

South Carolina

Highway Patrol

# 2013 Annual Report



*Selfless Service* ♦ *Integrity* ♦ *Responsibility*

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South Carolina Department of Public Safety  
S.C. Highway Patrol

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June 5, 2014

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 2013 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 2013 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 2013. We also extend our appreciation to you for the leadership and support of the Highway Patrol Division.

Sincerely,

Colonel M.R. Oliver  
Commander

MRO/dt

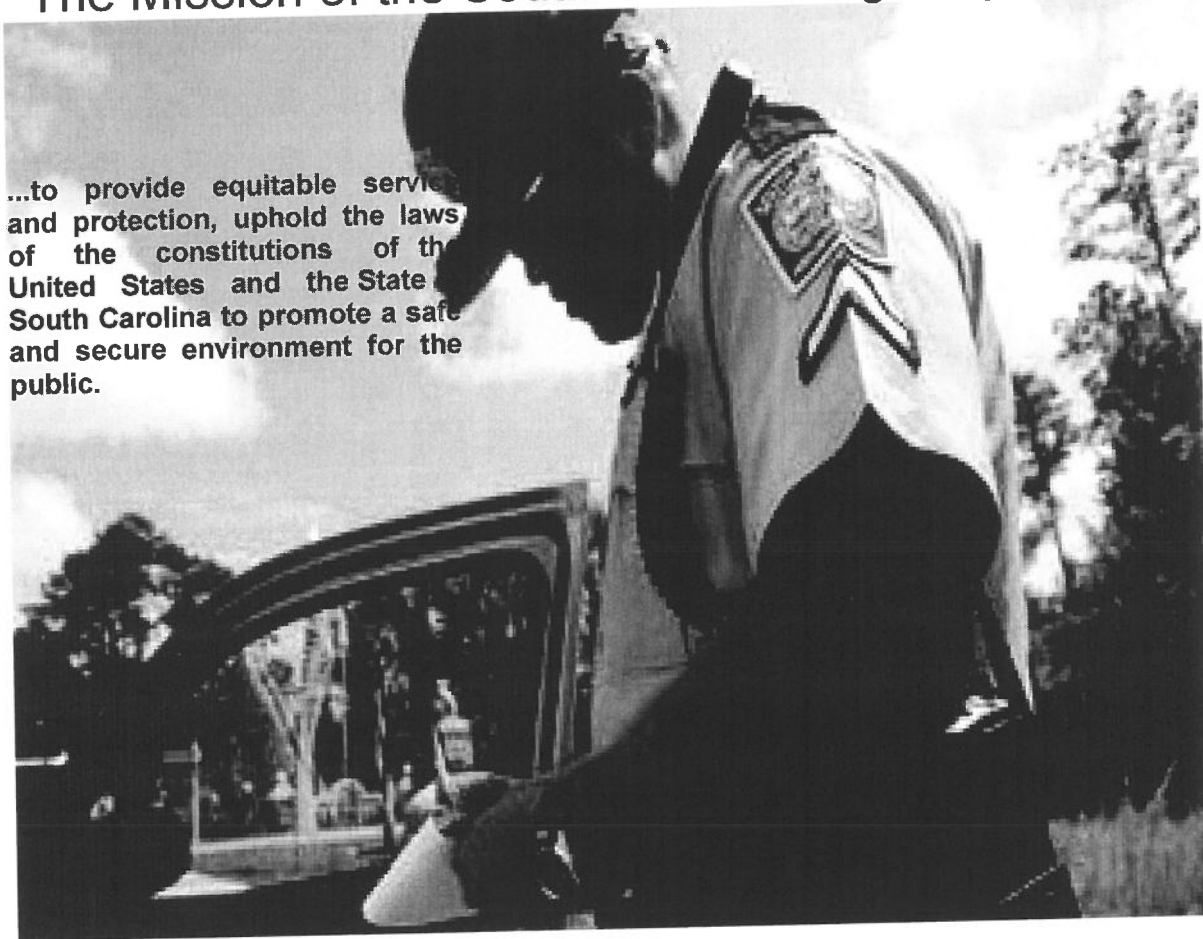
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## The Mission of the South Carolina Highway Patrol

