paper, storage, and labor associated with a paper system. All data is stored online and all elements of an investigation can be delivered via any digital source.

MAIT also maintains and oversees all fatal investigative photographs by the troops on a secure server.

A recent evaluation indicated that the background investigation portion of the employment process was outdated and was in need of an overhaul. The Employment Unit created a new, more up-to-date background investigation form and questionnaire. Along with updating the actual background investigation form, it was discovered that specialized individuals were needed to perform these investigations. In the past these investigations were performed by trained "Road Troopers" who would periodically be assigned this task and given a deadline. After researching several ideas for improvement, it was decided that based on their training with investigations and organizational skills, the task of performing employment background investigations would be a good fit for MAIT. In 2010, MAIT began this process and has been able to provide a very thorough product for the Employment Unit and the Command Staff to use in the consideration of new applicants. MAIT completed over 179 Background Investigations in 2014 for the South Carolina Highway Patrol.



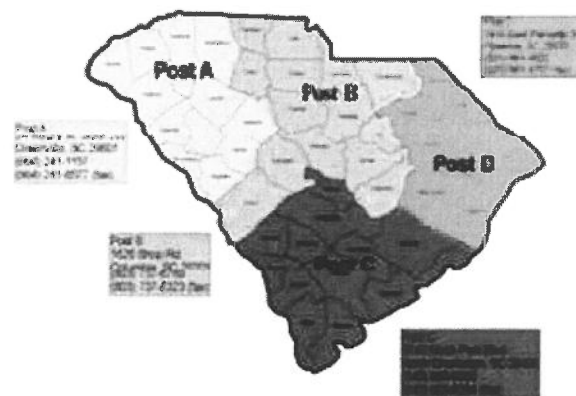
Troop 9 Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team (MAIT)

MAIT Team Activity	2013	2014
Troopers	32	33
Total Investigations	751	776
Fatality - DUI	35	56
GBI - DUI	63	67
Limited Investigations	177	172
At-Scene Investigations	188	198
Supplemental	79	104
Patrol Backgrounds	209	179

Hit and Run Collision Investigations	2013	2014
Total Hit and Runs	52	36
Total Hit and Run with Death	29	19
Total Hit and Run Non-Fatal	23	17
Hit and Run Vehicle Type Identified	37	25

Troop Statistics

- 9 Troopers, Piedmont Region
- 8 Troopers, Pee Dee Region
- 5 Troopers, Coastal Region
- 8 Troopers Midlands Region



Troop 10 Administrative and Regulatory Compliance Unit



Captain C.B. Hughes

The Administrative and Compliance Unit is tasked with over-seeing specified administrative and regulatory compliance requirements. These include wrecker regulations, record maintenance and insurance enforcement. The unit is commanded by Captain C.B. Hughes and has the following responsibilities:

Administrative and Regulatory Compliance

Rotation Wrecker Regulations

The South Carolina Highway Patrol is charged with regulating and maintaining a list of towing services which, on a rotational basis, tow vehicles at the request of the Department. This is accomplished through the administration and enforcement of Article 7 (38-600) *Regulation of Wrecker Services and South Carolina Department of Public Safety Wrecker Rotation Disciplinary Policy 200.16*. In order that the motoring public and businesses on the rotation list are treated equally and fairly, it is incumbent upon the Department to ensure that any regulation or disciplinary action is consistently enforced and applied within each division and/or Troop. To that end, the Administrative and Regulatory Compliance Unit uses standardized operating procedures for the administrative and enforcement of rotation wreckers to be utilized throughout the state.

Record Maintenance

Records Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a records retention schedule for all records produced and held by the Highway Patrol. This section works closely with the Department's Records Manager to comply with the State's Public Records Act to ensure that all records are properly maintained or destroyed as required.

Insurance Enforcement

The Insurance Enforcement Unit is responsible for taking the proper action against subjects whose driver's license and vehicle license plates have been suspended.

Department policies and procedures as well as sections of law are explained to the public to help them understand how to clear these suspensions. If suspended items are not turned in, subjects are in violation; then, the Insurance Enforcement Troopers must take enforcement action.

Other duties require enforcement of all traffic and criminal laws, computer skills to access Department of Motor Vehicle information, and working with insurance companies when there are problems relating to financial responsibility suspensions. The Unit also assists with interstate

Insurance Enforcement (continued)

coverage during selected holidays and always stands ready to aid with hurricane evacuations or similar events affecting public safety.

At the present time the Insurance Enforcement Division consists of retired troopers and is supported by three full time troopers that are assigned temporarily.

Insurance Enforcement Activity			
	2012	2013	2014
Contacts	74,476	84,635	81,330
Suspensions Received	49,475	52,534	54,727
Suspensions Cleared	47,844	51,515	52,251
Confiscated License Plates	18,317	21,144	21,665
Cases Made	979	962	671





Resource Management

Budget/Procurement Facilities, Fleet Shop, Patrol Supply

Captain M.A. Burgess

The Resource Management Unit is an administrative division of the Highway Patrol. The Unit is commanded by Captain M.A. Burgess and oversees the Budget/Procurement Facilities, Fleet Shop, and Patrol Supply.

Patrol Supply Warehouse

The **Patrol Supply Warehouse** is the primary location for all uniforms and equipment such as weapons, ammunitions, body armor, and summons books that are utilized by the HP, STP, BPS, and all other divisions of DPS. Patrol Supply Warehouse is responsible for ordering and receiving all purchased items, as well as manages the ordering, inventory, and issuance of summons books to all law enforcement agencies in South Carolina. Supply Specialists organize the fitting and collecting of equipment and uniforms for all patrol classes that are then delivered to HP Training.

New Officers

During 2014, Patrol Supply issued equipment to 86 new trainees that were hired by the Highway Patrol, State Transport Police and Bureau of Protective Services.

Summons Books and Warning Books

Patrol Supply started issuing the new revised uniform traffic ticket to outside agencies in 2014. This new traffic ticket will be used by all police agencies in South Carolina including the Department of Public Safety. A total of 14,255 summons books and 10,303 warning books were issued to outside agencies in 2014.

DUI In-Car Cameras

DPS has continued to purchase digital in-car cameras that will be issued to police and sheriff departments around the state. These cameras provide the officers with a better quality of audio and video which can be stored on a DVD or flash drive storage system. These cameras were purchased through the DUI funding program.

Body Armor

During the summer of 2014, Patrol Supply requested that the manufacturer conduct a demonstration of the new ABA Xtreme body armor. DPS purchased nine pieces of this new body armor so it could be tested by enforcement officers around the state. Officers were asked to evaluate the durability and comfort of the body armor compared to the current body armor they wear.

Resource Management

Budget/Procurement Facilities, Fleet Shop, Patrol Supply Warehouse

Patrol Supply Warehouse (continued)

Body Cameras

Highway Patrol purchased fifty (50) Watch Guard CopVU body cameras so they could be tested by enforcement officers around the state in early 2015. Officers will be asked to evaluate the durability, comfort of wearing the camera and the software that comes with the camera.

Fleet Services Shop

The **Fleet Services Shop** is responsible for procuring, registering, equipping, issuing, and maintaining all HP, STP, and BPS vehicles. Additionally, this division assists in installing and maintains in-car video systems for other law enforcement agency vehicles with fees assessed through DUI legislation.

New Officers

During 2014, the Fleet Services Shop serviced and outfitted 86 new trainees that were hired by the Highway Patrol, State Transport Police and Bureau of Protective Services with fully operational vehicles.

Vehicles

The Fleet Services Shop striped and surplused 176 vehicles, built and issued 172 new Highway Patrol and State Transport Police vehicles and built 36 DNR trucks.

Radio Upgrades

In 2014, the Fleet Services Shop upgraded the radio systems by adding antennas for Troop 4 and will begin Troop 5 in 2015.

Surplus

Over 20 pallets of miscellaneous equipment were sent to State Surplus for sell in 2014.

Inventory

The 2014 inventory was completed and returned to Resource Management two weeks before the due date. Fleet Services also consolidated the parts department into one secure area. Their inventory consisted of over 2400 pieces accounted for.

Resource Management

Budget/Procurement Facilities, Fleet Shop, Patrol Supply Warehouse

Fleet Services Shop (continued)

Repairs

The Fleet Services Shop for 2014 averaged 78.5 walk ins and scheduled appointments a month.

Budget/Procurement Division

The Budget/Procurement Office oversees all matters pertaining to budget or procurement for the Highway Patrol. This includes monitoring all revenue and expenditure accounts, ensuring that the Patrol stays in line with appropriated funds. The Procurement office ensures that all purchases made by our office follow all procurement policies.

New Technology Equipment

New computers, printers, and monitors continue to be issued to administrative and law enforcement employees. This technology replaces outdated equipment and upgraded users to the latest operating and software programs.



Executive Services Unit



Captain G.B. Peralta, Sr.