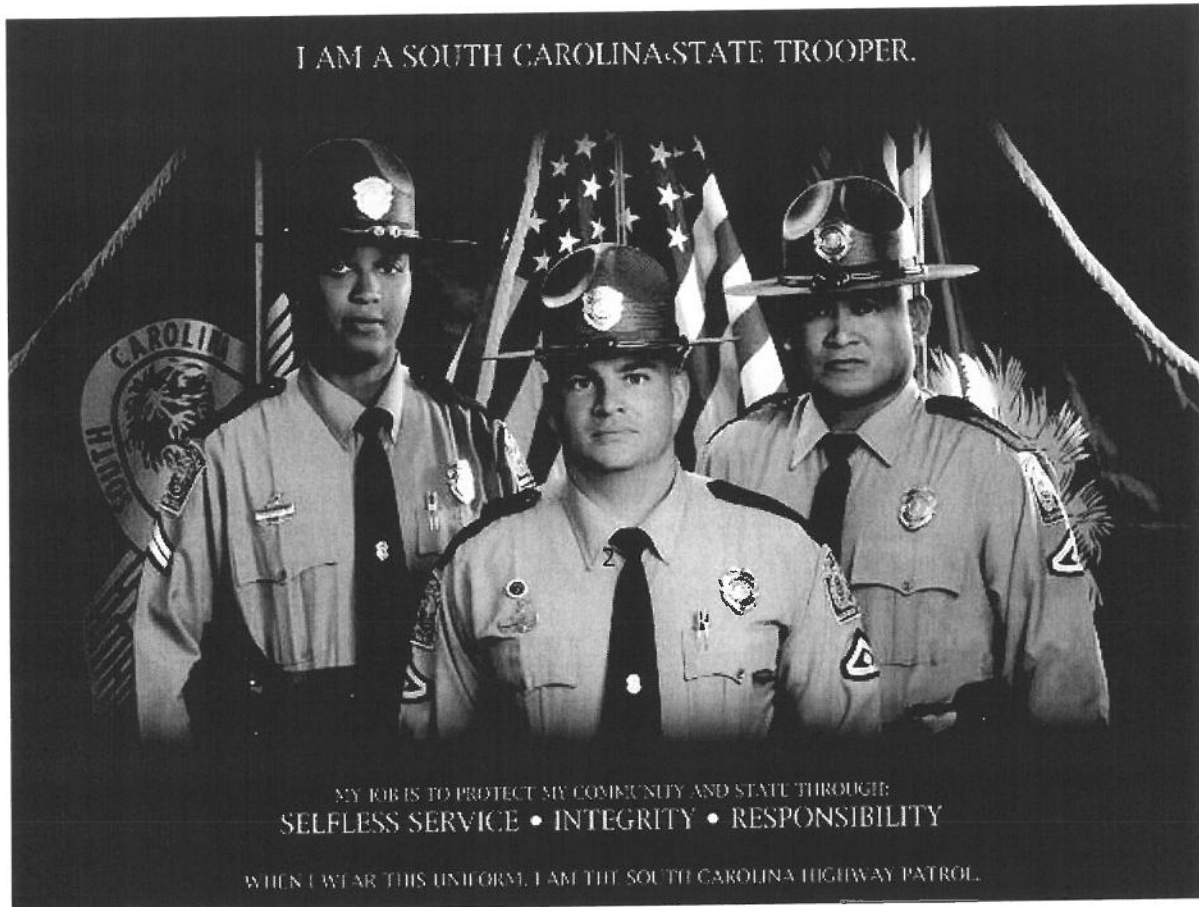
...to provide equitable service and protection, uphold the laws of the constitutions of the United States and the State of South Carolina to promote a safe and secure environment for the public.



The personnel of the South Carolina 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

## MISSION

The South Carolina Department of Public Safety will serve and protect the public in South Carolina through training, education, prevention and enforcement.

## VISION

The vision of the South Carolina Department of Public Safety is to be the model state agency by making the best use of resources.

## VALUES

1. The South Carolina Department of Public Safety values excellence in:
  - Service to customers
  - Relationships among its employees
  - Continuous in improvements of its operations
  - Communications inside and outside of the organization
  - Teamwork among its subordinate units and employees.
2. The South Carolina Department of Public Safety values the provision of justice for its customers and its stakeholders.
3. The South Carolina Department of Public Safety values the trust put in it by the public.
4. The South Carolina Department of Public Safety values a well-trained, professional workforce.
5. The South Carolina Department of Public Safety values its reputation for integrity.

# South Carolina Highway Patrol Command Staff



Colonel M.R. Oliver  
Commander



Lieutenant Colonel C.N. Williamson  
Deputy Patrol Commander



Major M.S. Wright  
Administrative Operations



Major M.A. Gosnell  
Support Services



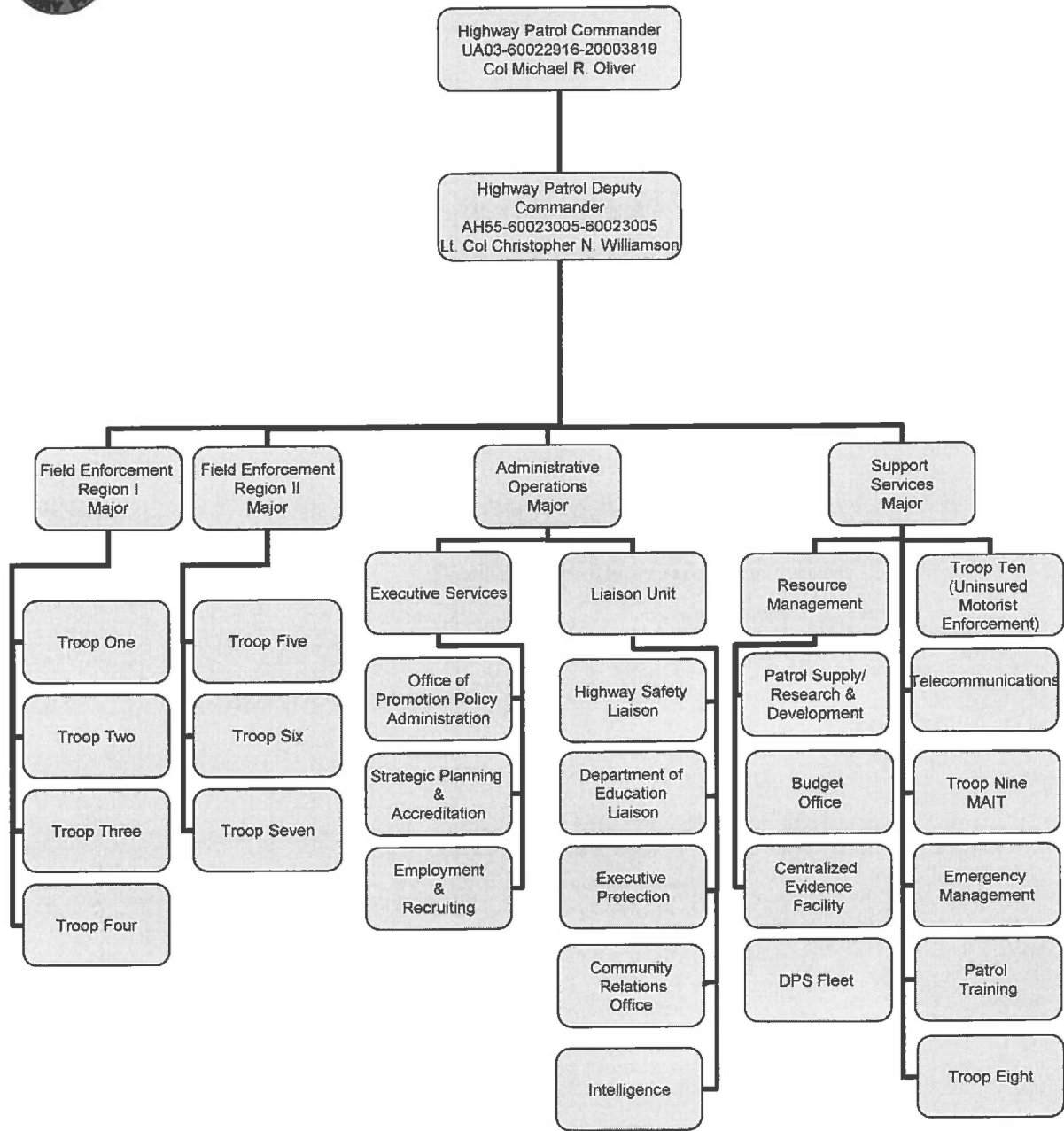
Major C.J. Madden  
Field Operations Region  
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Major Melvin Warren  
Field Operations Region  
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# South Carolina Highway Patrol Organizational Chart





## State Enforcement Statistics

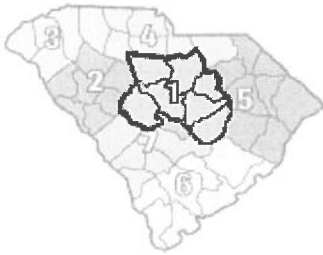
State Statistics	
4,625,364	Population
3,528,560	Licensed Drivers
4,050,858	Registered Vehicles
66,265	Roadway Miles
32,004	Square Miles

Statistics: Patrol and Enforcement			
	2011	2012	2013
<b>Total Troopers</b>	807	796	764
<b>Motorists Assisted</b>	126,056	128,247	173,573
<b>Miles Driven</b>	43,279,357	32,381,520	30,183,431
<b>Crashes Investigated</b>	73,301	74,219	78,443
<b>DUI Arrests</b>	15,606	14,264	14,490
<b>Warnings Issued</b>	405,677	408,948	372,728
	2011	2012	2013
<b>Tickets Issued</b>	494,792	501,131	489,666
Seatbelt Violations	177,411	174,207	170,622
Child Seat Violations	5,165	5,300	4,860
Speed Violations	181,915	193,058	184,671