The Executive Services Unit is commanded by Captain G.B. Peralta, Sr. which provides administrative support for the Highway Patrol Command Staff through three areas: Strategic Planning and Accreditation, Employment and Recruiting, and Promotional Policy Administration.

Strategic Planning and Accreditation

The Strategic Planning and Accreditation section is responsible for maintaining the Highway Patrol's strategic plan and to research new and innovative methods for improving Highway Patrol efficiency, safety, and effectiveness. The Highway Patrol's Strategic Plan sets determines its long-term goals and identifies the best approaches for achieving them. This area also maintains the Highway Patrol's grants program to research federal sources to fund projects that will further the Highway Patrol's mission. In 2014 the Highway Patrol was awarded \$427,398 in funding for grants. The Department is a member of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The Strategic Planning and Accreditation Section is responsible for ensuring that the Highway Patrol complies with the over 462 required standards.

Accomplishments during 2014 include:

- Improving the Patrol's hiring process by:
 - Holding employment orientations throughout the state, to include administering the Nelson-Denny test and replacing an antiquated physical fitness test with PAT
 - Working closely with the Office of Human Resources to revise the supplemental application and background investigation and polygraph questionnaires alleviating redundant questions
 - Conducted Background Investigator Training for Field Troopers to expedite this process
- Revising Promotion Test Guidelines to award points for Master's Degree and above
- Reviewing and revising the Patrol's accreditation process
- Implementing the Patrol's Intern Program
- Reviewed numerous policies and Standard Operating Procedures



Executive Services Unit

Employment and Recruiting Section

The primary function of the Employment and Recruiting Section is to locate and attract the highest quality applicants for the position of Highway Patrol Troopers. To accomplish this, the section holds orientation sessions to ensure that applicants are knowledgeable about Patrol duties, conducts all pre-screening activities, processes all paperwork associated with the hiring process, and coordinates oral interview boards. The section is physically located at Highway Patrol Headquarters in Blythewood, SC and functions under the command of the Executive Services Unit and its Commander.

The Employment & Recruiting Section made some significant revisions and upgrades to its operational methods. Some of these revisions and upgrades included but were not limited to the following during 2014:

- Opened the recruiting and hiring processing for applicants from out of state, a practice that had been previously cancelled;
- Worked hand-in-hand with the Office of Human Resources to enhance and revise the questions on the state application to increase the efficiency of the process;
- Worked with the office of Human Resources to increase the salary for certified officers with more than 3 years of experience from \$31,154 to \$37,695;
- Conducted 3 Employment Background Investigation classes to increase the number of background investigators throughout the state by 29;
- Developed recruiting brochure;
- Hired 51 troopers in January and 44 in July;
- Produced a new recruitment video; and
- Rotated the SChP recruiting specialized patrol vehicle through several troops in the state.

2014 Employment Unit Statistics	
State applications received	1955
Automatic rejections	420
Supplemental applications received	699
Applicants PT tested	329
Polygraph Examinations	317
Total new Troopers graduated	83
Re-Hire applications received	6
Re-Hire applicants hired	1

Executive Services Unit

Office of Promotion Policy Administration

Promotion Policy Administration administers the Highway Patrol's promotion process for promotions to the ranks of Corporal, Sergeant, First Sergeant, and Lieutenant. The Office of Promotion Policy Administration made some significant revisions and upgrades to its process. Some of these revisions included:

- Promotion Board Interview Rubrics;
- Developed behavioral-type interview guidelines.

2014 Promotions	
Corporal	22
Sergeant	11
First Sergeant	4
Lieutenant	7
Captain	4
Major	1
TOTAL	49





Emergency Traffic Management Unit

Captain R.G Woods, IV

The Emergency Traffic Management Unit (ETMU) coordinates the Department of Public Safety's traffic management responsibilities during emergencies and evacuations, which includes planning and response for all hazard contingencies. The ETMU is commanded by Captain R.G. Woods, IV, M.A., CPM and is staffed by two troopers and one civilian.

The unit consists of two planners who are responsible for developing and maintaining emergency traffic management and evacuation plans. The ETMU also coordinates support and resources from state, federal, and local agencies in the development of these plans.

The ETMUs responsibilities are as follows:

- Assists in the development of operational plans for SCDPS support to local law enforcement agencies during special events.
- Coordinates the activities of SCDPS and other state and local agencies for emergency traffic operations during critical incidents.
- Participates in emergency response exercises to ensure response plans meet mission requirements as outlined in the South Carolina Emergency Operation Plan (SCEOP) and other relevant operational plans.
- Develops and presents traffic evacuation plans for natural disasters to a variety of governmental and private entities.
- Provides supervisors and staff to the State Emergency Operation Center (SEOC) and Emergency Support Function 16 (ESF 16) during activation of the SEOC for coordinated state response to critical incidents.
- Provides Emergency Response Training to SCDPS Troopers and Officers.
- Conducts After Action Reviews (AARs) upon conclusion of SCDPS emergency response operations and/or exercises.
- Collects and compiles expenses incurred by the SCDPS during response operations to natural or man-made disaster events and forwards this information to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to recoup agency cost following a Presidential Disaster Declaration.



Emergency Traffic Management Unit

Each year ETMU coordinates or engages in many exercises and statewide training operations including the following:

EVENTS

- Activated and Staffed SEOC/OCC for January 28 – 30 Winter Weather Event
- Activated and Staffed SEOC/OCC for February 11 – 14 Winter Weather Event
- Holiday Enforcement (multiple holidays)
- Winter Weather Awareness Week Press Conference
- Florida Promotional Board (Laffin)
- Catawba Nuclear Station Plant Tour and Briefing
- VCS FNF L. E. Meet and Greet
- 15th MUSC Hurricane Awareness Day
- Annual Disaster Awareness Day (Kiawah and Seabrook Island)
- Sun City – Hilton Head Hurricane Awareness Day
- Governor's Coastal Tour
- Law Enforcement Memorial
- End of Summer Law Enforcement Softball Tournament
- Columbia College Mentor/Mentee Event
- Interview Board (Laffin)
- PT Test (Laffin)
- CrossFit864 "Hero Workout"
- Football Game Duty
- Googlefest
- Badging and Credentialing of Basic 94 Class
- Badging and Credentialing of Basic 95 Class



EXERCISES/TRAININGS

- SCDPS Hurricane Deployment Drill
- Ebola Tabletop SC
- SCNG Vigilant Guard
- State Full Scale Exercise
- Logistics Tabletop Exercise
- National Hurricane Webinar Program
- Plant Vogtle Full Scale HAB Exercise
- Severe Weather Tabletop
- SCDPS Winter Storm Functional Exercise
- Great Southeastern Shakeout Earthquake Exercise Drill
- State Full Scale Exercise Planning Meetings
- ADMN SERT EMCOP/WebEOC Training
- SCNG Regional ROC Drills
- LMD Commo Drill
- Midlands Regional Communication Exercise
- Oconee Exercise Player Training



Emergency Traffic Management Unit

COORDINATION/PARTNERSHIP/PLANNING MEETINGS

- Peer Support and Hurricane Evacuation Meetings with Georgia Patrol
- Traffic Incident Management Meetings (statewide)
- Evacuation Signage Meeting
- SC Web Based Credentialing Printer Software Update
- SCEMD Dam Failure Training
- Annual Recovery Workshop
- Wildlife Response Seminar
- CVI Taskforce Meeting
- Active Shooter Meeting
- JACCIS Webinar
- ICS 400
- ICS 300
- GETS/WPS Webinar
- SERT Tabletop Exercise
- Target Zero Quarterly Briefing
- Communications Meeting
- Work Zone Safety Webinar
- Lane Reversal Tabletop Exercise
- Governor's Tabletop Dress Rehearsal
- Governor's Hurricane Tabletop Exercise
- Governor's Tabletop Exercise Briefing
- AEOC MOU Meeting
- Cherokee Falls Dam EAP Workshop
- Santee Cooper Dam EAP
- Saluda Hydroelectric Project EAP
- Oconee Nuclear Station AAR
- Winter Storm Planning
- Inauguration Planning Meeting
- MLK Planning Meeting
- Salamander Software training
- Half Ironman Planning Meeting
- Regional TIMS Meetings
- CAD Screen Training
- Little League World Series in Lexington County Meeting
- SEOC Facility and Functional Review
- Wildfire Response Seminar
- Winter Weather Executive Group
- Reporting Compliance Committee Meeting
- PRND Meeting
- In-Service
- SCDPS Winter Storm Functional Exercise AAR Meetings
- Basic 95 TIMS
- Southern Exposure 2015 Planning Meetings
- Alternate Site Computing Facility Meeting
- OPR DI-Investigation Training
- Colonel's Command Staff Leadership Retreat
- CNIPs Field Training
- SPR N. 699 "Integration of the Incident Command System (ICS) Protocol for Effective Coordination of Multi-Agency Responses to Traffic Incidents"
- SC Animals/Products Stop Movement Order Interagency Discussion
- SEOC Orientation
- Longterm Sustainment Plan Meeting
- Continuity of Operations Plan Meeting
- Emerging Infectious Disease (Ebola virus) Seminar
- EBOLA ESF Working Group Meeting
- Palmetto 800 User's Group Meeting
- Mobile Data Committee
- HSAC/THIRA Meeting
- Evacuation Signage
- Active Shooter Planning Meeting
- Hurricane Evacuation Rollout Southern Conglomerate
- Hurricane Evacuation Rollout Central Conglomerate
- Hurricane Evacuation Rollout Northern Conglomerate
- FEMA Damage Assessment Team Meeting
- GIS Program Briefing
- GETS/WPS User Council Webinar
- E-905 – IEMC/Hurricane: Prep and Response Course (Rosado)
- H. B. Robinson Quarterly Meeting