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

Captain C. T. Stephens



**Troop Statistics**

842,080 Population  
 637,597 Licensed Drivers  
 654,848 Registered Vehicles  
 10,336 Roadway Miles

Post A: Clarendon, Sumter			
	2011	2012	2013
Troopers	24	22	21
Cases	14,170	14,275	11,677
Warnings	11,141	11,879	10,450
Crashes	1,875	1,792	1,754
DUI	476	471	456
Post B: Kershaw, Lee			
	2011	2012	2013
Troopers	24	18	17
Cases	12,295	12,020	9,030
Warnings	13,158	13,364	12,593
Crashes	1,320	1,334	1,328
DUI	337	319	241
Post C: Lexington			
	2011	2012	2013
Troopers	27	24	26
Cases	17,614	18,311	18,104
Warnings	12,104	12,914	12,712
Crashes	4,480	4,597	4,877
DUI	702	726	626
Post D: Richland			
	2011	2012	2013
Troopers	29	31	41
Cases	20,355	19,560	31,891
Warnings	13,739	11,765	20,685
Crashes	6,477	6,723	7,338
DUI	719	721	933



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

Captain D.W. Yongue



**Troop Statistics**

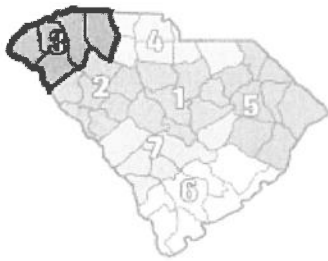
- 262,310 Population
- 134,826 Licensed Drivers
- 231,098 Registered Vehicles
- 7,921 Roadway Miles
- 3,795 Square Miles

<b>Post A: Laurens, Newberry</b>			
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Troopers	24	22	21
Cases	16,403	18,856	16,538
Warnings	12,167	13,014	13,667
Crashes	1,858	1,777	1,963
DUI	278	303	319
<b>Post B: Abbeville, Greenwood</b>			
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Troopers	20	19	17
Cases	10,896	14,925	13,850
Warnings	9,722	13,940	9,437
Crashes	1,301	1,239	1,278
DUI	307	363	400
<b>Post C: Edgefield, McCormick, Saluda</b>			
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Troopers	13	10	14
Cases	7,300	8,415	8,812
Warnings	6,567	7,405	7,676
Crashes	663	636	606
DUI	187	192	195



**Troop 3** Anderson, Oconee, Pickens, Greenville, Spartanburg

Captain M. Warren



**Troop Statistics**

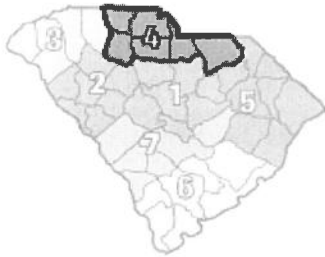
262,310 Population  
 856,182 Licensed Drivers  
 985,615 Registered Vehicles  
 7,921 Roadway Miles  
 3,795 Square Miles

Post A: Anderson			
	2011	2012	2013
Troopers	30	28	26
Cases	19,206	17,479	17,054
Warnings	25,617	18,902	15,313
Crashes	4,196	4,151	4,544
DUI	783	626	777
Post B: Oconee, Pickens			
	2011	2012	2013
Troopers	27	25	25
Cases	16,677	17,578	16,274
Warnings	20,551	19,284	19,329
Crashes	2,483	2,517	2,643
DUI	551	602	597
Post C: Greenville			
	2011	2012	2013
Troopers	48	44	50
Cases	36,560	37,267	33,147
Warnings	34,394	33,966	27,546
Crashes	10,492	11,044	11,467
DUI	1,135	1,213	1,220
Post D: Spartanburg			
	2011	2012	2013
Troopers	39	36	40
Cases	24,677	24,847	29,720
Warnings	23,033	23,820	24,188
Crashes	6,168	6,433	6,767
DUI	1,018	768	696



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

Captain B.J. Albert



**Troop Statistics**

- 499,650 Population
- 386,577 Licensed Drivers
- 455,995 Registered Vehicle
- 8,864 Roadway Miles
- 4,266 Square Miles

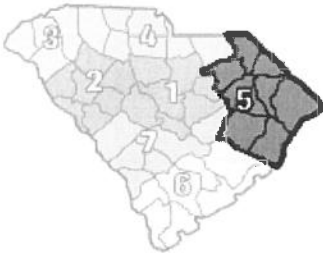
Post A: Cherokee, Union			
	2011	2012	2013
Troopers	17	18	18
Cases	14,355	14,083	14,116
Warnings	15,093	15,327	11,987
Crashes	1,686	1,554	1,642
DUI	418	349	438
Post B: York			
	2011	2012	2013
Troopers	27	27	25
Cases	22,248	22,231	23,412
Warnings	20,643	22,349	20,686
Crashes	2,821	2,910	3,021
DUI	566	570	681
Post C: Chester, Fairfield			
	2011	2012	2013
Troopers	18	18	15
Cases	9,758	11,486	14,165
Warnings	20,643	13,229	12,218
Crashes	2,821	1,116	1,215
DUI	566	314	312
Post D: Chesterfield, Lancaster			
	2011	2012	2013
Troopers	17	16	18
Cases	11,821	12,619	10,345
Warnings	14,423	15,195	14,051
Crashes	1,745	1,710	1,588
DUI	420	391	368



# Troop 5

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

Captain J.N. Nell



### Troop Statistics

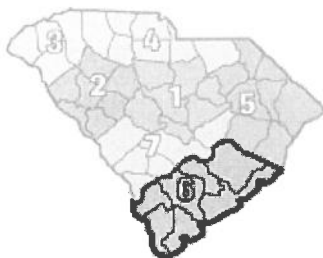
658,790 Population  
 521,272 Licensed Drivers  
 573,257 Registered Vehicle  
 10,648 Roadway Miles  
 5,892 Square Miles

Post A: Darlington, Marlboro			
	2011	2012	2013
Troopers	18	18	20
Cases	17,347	13,493	12,810
Warnings	9,166	5,839	4,761
Crashes	1,407	1,384	1,435
DUI	758	704	648
Post B: Dillon, Florence, Marion			
	2011	2012	2013
Troopers	40	38	37
Cases	33,717	33,592	26,821
Warnings	15,716	18,416	14,489
Crashes	3,057	3,034	3,234
DUI	1,243	1,106	1,082
Post C: Georgetown, Williamsburg			
	2011	2012	2013
Troopers	25	24	25
Cases	13,634	13,949	13,648
Warnings	5,562	7,453	6,748
Crashes	1,416	1,456	1,473
DUI	617	632	593
Post D: Horry			
	2011	2012	2013
Troopers	44	42	46
Cases	43,610	42,943	40,410
Warnings	12,942	12,776	13,199,
Crashes	4,713	4,928	5,770
DUI	1,388	1,088	1,169



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

Captain J.C. Filyaw



**Troop Statistics**

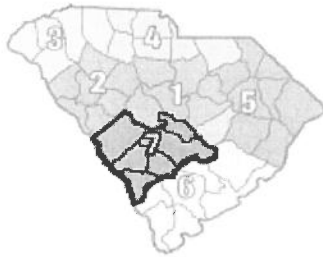
866,950 Population  
 698,904 Licensed Drivers  
 756,657 Registered Vehicles  
 7,796 Roadway Miles  
 5,904 Square Miles

Post A: Charleston, Berkeley			
	2011	2012	2013
Troopers	25	25	26
Cases	17,982	21,050	22,858
Warnings	7,527	8,638	10,280
Crashes	3,786	3,702	3,975
DUI	709	691	582
Post B: Dorchester, Colleton			
	2011	2012	2013
Troopers	18	19	20
Cases	10,687	11,885	13,558
Warnings	5,528	6,019	7,824
Crashes	2,348	2,446	2,548
DUI	358	368	379
Post C: Beaufort, Jasper			
	2011	2012	2013
Troopers	20	20	23
Cases	10,661	12,929	15,974
Warnings	6,584	8,777	10,241
Crashes	1,313	1,448	1,601
DUI	544	526	495



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

Captain A.K. Grice



**Troop Statistics**

335,830 Population  
 247,493 Licensed Drivers  
 292,012 Registered Vehicle  
 8,621 Roadway Miles  
 4,528 Square Miles

Post A: Allendale, Barnwell, Bamberg, Hampton			
	2011	2012	2013
Troopers	13	14	15
Cases	10,046	9,922	10,302
Warnings	10,656	11,812	10,180
Crashes	624	484	510
DUI	228	196	254
Post B: Calhoun, Orangeburg			
	2011	2012	2013
Troopers	19	18	21
Cases	14,244	17,115	16,991
Warnings	9,294	10,757	9,863
Crashes	2,406	2,491	2,740
DUI	418	452	444
Post C: Aiken			
	2011	2012	2013
Troopers	19	16	16
Cases	16,114	17,899	16,302
Warnings	12,069	13,376	10,445
Crashes	1,858	2,002	2,017
DUI	373	503	431





## Troop 8 Interdiction, Canines, Motors, Safety Improvement Team

### Captain G.S. Owens

Troop 8 is comprised of four sections: the Interdiction, Canine Unit, the Motorcycle Unit and the Safety Improvement Team. Members of the Interdiction, 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 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.

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.