Emergency Traffic Management Unit

COORDINATION/PARTNERSHIP/PLANNING MEETINGS (continued)

- 2014 Hurrevac Training
- 2014 Annual Emergency Action Plan Training (Stevens Creek Hydroelectric Plant)
- Annual EAP Training (Parr Hydroelectric and Fairfield Pumped Storage)
- SC PRND CVI Task Force Meeting
- Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW)
- WMD Working Group Meeting
- Oconee REP/HAB Exercise
- Recovery Task Force Meeting
- Hurricane Task Force Meetings
- Healthcare Coalition Meeting
- ESF 19 Workshop
- ESF 17 Workshop
- ESF 14 Workshop
- ESF 16 Workshop
- ESF 13 Workshop
- ESF 3 Workshop
- ESF 10 Workshop
- Lake Murray Dam Failure Brochure Meeting
- Greeter Directory Meeting
- FEMA JFO/State AAR for Winter Weather Event
- ETMU Operational Assessment
- Business Continuity GAP Analysis Meeting
- Statewide Conglomerate Hurricane Meeting
- SC Statewide Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Architecture and Strategic Plan
- Ebola Conference Calls

OTHER

- Certified Public Manager Program (Laffin)
- Badging and Credentialing of Basic 95 class
- Badging and Credentialing of Basic 94 class
- Agency Wide Distribution of Ebola Symptom visor cards
- Hurricane Route Recon





Telecommunications Unit

Captain R.L. Ray

The Telecommunications Unit provides troopers and DPS officers with accurate and timely information necessary for their safety and for the safety of the public traveling on the roadways. The Telecommunications Unit is commanded by Captain R.L. Ray and one sergeant.

The Highway Patrol is the only state law enforcement agency that maintains and operates a statewide communication network that is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Telecommunications

Services the Highway Patrol Telecommunications Centers (TCC) provides are:

- Dispatch Services to the Highway Patrol Troopers, State Transport Police Officers, Bureau of Protective Services Officers, and the S.C. Employment Security Commission;
- Back-up for S.C. Emergency Management Division's State Warning Point to monitor emergencies from the state's nuclear facilities and hydroelectric dams;
- Receipt and dissemination of AMBER emergency alerts;
- Receipt and dissemination of National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Bulletins;
- Motor Vehicle and Driver License records;
- S.C. Criminal Justice Information Files (CJICS); and
- Radio Communication with county Emergency Management Center via mutual aid radio systems.

Communications Logistics

This section is responsible for all SCDPS enforcement communications equipment and includes maintaining, programming, and equipping all DPS Law Enforcement officers and Highway Patrol Telecommunications Centers.

2014 Telecommunications Unit Activity	
Call Center	Calls for Service
Blythewood	265,212
Charleston	150,662
Florence	150,897
Greenville	238,862
Greenwood*	105,985
Total	911,618

*The Greenwood Telecommunications Center was consolidated on August 11, 2014. Calls for service shown are from January 1 – August 11, 2014.

Telecommunications Unit

Communications Logistics (continued)

MCC7100's - Became completely operational and were deployed on various occasions including Charleston's Bridge Run and Memorial Bike Fest. These are deployable laptops with proprietary radio console software connected directly into the Palmetto 800 switch. This allows radio communications through the internet on any Pal8 talkgroup from any location in the U.S.

Bi-Directional Amplifier - Purchased and installed a BDA in the OCC at DPS HQ in Blythewood. This provides portable radio coverage in and around the OCC where it was previously lacking.

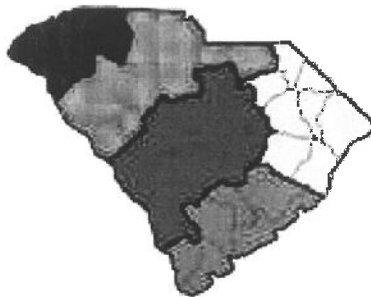
28 APX7000 Portable Radios - Through a grant, the DPS purchased 28 new Motorola APX7000 portable radios. They are currently being issued to the DPS A-CERT team, and their current radios will replace old non-P25 cache radios issued to the Troops. The cache radios are provided during disasters/evacuations to support agencies that currently do not have 800MHz radios (SCDNR and SCNG).

90 APX7500 Mobile Radios - Over the course of 2014, DPS has purchased 90 APX7500 mobile radios to replace older non-P25 radios. These radios also have VHF capability which not only affords DPS Officers interoperability with Public Safety agencies that use VHF frequencies, but allows backup communications capability on State agency VHF radio systems (SLED, SCDNR & Forestry). *(Long term goal is every DPS officer has access to at least one VHF radio)

Aviation Backup Radio - Completed the installation of an ICOM Airband radio at the Sumter DOT tower. Radio is controlled through the DPS network at a desk in the OCC located at DPS HQ. This allows the Air Branch operator additional communications capability with aircraft during DPS-supported deployments. Test during the Full Scale Hurricane Exercise proved very positive results.

NCSHP P-25 Conversion - North Carolina Highway Patrol converted their radio system "VIPER" to P25 in 2014. DPS accomplished reprogramming all DPS radios along the NC border shortly thereafter. This allows interoperability with NCSHP as well as backup for DPS Officers in areas of insufficient radio coverage on the Palmetto 800 system.

Programming - Programmed 1,308 radios over the course of 2014. This is an ongoing process as updates continue to become available and necessary.



Telecommunications Unit

Training Program

The SChP Communications Unit Training Program serves to establish, coordinate, and implement training for Telecommunication personnel to develop a professional and efficient staff. In addition to this training, this training program includes training for civilian and law enforcement personnel employed by the South Carolina Department of Public Safety (SCDPS).

The objectives of the SChP Communications Unit Training Program are to:

- Provide mandatory training as outlined by CALEA and/or DPS Policy;
- Develop online training courses and track training through PowerDMS;
- Develop the proficiency of the training program through a system of feedback that measures progress and identifies training needs;
- Provide for the professional development of the new telecommunication operators through a structured training environment which consists of an on the job training program and formal classroom instruction;
- Increase the ability of all civilian supervisors to manage and supervise by providing training on managing skills and leadership principles;
- Stay abreast with updates and trends within the telecommunications field; and
- Assist other law enforcement agencies with training needs and development.

The responsibilities of the civilian section include:

- New hire training;
- Mandatory DPS/CALEA Training;
- Employee Development;
- NCIC Classes: Certification/Reaffirmation, Warrant Entry, etc.;
- TCO Certification;
- Annual TCO In-service;
- Communication Training Operator's Class; and
- Patrol Basic Class: Reading Driver Records, DMV online training, Radio and CAD procedures.

A new hire training program was developed in the summer of 2010 that covers the mandatory training in ethics, harassment prevention, terrorism, and dealing with the mentally ill. These courses are assigned to newly hired employees as they are granted access to the PowerDMS training database. Near the end of 2014, a new course was created to train all SCDPS employees regarding NCIC Security and Awareness – Level I Training. This course will be assigned to all new employees beginning in 2015.

Courses are also available to prospective supervisors and managers. These courses (Civilian Supervisor Training and Civilian Manager Training) cover information to develop professional and efficient supervisors and managers. They are open to all civilian employees of SCDPS.

Telecommunications Unit

Classes Conducted during 2014

During the calendar year of 2014, this section held 20 instructor-led classes and filled 411 seats in these classes. These classes are conducted for SCDPS personnel and several of these classes are open to other law enforcement agencies in our state. Below the classes are listed with a brief explanation and a count of the students in each type of class.

NCIC Classes

The National Crime Information Center's (NCIC) goal is to help the criminal justice community perform its duties by providing and maintaining a computerized filing system of accurate and timely documented criminal justice information. The information in the computerized system must be kept accurate, completed, and updated. To accomplish this, the Telecommunications Section instructs several NCIC classes:

- **NCIC Inquiry Level Certification** – This is a one day course and is for those operators whose job functions require them only to inquire into the system. This course is designed to introduce the “inquiry only” operators to the policies, standards, and transactions set forth by NCIC when using the FBI/NCIC and SLED/CJIS System.
- **NCIC Full Function Certification** – This is a three day course for operators whose job functions require them to have full access to the NCIC computer system. This course covers all NCIC files including entering files, validating records, hit confirmation response, and inquiry. Upon completion of this course, students understand the policies and procedures set forth by the FBI/NCIC training unit. Also, the student understands how to perform NCIC transactions using the NCIC terminal.
- **Warrant Entry Class** – This training assists law enforcement agencies with policy updates, procedures, and practical experience on entering a warrant. This will ensure complete, accurate, and updated records in the NCIC system.
- **NCIC Reaffirmation (online course)** - According to NCIC policy, every user must re-certify every two years to retain NCIC certification. This course consists of a study and test provided by SLED via the Nextest training database. The student must also complete Security and Awareness training prior to completing the Reaffirmation test.



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NCIC Classes (continued)

- **NCIC Security and Awareness Training – Level 1** – This course was designed to give required training to all employees of SCDPS. The course is a slideshow provided by the SC State Law Enforcement Division (SLED). The slideshow was uploaded to the PowerDMS training software and assigned to all employees.

Course Title	Number of Classes	DPS Personnel	Troopers & DPS Officers	Outside Agencies
NCIC Inquiry Level	8	5	193	0
NCIC Full Function	3	24	0	12
Warrant Entry	2	11	NA	12
Reaffirmation	Online	72	330	0
NCIC Security & Awareness Training – Level 1	Online	297	874	0

Telecommunications Classes

- **Telecommunications Operator (TCO) and Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Certification** - The position of Telecommunications Operator is an integral part of SCDPS and requires extensive training. During this course, the TCO is familiarized with the policies and procedures that directly pertain to their required job functions. This is a 40 hour course which is updated as necessary when policies and procedures are revised.

The subjects covered are:

- **Telephone Procedures** – Provides the TCOs with the training that is needed to properly answer the telephone, process the information, and provide the proper flow of correct information to law enforcement agencies and to the public;
- **Radio Procedures** – Provides TCOs with proper radio procedures in accordance with the South Carolina Highway Patrol's policy and also within the national standards of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) manual;
- **Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Certification** – Provides TCOs with training in the practical applications of the SmartCop SmartCAD program and assesses their ability to operate the SmartCAD Program as it applies to their job functions;
- **State Geography/HP Troop Concept** – Provides new TCOs with an overview of the State of South Carolina and the South Carolina Highway Patrol so they can provide proper information to the public and law enforcement officers in a professional manner;
- **Reading Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Information** – Provides training to new TCOs on the procedures to read driver's records and how to interpret the correct meaning of the information contained in the driver's record;

Telecommunications Unit

Telecommunications Classes (continued)

- **Liability In the Communications Center** - Informs new TCOs of the liabilities associated with their job functions; and
- **Ride-a-long** – Each TCO is required to ride with a trooper for three hours as he is on patrol. The TCO is to observe how the trooper performs his job functions and how it relates to communications.
- **Annual In-service** – In-service is conducted each year to provide TCOs with new and updated information, additional training, and recertification as needed. The Telecommunications Unit also uses in-service to give additional training on areas they may be having trouble with statewide and to provide required training for the agency's accreditation. The 2014 in-service was conducted using the PowerDMS system and all of the TCOs completed the program. The following subjects were covered:
 - **Review of Telephone Procedures** – As time progresses, it is beneficial to review the procedures for handling telephone calls in the TCC.
 - **Forms** – The Telecommunications Unit employs technological resources to functions efficiently. These resources must be maintained and updated periodically by the appropriate personnel and, even then, an outage may occur. To prepare for this possibility, 2014 in-service included a review of the proper procedures and uses for several forms: Radio Log, Collision Summary Report, and Wrecker Log.

Course Title	Number of Classes	DPS Personnel
TCO	4	34
In-service	Online	112

- **Patrol Basic Class (Basic 94 and 95)** – The SCHP Communications Unit training program assists in training new troopers/officers in several subjects. The subjects are:
 - **Radio Procedures** – New troopers are given instructions on how to talk on the radio. They are also instructed on what information should be relayed on the radio and the order in which it should be given;
 - **SCDMV Online** – An introduction is given to the SCDMV Online website. New troopers become familiar with the options available to them when using the site;
 - **Reading Driver's Records** – Instruction is given on how to read and interpret a driver's records including how to recognize suspensions with enhanced penalties; and

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Telecommunications Classes (continued)

- **NCIC Inquiry Level Certification** – This is a one day course and is for those operators whose job functions require them only to inquire into the system. This course is designed to introduce the “inquiry only” operators to the policies, standards, and transactions set forth by NCIC when using the FBI/NCIC and SLED/CJIS System.

Course Title	Number of Classes	DPS Personnel
Radio Procedures	2	83
SC DMV Online	2	83
Reading Driver's Records	2	83

TCC Employment Review

- Revised the TCO Application Process;
- Received approximately 2,615 TCO Applications:
 - Hired 36;
 - Responded to Supplemental Requests: 706
 - Disqualified or Voluntarily Withdrew: 673
 - Interviewed: 79 (8 interviewed for 2 ATCS positions; 5 interviewed for 1 TCS position);
 - 17 TCO Reclassifications.

Computer Aided Dispatch

- Installed Geo Files in Troops 1, 4, 5, and 7;
- Updated Geo Files in Troop 6;
- Planned CAD Server replacements and migrations for all TCCs from physical servers to new virtual servers;
- Moved Blythewood TCC CAD Server to virtual server platform in December 2014;
- Worked with SCEMD to provide live CAD data to SCEMS's EMCOP program for use during Hurricane evacuations and other critical incidents.

Other

Consolidated down to four (4) TCCs:

- Moved Troop 2 radios to Greenville
- Moved Troop 4 radios to Blythewood
- Moved Troop 7 radios to Charleston

Training Unit



Captain E.J. Talbot

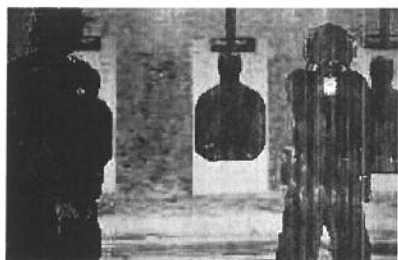
The law enforcement training functions of the South Carolina Highway Patrol is administered by the Highway Patrol Training Unit, under the direction of Captain E. J. Talbot. The Highway Patrol Training Unit is responsible for researching, developing, coordinating and delivering innovative and challenging training that enhances the operational readiness of the South Carolina Highway Patrol. The Training Unit is structured into two sections:

Professional Standards and Procedures

The Professional Standards and Procedures Section includes the administrative functions of the unit. This section is responsible for ensuring all Troopers attend and receive necessary training to maintain all certifications. This section oversees the basic training program for the Highway Patrol and coordinates in-service training for all law enforcement personnel within DPS including State Transport Police, Bureau of Protective Services, Immigration Enforcement Unit, and Office of Professional Responsibility. This section is divided into an in-service team and a basic training team.

Special Operations and Tactics

The Special Operations and Tactics Section are responsible for ensuring the operational readiness of the Advanced Civil Emergency Response Team (A-CERT) and assists with the training of CERT Members within the troops. This section conducts all training on specialized weapons, coordinates all honor guard and color guard assignments, and administers all pre-employment and voluntary physical fitness testing for the agency. The section also administrates the SCDPS Constable program.



Training Unit

Curriculum of Instruction		
THREE WEEKS Orientation / Indoctrination	TWELVE WEEKS Basic Law Enforcement (BLE)	SIX WEEKS Post Academy
<p>SCDPS Policy and Procedures – Trooper Trainees are indoctrinated to SCDPS policies and procedures.</p>	<p>The Basic Law Enforcement program (BLE) is mandated by South Carolina Law and provides officers with the necessary knowledge, skills, and the abilities to perform the duties of a certified law enforcement officer in the state of South Carolina. The curriculum during this program includes Pre-Academy Orientation topics along with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal law • Civil liability • Probable cause and arrest • Emergency Vehicle Operations • Crime scene evidence • Behavioral science • Basic Patrol Operations • Interview and interrogation • Report writing • Basic collision investigation • DUI detection and field sobriety testing <p>Upon completion of the twelve week training the candidate will be a certified Class 1 Law Enforcement Officer.</p>	<p>Trooper Trainees will receive specialized training in collision investigation and prevention. Training includes the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to speed estimates • Measuring and diagramming • Interviewing and interrogation • RADAR, LIDAR, & TASER Training • CPR and First Aid • Electronic Reports • Traffic stops • Courtroom
<p>Firearms – Trooper Trainees are given firearms instruction with an emphasis placed on basic weapons handling, drawing skills, and marksmanship fundamentals.</p>		
<p>Defensive Tactics – Trooper Trainees are introduced to defensive tactics with an emphasis placed on patterns of movement, tactical handcuffing, relative positioning, and force continuum issues.</p>		
<p>Physical Training – Trooper Trainees will participate in daily physical training sessions designed to develop cardiovascular endurance and muscular strength. It is also designed to build mental and physical toughness. It focuses on team building and esprit de corps.</p>		
<p>Upon completion of the Twenty-one Week Highway Patrol Basic Training Program the trainee will be commissioned as a South Carolina State Trooper. The newly commissioned Trooper will then enter a Field Training and Evaluation Program within their assigned Troop/Post. The Trooper, along with his Field Training Officer, must successfully complete 400 hours of Field Training and Evaluation (FTEP). The FTEP is divided into four phases. The first phase is Observation (36 hours), the second phase is Application (120 hours), the third phase is Field Demonstration (150 hours) and the final phase is Field Evaluation (120 hours).</p> <p>Once the Trooper has successfully completed the Field Training and Evaluation Program, in addition to the approval of the Troop Commander, he or she will be assigned to regular patrol duties as a Trooper.</p>		

Training Unit

The Highway Patrol Training Unit conducted two basic training classes in 2014.