### Provide Support

#### Troop Statistics

- 22 SIT Team Troopers
- 11 Motorcycle Troopers
- 5 Interdiction / Canine Troopers
- 6 Headquarters Troopers



**Troop 8****Interdiction, Canines, Motors, Safety Improvement Team**

ACE Team Activity	2011	2012	2013
Troopers	63	52	44
Cases	43,058	33,996	24,149
Warnings	58,960	53,168	39,294
DUI	62	60	32
Stolen Vehicles	0	0	2
Weapon Violations	16	13	2
Fugitive Arrests	58	26	12
Felony Arrests	108	60	45
Vehicles Seized	5	1	4
Currency Seized	\$1,853,807.00	\$423,571.00	\$308,845.00

Drug Activity	2011	2012	2013
Marijuana			
Cases	157	102	68
Amount	189 lbs.	433 lbs.	.12 lbs.
Cocaine			
Cases	24	17	10
Amount	35 lbs.	354 lbs.	23.2 lbs.
Crack			
Cases	7	6	0
Amount	1 lbs.	4 lbs.	
Methamphetamine			
Cases	19	5	14
Amount	4 lbs.	3 lbs.	65.4 lbs.
Stimulants / Depressants			
Cases	2	1	4
Amount	675 Dosage Units	38 Dosage Units	27 Dosage Units
Ecstasy			
Cases	4	1	1
Amount	675 Dosage Units	151 Dosage Units	27 Dosage Units



## Troop 9 Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team (MAIT)

### Captain R.I. Lee

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 five regions across the state: Piedmont, Pee Dee, Foothills, Coastal and Midlands. Members from every region are assigned to the Special Response Unit; these troopers are prepared to travel to any part of the state on short notice.

In 2013, MAIT worked 751 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.

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.



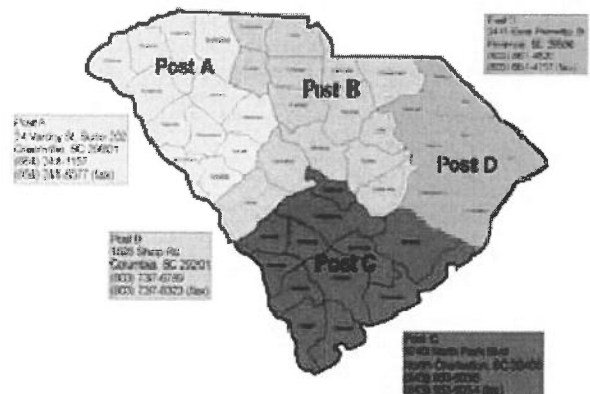
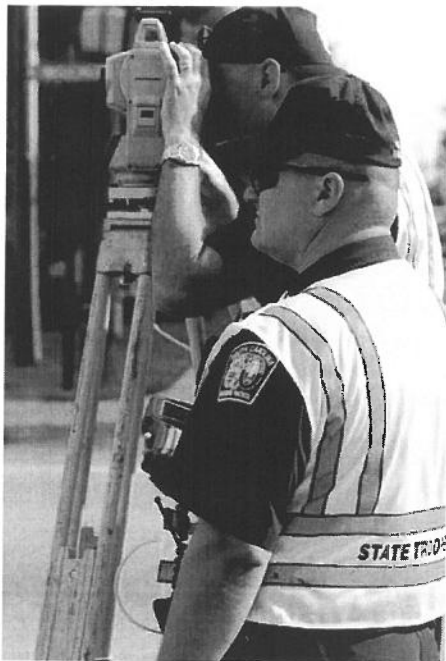
## Troop 9 Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team (MAIT)

MAIT Team Activity		
	2012	2013
Troopers	32	32
Total Investigations	759	751
Fatality - DUI	38	35
GBI - DUI	85	63
Limited Investigations	181	177
At-Scene Investigations	222	188
Supplemental	94	79
Patrol Backgrounds	139	209

Hit and Run Collision Investigations		
	2012	2013
Total Hit and Runs	33	52
Total Hit and Run with Death	23	29
Total Hit and Run Non-Fatal	10	23
Hit and Run Vehicle Type Identified	27	37

### Troop Statistics

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





## Troop 10 Administrative and Regulatory Compliance Unit

### Captain C.B. Hughes

The Administrative and Compliance Unit was created after the re-structure of Troop 10 in May, 2013. This 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 created standardized operating procedures for the administrative and enforcement of rotation wreckers to be utilized throughout the state. This was achieved by the following actions:

- Established a group of Wrecker Coordinators from each troop to create standardized operating procedures to be utilized throughout the state for the administration and enforcement of rotation wrecker services.
- Held monthly meetings with all Troop Coordinators to address issues regarding uniformity and procedural issues.
- Developed a formal and comprehensive application for Rotation Wrecker List. Wrecker services who desired to be added to the Rotation List were required to complete and submit the application to the Troop Headquarters in order to be considered for the list. This new form allows all drivers and trucks to be tracked and verify qualifications.
- Inspection Forms was revised to ensure uniform inspections statewide. The new Inspection Form is comprehensive, yet easy to follow and understand.
- State Transport Police joined with the Highway Patrol to assist with inspection of Class C wreckers. While some troops were already doing this in the past, it is now a statewide procedure.
- Troop Coordinators held meetings with all inspectors to provide instruction on the new inspection process and procedures.