- SCHP Basic 94 started on January 24, 2014 with forty-one (41) trainees and ten (10) pre-certified officers were added to the class. Basic 94 graduated forty-three (43) new Troopers on June 27, 2014. This class had a total of eight separations during the training.
- SCHP Basic 95 started on July 20, 2014 with forty-one (41) trainees and three (3) pre-certified officers were added to the class. Basic 95 graduated forty (40) new Troopers on December 18, 2014. This class had a total of four separations during the training.

The Governor of South Carolina, the Honorable Nikki R. Haley, was the guest speaker for both of the graduation ceremonies in 2014.



SCDPS In-Service Training

Ongoing training is also a critical component for all Law Enforcement Officers. To assure officers stay current and proficient, the Highway Patrol Training Unit conducts in-service training annually for all SCDPS officers. The annual in-service cycle is based on the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy's fiscal training year (July to June). Key training requirements, recertifications and current trends are addressed during each annual in-service.

During 2014, the Training Unit completed its 2013-2014 in-service training cycle and began the 2014-2015 in-service training cycle. Each in-service cycle consists of 30 in-service sessions, averaging approximately 35 officers per session. The in-service session varies in length from year to year based on the training needs of the Department. Online training resources are also utilized for in-service training on various topics to optimize the officer's time.

Training Unit

SCDPS In-Service Training (continued)

Topics of Instruction for 2013-2014 In-service:

- Ethics in Law Enforcement
- Fair and Impartial Policing
- Blood-Borne Pathogens
- Firearms
- Driving Practical
- SFST Practical
- Defensive Tactics
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Policy Review
- SCLEAP
- Traffic Law Update

Topics of Instruction for 2014-2015 In-service:

- Crisis Intervention Training/ Mental Illness
- Equal Opportunity/Harassment
- SCLEAP
- Firearms
- Traffic Law Update
- Defensive Tactics
- CPR/ First Aid
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Policy Review

Outside Agency Training/Assistance

The Highway Patrol training unit also assists other law enforcement agencies with training upon request. During 2014, the Training Unit conducted Active Shooter training for PPP, Conway P.D., and SC Department of Corrections. The unit also conducted officer survival schools for Sumter P. D. and DNR.



Patrol Rifle

The Special Operations and Tactics section conducted patrol rifle training for Troopers who wish to carry a personally owned patrol rifle while on duty in accordance with SCDPS policy. Two patrol rifle classes were held in 2014 along with one patrol rifle re-certification class. Approximately forty-seven troopers have been certified to carry these weapons.

Physical Fitness Testing Program

The Special Operations and Tactics section conducted twelve Voluntary PT dates during the spring and fall of 2014. This section also conducted eleven pre-employment physical fitness tests for the Employment and Recruiting Section.

Honor Guard

The SCHP Honor Guard had thirty-two assignments during 2014 including funerals for retired troopers, highway dedications and memorial services.

Training Unit

Constable Certification and In-service

Seventeen SCDPS constable training dates were conducted statewide in the fall of 2014. Three hundred and thirty-seven SCDPS constables were certified or re-certified during these sessions.

A-CERT

The Special Operations and Tactics section were activated as part of the A-CERT for twenty different assignments during 2014. The assignments were bike rallies in Myrtle Beach, DEA warrant service, DEA surveillance, and protests at the state capital. This section also conducted five A-CERT training dates throughout the year and held joint training sessions with SLED.





Liaison Unit/Central Evidence Facility

Captain M.J. Gamble

The Liaison Unit was created during a restructure of the Highway Patrol's Administrative Operations Section in April 2012. This Unit is commanded by Captain M.J. Gamble and consists of the following sections:

- Victim Services;
- Department of Education Liaison;
- Executive Protection Detail;
- Intelligence; and
- Central Evidence Facility

Central Evidence Facility

The **Central Evidence Facility (CEF)** is a Department of Public Safety (DPS) function that serves the Highway Patrol (HP), State Transport Police (STP), and Bureau of Protective Services (BPS) by preserving evidence collected from incidents during drug arrests, collision investigations, and DUI enforcement. Central Evidence's volume continued to grow with increased amounts of evidence entering the facility for proper handling. The Preservation of Evidence Act has remained a source of tremendous time consumption through the return of evidence submitted to SLED for analysis. Marijuana analysis requests from DPS officers decreased for CEF Technicians during 2014. These requests are completed within 30 days and returned to the officer for court proceedings.

Evidence Custodian Training

A greater emphasis on DUI and drug enforcement throughout DPS has required additional evidence custodians to be properly trained in the collection and preservation of evidence. CEF continued with its preparation of custodians by conducting one (1) class for 2014, which produced fifteen (15) newly trained evidence custodians.

Evidence Collected and Transferred

CEF Technicians received 3,403 pieces of evidence at the CEF and delivered in excess of 2,087 pieces to S.C. Law Enforcement Division (SLED). More than 1,488 visitors conducted business at CEF in 2014.

Marijuana Analysis

All CEF technicians are certified to analyze marijuana for DPS officers. Among these four (4) technicians, 29 cases were tested throughout the year of 2014.

Liaison Unit/Central Evidence Facility

Central Evidence Facility (continued)


Annual Audit

December 2014 preserved yet another distinction during its Annual Audit as CEF accounted for all 10,000 plus pieces of evidence stored at its facility, receiving high praise from the auditor as a top notch unit.

Officer of the Day Duties

CEF along with Patrol Supply retained Officer of the Day responsibilities during the 2014 year. This task has been handled with great professionalism by the officers and administrative assistants receiving calls from across the country. As a result, the office of the day has collectively fielded in excess of 800 calls in 2014 addressing an array of subjects.

Other Facts	
Evidence Collected (statewide)	11,487 pieces
Evidence Disposed	6,236 pieces
Seized Weapons	199
Evidence Collected from Field Offices (CEF Technicians monthly pickups)	1,949 pieces



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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC, P.A. 1

FROM: Colonel M. R. McViehl
Patrol Support Unit

DATE: February 15, 2015

RE: Central Evidence Facility Audit

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of the successful completion of the Central Evidence Facility for their successful audit. The scope of the audit was limited to the annual verification of evidence received at the Central Evidence Facility for the period January 1, 2014, to December 31, 2014. The audit was conducted by the Central Evidence Facility's Audit Committee. The audit was successful in that all evidence received at the Central Evidence Facility was accounted for and the audit was completed on time.

Without the continued efforts of the personnel in the field and the Central Evidence Facility staff, we could not have been so successful. It is the responsibility of the support unit to provide the necessary equipment and assistance to support the audit. All field personnel are encouraged to provide any change requests regarding the audit process to the support unit and to the Central Evidence Facility.

The results of the audit are positive and the support unit is proud to have been able to provide the necessary support to the Central Evidence Facility. We will continue to work closely with the support unit to ensure that the audit process is as efficient as possible and to provide the necessary support to the Central Evidence Facility.

Training - Efficiency - Service

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Liaison Unit/Central Evidence Facility

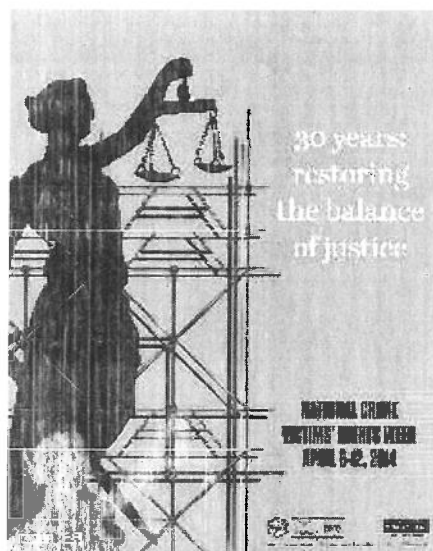
Victim Services Office

The Victim Service Office offers services and support to victims and survivors of motor-vehicle-related crime, such as driving under the influence, reckless homicide, hit and run, and leaving the scene. Services provided include emotional support, information about the case and the criminal justice system, assistance in apply for Victims' Compensation aid, court escorts, and referrals to agencies for counseling and other resources.