**Troop 10 Administrative and Regulatory Compliance Unit**

- New forms and procedures were in place to be utilized for inspections for the 2014 rotation year.
- To ensure consistency and uniformity, all complaints and/or disciplinary actions against towing services are now being reviewed by the Administrative and Regulatory Compliance Unit and the Office of General Counsel.
- The Office of General Counsel is providing guidance in the interpretation of the wrecker service Regulations and Disciplinary Policy. To ensure consistency and uniformity, the Office of General Counsel is also preparing all written correspondence for the troops regarding any proposed action or sanction to be taken against any towing service.

**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 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.

<b>Insurance Enforcement Activity</b>			
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Contacts	64,445	74,476	84,635
Suspensions Received	44,451	49,475	52,534
Suspensions Cleared	42,624	47,844	51,515
Confiscated License Plates	17,117	18,317	21,144
Cases Made	1,052	979	962



## Resource Management

Budget/Procurement Facilities, Fleet Shop, Patrol Supply Warehouse

### Captain C.S. Watford

The Resource Management Unit is an administrative division of the Highway Patrol and was commanded by Captain C.S. Watford in 2013. The Resource Management Unit consists of Administration, Patrol Supply and the Central Evidence Facility.

### 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 is then delivered to HP Training.

### **Shotgun Replacement**

Patrol Supply continued to replace DPS officers' assigned shotguns with new Remington 870P short barrel shotguns with parkerized finishing. Approximately three fourths of the older shotguns have been replaced.

### **Backup Weapon Research and Development**

Patrol Supply staff began research for a planned replacement of the agency's back up weapons. Officers are testing a variety of different pistols and revolvers for possible use as back up weapons. Replacement with new weapons should occur in 2013.

### **Glock Trigger Spring Change**

Patrol Supply purchased new Glock 5.5 lbs. trigger springs which will be installed in all officer's weapons during the 2012-2013 in-service firearms training which started during the summer of 2012. It was determined by the DPS Training Unit that these trigger springs assisted officers during the qualification course.

### **Window Tint Meters**

Patrol Supply purchased 15 window tint meters to be tested by enforcement officers around the state. Officers evaluated the durability and accuracy of these window tint meters to see if they would be an asset for enforcement officers.

## **Resource Management**

Budget/Procurement Facilities, Fleet Shop, Patrol Supply Warehouse

### **Tasers**

Patrol Supply purchased 200 new Tasers to be assigned to enforcement personnel. This will outfit all HP enforcement officers with a Taser.

### **Patrol Fleet Shop**

The **DPS Fleet Service 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.

### **Issued Vehicles**

In 2013, the Fleet Service Shop began issuing the new Ford Police Interceptor to troopers throughout the state along with Tahoes and Chargers. DPS had two Highway Patrol classes that the Fleet Service Shop prepared and issued vehicles to these new officers.

### **New Watch Guard Cameras**

Fleet Service Shop continued to issue the new Watch Guard Digital In-Car Camera Video systems to DPS officers and other law enforcement agencies during 2013.

### **HP Facilities Division**

The Highway Patrol Facility unit manages the operations of the Highway Patrol Facilities. This division is responsible for the maintenance and daily operations of all facilities. The division is also responsible for the planning and budgeting of facility operations.

### **New Rock Hill Facility**

DPS opened a new consolidated facility in Rock Hill. Four separate facilities were consolidated into one new facility in 2013.

### **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.



## Resource Management

Budget/Procurement Facilities, Fleet Shop, Patrol Supply Warehouse

### **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.

### **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 (STP) by preserving evidence collected from incidents during drug arrests, collision investigations, and DUI enforcement.

### **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 two (2) classes for 2012, which produced twenty-two (22) newly trained evidence custodians.

### **Marijuana Analysis**

All CEF technicians are certified to analyze marijuana for DPS officers. Among these four (4) technicians, 115 cases were tested throughout the year of 2013.





## 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 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 2013 the Highway Patrol was awarded \$402,173 for five separate projects. The Department is a member of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement (CALEA). The Strategic Planning and Accreditation section is responsible for seeing that the Highway Patrol complies with the over 462 required standards. In 2013, SCDPS was re-accredited and was also designated as a Flagship of accredited agencies.