2014 Victim Services Office Activity:

- 97 Victims Served
- Information/Referrals/Follow ups: 762
- Victims Service Letters Sent: 171
- 86 hours of training
- 7 Court Appearances
- 12 Family Meetings
- 3 speaking engagements with approximately 57 attendees

In 2014, the Victim Advocate provided services to 97 victims of Crime. The Section continued to work closely and network with Families of Highway Fatalities, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the State Office of Victim Assistance, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Victim Advocate Association, and local solicitor's office victim advocates and local law enforcement advocates. She also attended trainings on victims' rights and crisis response in order to better serve the victims and survivors that she supports.





Community Relations Office

Lieutenant R.K. Hughes

The Community Relations Office serves as the Highway Patrol's primary link to the public and the media. Under the command of Lieutenant R.K. Hughes, the office's responsibilities include:

- Media Relations;
- Public Relations;
- Community Outreach;
- Safety Education;
- Occupant Restraint – Child Passenger Seat; and
- Minority Outreach.

Presentation Highlights:

Military Installations:

The CRO Unit was successful in reaching thousands of military personnel by partnering with the various military installations around the state. CRO's were able to speak to large groups of soldiers at one time. Many of these events were scheduled due to the success we had at these installations last year. The soldiers heard the Highway Patrol's message on highway safety, witnessed the rollover simulator and listened to the personal tragic story of a Families of Highway Fatalities' member.



The military bases the CRO Unit visited were the Naval Weapons Station (Charleston), Marine Corps (Parris Island), and Ft. Jackson (Columbia). There were over 8,000 soldiers in attendance at Ft. Jackson. Driving under the influence, distracted driving, and seatbelt use were the focus at most all events. Motorcycle safety was a focus at some of the Marine Corps' presentations (at their request) and the rollover unit was used for demonstrations at many of the events.

Teen/Prom Safety:

During the months of March through May, the CRO Unit concentrated highway safety efforts toward teen driving. CROs, often partnering with FHF members, went to high schools and teen forums across the state speaking with teens about the consequences of bad driving decisions. The fatal vision goggles and golf carts were utilized where available.

Business/Industry Presentations:

The CRO Unit continues its efforts to reach South Carolina drivers in the work place. CROs gave presentations at Commercial Plant and Industries around the state such as Boeing, SC Electric Co-ops, SCE&G (multiple locations) and the Glass-Pro, to speak about highway safety issues in their community. Some have placed our safety PSA's on their internal websites.

Community Relations Office

Presentation Highlights (continued)

College 101 Classes:

The CRO Unit has made a strong effort to reach the young adult age-group through college campuses not only through athletic event PSA's but by gaining access to their College 101 courses. These courses that are required give us access to young adults at the beginning of their freshman college year. CROs have been able to present highway safety issues through presentations and use of the DUI goggles/golf cart. The CRO unit will continue to build on this program with local colleges and tech schools.

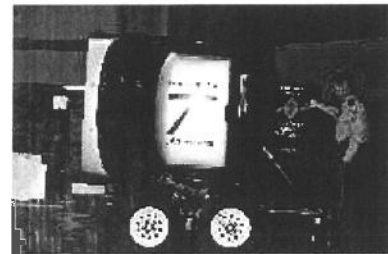
Highway Safety Initiatives

Radio Talk shows:

In the past, CROs have built relationships with radio talk show hosts that have allowed us to speak about highway safety issues periodically on their show. Some of those have developed into more consistent appearances. In Troop 5, Corporal Sonny Collins appears on the "Live Pee Dee" show once a month.

Rollover Simulator:

The CRO Unit has 3 rollover simulators to illustrate and promote occupant restraint use. The response from the public is very encouraging and the number of requests for the simulators is growing. Some of the large events were held at Ft. Jackson (mandatory for all of their soldiers) and at the Naval Weapons Station, festivals, etc.



Back to School Safety Initiative:

The 2014 Back to School safety initiative ran from August through October. The Community Relations Office started the initiative in early August with a media campaign just prior to school start dates. The media campaign focused on parents speaking with their children about pedestrian, bicycle and school bus safety along with reminding motorists to look out for children around bus stops and schools. The CROs focused on safety presentations to elementary school aged children during this time.



Community Relations Office

Highway Safety Initiatives (continued)

Support for Office of Highway Safety:

The CRO unit continued to support Office of Highway Safety statewide initiatives by assisting with media events, assisting SCLEN's and promoting the campaigns' message through media interviews and safety presentations.

- 2-Sober or Slammer Campaigns
- Buckle Up SC
- "100 Deadly Days of Summer/ Summer H.E.A.T"
- DUI enforcement events
- Be A Santa
- Target Zero

Events

Fallen Trooper Memorial Dedication:

The Highway Patrol continues to hold the "Annual Fallen Trooper Memorial Service" that lists all 50 South Carolina troopers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. This wall is located on the grounds next to our headquarters building.

Local and State Fair displays:

Safety booths and the driving simulator were displayed at local fairs and the State Fair in 2014. The CRO Unit coordinated safety booths at the Coastal Carolina Fair and Orangeburg County Fair with assistance from the Troop. CROs supported the OHS State Fair booth in 2014 and focused their message on the dangers of getting behind the wheel while intoxicated and being distracted.

Bike Weeks Booths:

Safety booth for bike week was set up in the inside the Harley Davidson dealership in Myrtle Beach. This location was successful in reaching many of the riders attending as the booth was located among many of the bike week vendors. The safety booth for Memorial Bike Fest was located near US 17 @ 31st Ave. It was difficult to find a good booth location to reach riders during this 2014 bike week. Attendance at this location was minimal. OHS purchased back packs with the "Ride Smart" logo, which was a very popular hand out item during both bike weeks.

Community Relations Office

Events (continued)

Welcome Center/Rest Area Safety Breaks:

In 2014, the CRO Unit continued to set up safety breaks in Welcome Centers and rest areas across the state during the busiest travel holidays, Memorial Day and Thanksgiving holiday. The safety breaks were set up on the busiest travel day prior to the holiday. We continue to get good feedback from travelers who have never experienced this while traveling through other states. It provides a positive contact with motorist to answer questions, speak about highway safety issues and share our agencies goals of enforcement and education during the holiday weekend.

CRO Activity	
Safety Presentations	524
Presentation Participants	49,784
Safety Fair/Exhibits	160 (approx. 51,476 attendees)
CPS Events	177
	5,245 Interviews
	TV: 3,157
Media Contacts	Print: 1,151
	Radio: 213
	Press Box: 362
Minority Outreach	African American focused events: 79
	Hispanic focused events: 3
	Golf Cart: 29
Safety Equipment Used	Goggles: 110
	Rollover Simulator events: 95



2014 South Carolina Highway Patrol Medal of Valor

The Medal of Valor is the highest award bestowed by the Department of Public Safety to sworn members in exceptional cases of bravery, gallantry or courage in preserving public safety, or for an act of extraordinary nature where the officer is exposed to great peril.

Lance Corporal William C. Harman Troop Five

On September 16, 2014, a BOLO was dispatched from the Florence TCO of a vehicle fleeing from North Carolina law enforcement officers on US-17 entering Horry County. North Carolina law enforcement attempted to serve assault warrants on Howard Henry Smith in Holden Beach, North Carolina, when Smith fled from law enforcement in his pickup truck. During the pursuit, Smith fired at officers on several occasions using an assault rifle. When the pursuit entered South Carolina, Lance Corporal William C. Harman became the lead in the pursuit. As Lance Corporal Harman attempted to get close to the suspect's vehicle, the suspect fired a handgun out of the back glass of the pickup truck at Lance Corporal Harman. The Officer then backed off for a short period of time before again approaching the suspect's vehicle, and after receiving the order to disable the vehicle, Lance Corporal W.C. Harman's Patrol vehicle made contact with the suspect's truck, causing the suspect's vehicle to become disabled. Smith was then arrested without incident. Lance Corporal Harman is a native of Columbia and now lives in Bluffton with his wife. He's active in the Low Country Community Church where he's on the worship team.



2014 South Carolina Highway Patrol Director's Hero Award

The Director's Award for Exceptional Service, also known as The Hero Award, is the highest award granted by the Director to permanent employees of the department that has demonstrated distinctive character or extraordinary courage resulting in direct benefits to the department or the State.

Trooper James B. "Hunter" Ruff Troop Two

Trooper James B. "Hunter" Ruff joined the Highway Patrol in July 2013. He is assigned to Troop Two, Greenville/Abbeville. On November 28, 2014, while on routine patrol, Trooper Ruff was monitoring the Abbeville 911 radio frequencies and heard emergency personnel being dispatched to a house fire. Dispatchers told first responders the burning house possibly had entrapment. Realizing he was close to the burning home in Honea Path, Trooper J.B. Ruff responded and was the first emergency personnel to arrive on scene. Trooper Ruff entered the burning house and came across an elderly gentleman who was attempting to gather his World War II medals. Trooper J.B. Ruff assisted the man from the burning house to a safe area. Once fire fighters arrived, Trooper Ruff stayed on scene to help direct traffic. Chief James Alewine of the local Fire Department arrived on scene to battle the blazing house fire and encountered the trooper. He commented that the man could have been overcome by the smoke and heat if not for the quick actions of Trooper J.B. Ruff. Chief Alewine added that Trooper Ruff went above and beyond the call of duty. Trooper Ruff is a native of Anderson and now lives in Abbeville with his wife and 2-year-old son.



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Trooper Travis L. Clemens Troop Six

On July 21, 2014 at about 3 a.m., Trooper Clemens was dispatched to a collision with injuries on I-95. Trooper Clemens was the first emergency service unit to respond to the scene. When Trooper Clemens arrived, he saw a vehicle fully engulfed in flames and overturned in the wooded median. Trooper Clemens attempted to extinguish the flames, but the fire was too involved and he was not able to contain it. Trooper Clemens put himself in harm's way and was dangerously close to the burning vehicle. He saw two bodies lying on the ground close to the burning vehicle and carried one victim over his shoulder to safety. By this time, a US Army soldier had stopped to assist Trooper Clemens; both of them were able to pull the second victim away from the burning vehicle and out of harm's way. Trooper Clemens, still remaining calm, noticed a third victim on the left side of the vehicle. This was one of the passengers that had crawled a short distance away from the burning vehicle. Trooper Clemens provided aide until the Fire and Rescue Personnel arrived.



2014 South Carolina Trooper of the Year

Corporal Antonio M. Brown Troop Seven

In February of 2014, at approximately 6:22 p.m., Corporal Antonio M. Brown received a BOLO from the Blythewood Telecommunications Center regarding a female subject who had been kidnapped from Virginia and was supposed to be in the trunk of a green 1996 Cadillac. At approximately 6:31 p.m., while traveling north on Interstate 95, Corporal Brown observed the vehicle in question parked in the southbound rest area. After requesting back-up, Corporal Brown and Trooper Askins approached the vehicle and ordered the driver and only occupant

from the vehicle to the ground. As the subject was being ordered from the vehicle, he used the keyless remote to open the trunk where a female was located. The female was later identified as the mother/victim of the driver. The mother told the troopers she had been placed in the trunk by her son in Virginia around 9 a.m. with intentions of being taken to Florida against her will. Corporal A.M. Brown requested that EMS respond to the scene to examine the mother, who had been locked in the trunk of the vehicle for several hours. After arriving, EMTs transported the victim to the Orangeburg Regional Hospital for further observation and treatment. When recognizing him for



Trooper of the Year, an incident was mentioned that occurred this year when Corporal Brown made the decision to relay a young man to the hospital for a bone transplant. The young man's parents' vehicle had broken down on I-95, and Corporal Brown and another trooper helped get the family to the hospital for a life-saving procedure in less than a minute to spare. This sort of judgment, coupled with the 2014 incident, earned Corporal Brown the award. Corporal Brown is a native of Bamberg. He was promoted to Corporal in 2012 and currently serves the Orangeburg/Calhoun Post.

2014 Trooper of the Year Nominees

Troop One

Senior Trooper M.O. Southern

Senior Trooper M.O. Southern joined the Highway Patrol in January 2010. During this time he has been instrumental in serving his community and is a strong advocate for the Special Olympics. In 2014, Senior Trooper Southern's arrests had high activity, including the arrest of eleven drunk drivers.

Troop Two

Corporal J.N. Sinclair

Corporal J.N. Sinclair is a dedicated and professional employee. In April 2014 while on routine patrol traveling west on I-26 in Newberry County, Corporal Sinclair was instrumental in the apprehension of a Tennessee juvenile who had earlier murdered his father in Tennessee and was in route to kill another family member in Florida.

Troop Three

Lance Corporal J.B. Stewart

In June 2014, Lance Corporal J.B. Stewart observed a vehicle following a box truck too closely and driving erratically. He initiated a traffic stop and began talking to the passenger, who stated she had anxiety and trouble breathing. Lance Corporal Stewart called for EMS. Having smelled alcohol on approaching the vehicle, Lance Corporal J.B. Stewart conducted several DUI tests on the driver who failed and was arrested. Further investigation revealed the suspect had an active felony warrant from Georgia for murder and aggravated assault.

Troop Four

Lance Corporal M.J. Shank

Lance Corporal M.J. Shank is a dedicated worker whose passion is removing impaired drivers from SC roadways. He continues to lead Troop Four in DUI arrests. In July 2014 Lance Corporal Shank witnessed a vehicle make an improper U-turn in York County, noticing the driver was not wearing her seat-belt. On stopping the vehicle,

he noticed the driver was bleeding heavily. She told Lance Corporal M.J. Shank she had tried to kill herself. He called dispatch for an ambulance and the driver was transported to the hospital. The York County Sheriff's Office Forensic Team ruled out foul play after discovering a suicide note in the vehicle.

Troop Five

Lance Corporal J.B. King

In March 2014 Lance Corporal J.B. King responded to a fatal collision in Dillon County where the driver's mother was a passenger and killed in the collision. Upon investigating, Lance Corporal King found that the driver was under the influence and drinking moonshine. Using the information obtained from the driver during questioning, Lance Corporal J.B. King was able to assist the Dillon County Sheriff's Office with obtaining a search warrant. At the residence, Lance Corporal King and Dillon County Sheriff's officers found a still, a quantity of illegal liquor and marijuana plant, both growing and harvested. The suspect was also a felon in possession of a firearm.

Troop Six

Lance Corporal T.L. Clemens

Lance Corporal T.L. Clemens was dispatched to a collision with injuries in July 2014 on I-95. He was the first responder to the scene, arriving to a vehicle fully engulfed in flames and overturned in the wooded median. Putting himself in harm's way, Lance Corporal Clemens attempted to contain the flames without success. Noticing two bodies lying on the ground close to the burning vehicle, he was able to carry one victim to safety. By this time, a U.S. Army Soldier had stopped to assist and he and Lance Corporal T.L. Clemens were able to carry the second victim out of harm's way. Lance Corporal Clemens rendered aide to a third victim who had crawled a short distance away until Fire and Rescue Personnel arrived.

2014 Trooper of the Year Nominees

Troop Eight

Sergeant C.P. Logdon

Sergeant C.P. Logdon always gives the extra effort, sacrifice, and selfless service to his co-workers, the Highway Patrol and the motoring public. He has a true passion for removing drug trafficking and illegal activity from SC roadways. A true multi-tasker, Lance Corporal Logdon is often called up to assist with a drug seizure or to compile statistic for the Command Staff. He manages administrative operations for the Region I SIT and Region I Motors as well as supervises the entire Interdiction and Canine Units. Lance Corporal C.P. Logdon also serves as the Department's Canine Coordinator and takes care of his own Patrol-issued canine. He was recently chosen by the Troop Eight Command Staff to attend a 12-week K-9 Instructor School in Virginia.

Troop Nine

Lance Corporal T.J. Luther

Lance Corporal T.J. Luther is a 15-year Highway Patrol veteran. He has been assigned to Troop Nine since 2011. He actively increases his knowledge, skills and abilities in collision reconstruction and is recognized as a tenacious criminal investigator. In January of 2014, a Solicitor's Office requested Troop Nine's assistance in an ongoing high profile investigation. Lance Corporal Luther was tasked with analyzing a poor quality nighttime video to determine what type of vehicle was depicted in the video. He dissected the video, ultimately identifying the year, make and model of the vehicle in the video. Armed with this information, arrests were made for multiple charges including kidnapping and murder. Another instance of Lance Corporal T.J. Luther's dedication to duty occurred in June 2014 when Lance Corporal Luther responded to a fatal hit-and-run collision involving a pedestrian. Upon arrival at the collision scene, Lance Corporal Luther quickly evaluated the situation

and almost immediately determined that the pedestrian was lying in the roadway when struck by the unknown vehicle. As with many vehicle/pedestrian collisions, there was very little evidence available. Armed with a few pieces of evidence and a determination to solve this complicated case, Lance Corporal Luther traveled to the Upstate and matched what little evidence he had from the scene to the vehicle of interest. A DNA analysis later confirmed the vehicle of interest did in fact strike and kill the pedestrian.

Troop Ten

Lance Corporal J.W. Valdario, Sr.

Lance Corporal J.W. Valdario, Sr. joined the Highway Patrol in 1970 after serving four years in the U.S. States Air Force. He was assigned to Lexington County where he was promoted through the ranks of Corporal, Sergeant, First Sergeant and Lieutenant. Upon his promotion to Major, Lance Corporal J.W. Valdario, Sr. transferred to the State Transport Police. He retired from the S.C. Department of Public Safety in 2001 and rejoined the Highway Patrol in 2003 with the Insurance Enforcement Unit and is currently assigned to Lexington County. In June of 2014, Lance Corporal J.W. Valdario, Sr. observed a suspicious vehicle parked adjacent to a rental property. He approached a subject coming from the rear of the house and inquired as to why the subject was there. The subject stated that he lived at that address but then sped away in a vehicle. Lance Corporal Valdario, Sr. followed the vehicle for several miles before the suspect's vehicle crashed. An investigation revealed that the driver and his female passenger were wanted in two counties on various charges. They were both apprehended and brought to justice.

2014 Trooper of the Year Nominees

Troop Eleven Corporal R.B. Pope

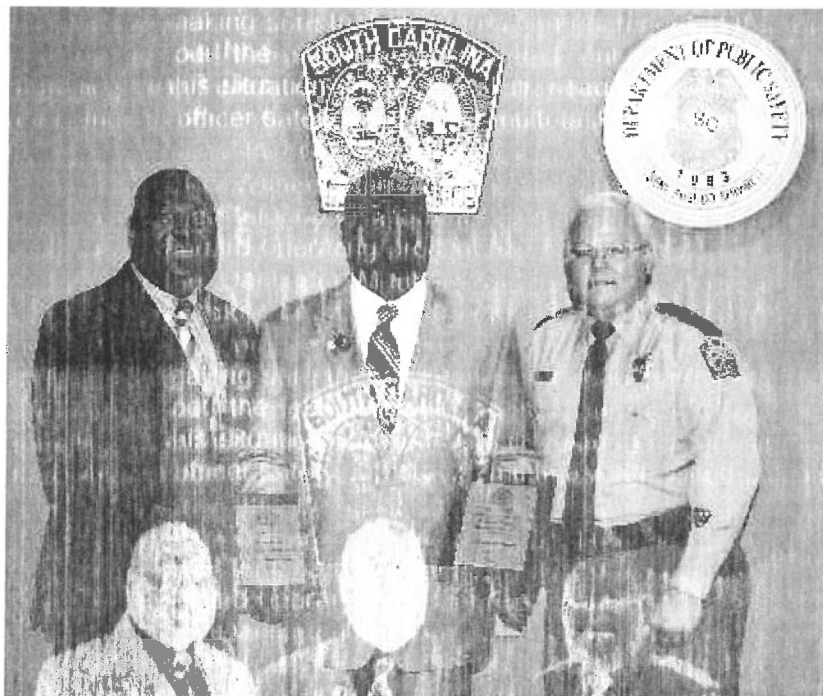
Corporal R.B. Pope has been a member of the South Carolina Highway Patrol since July 1997, and a member of the Training Unit since May 2013. He holds instructor certifications in Firearms, Patrol Rifle, Precision Rifle, and is also a member of the A-CERT, Honor Guard and Highway Patrol Pistol Team. Corporal R.B. Pope has excelled in all facets of firearms use and instruction. Much of his success as an instructor evolved from the experience he has received as a member of the Pistol Team. Corporal Pope has been a member of the Highway Patrol Pistol Team since 2006, competing in pistol competitions against some of the best shooters in the nation at all levels of competition, including the National Police Shooting Championships. All of this knowledge has been two-fold for Corporal R.B. Pope. First, it has increased his awareness and competence in various weapons systems, and it has allowed him to expand his instructional capacity and convey this knowledge to other troopers. His selfless service and dedication have earned him an honor not given to a South Carolina trooper since 1993. Corporal Pope was awarded the Distinguished Semi-Automatic Pistol Badge from the NRA for excellence in competition, placing him in a class of his own.



2014 Telecommunications Officer of the Year Nominees

Anthony Witherspoon Florence Telecommunications Center

Employed with SCDPS for 10 years, Mr. Anthony Witherspoon has been a telecommunications operator in the Florence TCC since October 2013 after transferring from the Blythewood TCC. TCO Witherspoon demonstrates professionalism in all aspects of the job: radio communications, telephone etiquette, written documentation, CAD protocol, personal demeanor, and standard operating procedures. On March 21, 2014, TCO Anthony Witherspoon was working the Darlington/Marlboro radio when a Darlington trooper was attempting to make a traffic stop on a vehicle and the vehicle fled from the trooper. TCO Witherspoon exceeded in productivity with the Computer Aided Dispatch by packing notes into the CAD record making sure that all information documented the traffic stop from start to finish. It turned out the subject was wanted out of Florida. TCO Anthony Witherspoon's handling of this situation shows the skills needed by all telecommunications operators when it comes to officer safety, job stress, multi-tasking, and the ability to perform responsibly.



2014 Telecommunications Officer of the Year Nominees

Blythewood TCC Elizabeth M. Childers

TCO Elizabeth M. Childers is a native of Winnsboro, South Carolina in Fairfield County. She has been employed with the Blythewood Telecommunications Center since September 2013. Since then, TCO Childers has proven to be a quick learner, a capable operator and professional telecommunicator. TCO Elizabeth M. Childers is also very reliable and dependable. Whenever there is a need for extra coverage in the center, she readily makes herself available and is always willing to come into work on her days off to provide support for her co-workers and help cover the radios. TCO Elizabeth M. Childers comes to work with a cheerful attitude and works well with her co-workers.

Charleston TCC Helene R. West

Ms. Helene R. West has been employed with Highway Patrol Telecommunications Unit since August of 1990. Ms. West started with Orangeburg TCC before transferring to Charleston TCC. During her 20 plus year career with the Highway Patrol's Tele-communications Unit, TCO Helene R. West has always been a team player. She often comes in to help when an operator is out or when an additional person is needed to cover a shift. TCO Helene R. West gets along well with all her co-workers, and she is always willing to assist other operators in any way she can. When interacting with her co-workers and when performing her duties, TCO West consistently exhibits a respectful and professional attitude and demeanor.

Greenville TCC Assistant TCC Supervisor C. Keith Sonfelt

On April 3, 2014 at about 3:40 a.m., North Carolina Highway Patrol called on the regional radio and gave a BOLO regarding a silver Kia with four subjects in it. NCHP advised that the vehicle and all four subjects were suspects in a homicide in Greene County, Tennessee. NCHP advised that all suspects were possibly armed and dangerous and possibly heading to Florida. ATCS C. Keith Sonfelt took the information and gave it to the Spartanburg operator, who immediately BOLOED it to Spartanburg units. ATCS Sonfelt decided to call the Greenwood TCC and pass the information on to them so they could have their units BOLO as well. About 30 minutes after contacting the Greenwood TCC, one of the Greenwood operators called back into the Greenville TCC and advised ATCS C. Keith Sonfelt they had a unit that spotted the suspect vehicle in the East Bound Rest Area on I-26. She advised that when the vehicle left the rest area they were going to attempt to stop the vehicle. The suspect vehicle did not stop until running over stop sticks and the suspects ran into the woods. After a manhunt that ended approximately 10 hours later, all four suspects were taken into custody without incident. The forward thinking actions of ATCS C. Keith Sonfelt helped lead to the capture of these suspects

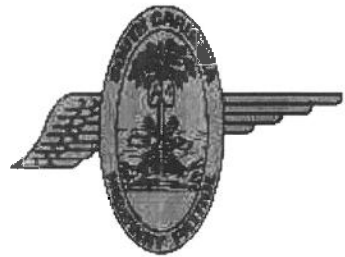


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R.W. McCracken	1931	W.E. Peeples	1979
W.P. Lancaster	1932	R.A. Mobley	1979
J.D. Cunningham	1933	D.L. Alverson	1981
E.D. Milam	1934	J.R. Clinton	1983
H.M. Reeves	1934	B.K. Smalls	1985
E. Henneey	1935	R.P. Perry, Jr.	1987
K.E. McNeill	1937	G.T. Radford	1988
L.L. Rhodes	1938	H.M. Coker, Jr.	1989
W. Bell	1939	M.L. Titus	1991
H.M. Smith	1940	D.H. O'Brien	1991
G.G. Broome	1941	H.M. Goldbold	1992
J.P. Monroe	1941	M.H. Coates	1992
N. Nettles	1942	R.L. Hester	1994
A.T. Sealy	1950	M.A. Chappell	1995
A.R. Carter	1953	R.S. Hewitt	1996
H.B. Ray	1953	F.L. Lingard	1997
H.C. Yonce	1959	J. Ham, Jr.	1998
J.R. Riddle	1961	D.T. Bailey	2000
M.C. Steele	1966	E.F. Nicholson	2000
R.V. Woods	1969	M.J. Rao	2002
A.A. Thomason	1970	K.J. Johnson	2002
J.A. Taylor	1970	J.W. Parker	2005
R.O. Caffey	1972	J.D. Haynes	2008
F.H. Anthony	1973	J.S. Nash	2009
B.W. Strickland	1974	D.K. Cusack	2010



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