Accomplishments during 2013 include:

- Developed new digital submission for CALEA proofs.
- Worked with OSAPI in achieving CALEA re-accreditation and being awarded CALEA Accreditation with Excellence Award.
- Worked with Liaison Unit to develop a Policy and SOP for Intelligence Unit.
- Reviewed numerous policies and SOPs.
- Managed three DUI Team grants (two in Troop Three and one in Troop Five).
- Developed the Highway Patrol Strategic Plan.



## Executive Services Unit

### Employment and Recruiting Section

The Employment and Recruiting Section is responsible for all recruiting efforts to locate and attract the highest quality applicants for the Highway Patrol. This is accomplished by attending employment seminars, job fairs, college campus job placement programs and other methods of finding the best qualified applicants to become SCHP Troopers. The Unit is also responsible for processing all employment applications and guiding applicants throughout the entire employment process.

In 2013 the Employment & Recruiting Unit made some significant changes to its operational methods by holding Recruiting Informational Meetings around the state to inform potential candidate about becoming a state trooper. The section also added an additional recruiter and polygrapher to assure a more efficient evaluation process.

2013 Employment Unit Statistics	
State applications received	2,079
Automatic rejections	486
Supplemental applications received	793
Applicants PT tested	412
Polygraph Examinations	520
Total new Troopers graduated	70
Re-Hire applications received	4
Re-Hire applicants hired	3

The Employment and Recruitment Section accomplished the following during 2013:

- Worked with the Office of General Counsel to revise the tattoo policy
- Worked with the Office of Human Resources to raise the starting salary of a trooper from \$29,910 to \$31,154
- Hired a full-time Highway Patrol Recruiter
- Placed a Quick Response Code on recruiter's business card
- Hired 40 troopers in January and 42 in July
- Conducted Recruiting Informational Meetings in each Troop in August
- Established a Troop Recruitment Liaison Program
- Currently working with SCDNR to produce a recruiting video
- Worked with Resource Management and the Communications Office to build a vehicle with recruiter markings
- Developed an Employment and Recruiting Strategic Plan



## 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. An objective numeric rating system is used to identify the most qualified candidates for promotion to supervisory positions. Assessment criteria are: education level, time in service, time in grade, Management Leadership Assessment rating, Employee Performance Management System rating, written examination score and interview board score.

2013 Promotions	
Corporal	32
Sergeant	17
First Sergeant	4
Lieutenant	8
Captain	2





## 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 and 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

- Holiday Enforcement
- Pennsylvania State Police Promotions Examinations Board (Laffin)
- PT Test (Laffin)
- SCHP Recruitment Video (Laffin)
- Interview Boards (Laffin)
- Republican Governor's Conference
- Spring Mud Run
- Fall Mud Run
- Football game duty
- PPE Fit Testing
- 2013 Hurricane Expo
- 14th MUSC Hurricane Awareness Day
- Hurricane Awareness Day (Kiawah Island)
- Governor's Fly Around
- Sun City – Hilton Head Hurricane Preparedness Presentation
- Governor's Hurricane Seminar
- Governor's Earthquake Seminar
- Women in Law Enforcement Conference

### EXERCISES

- State Full Scale Exercise
- Catawba Nuclear Station Tabletop Exercise
- Plant Vogtle Full Scale HAB Exercise
- Buzzards Roost Dam (Lake Greenwood EAP) Functional Exercise
- V. C. Summer Hostile Action Based Drill Exercise
- SCDPS Hurricane Full Scale Exercise
- SCDPS Winter Storm Functional Exercise
- Severe Weather Tabletop
- SCDPS Winter Storm Tabletop Exercise
- Great Southeastern Shakeout Earthquake Exercise Drill
- PER 240 Course (Rosado)
- SCNG Palmetto Lightning Winter Storm Exercise
- SRS Hurricane Drill

- SCEMD Northern Conglomerate Regional Hurricane TTX
- SCEMD Central Conglomerate Regional Hurricane TTX
- SCEMD Southern Conglomerate Regional Hurricane TTX
- H. B. Robinson Exercise
- SCNG Regional ROC Drills
- Ardent Sentry Drill (Planning)
- Blewett and Tillery Hydroelectric Dam Exercise

### TRAINING

- E-449 – ICS Train-the-Trainer Course (Rosado)
- Driving Instructor Recertification (Laffin)
- Software Migration Training (Rea)
- In-Service
- Traffic Incident Management & Responder Safety Workshop
- Division Investigation Training
- HR Liaison Training (Rea)
- Saluda Emergency Action Plan Training
- ICS 300 Course
- E-449 ICS - Train-the-Trainer (Laffin)
- Lower Catawba EAP Training Session
- EAP Training – Duke Energy's Hydroelectric Stations
- I-95 Corridor Coalition Traffic Incident Management Training
- V. C. Summer Player Training
- H. B. Robinson Player Training
- Incident Management Coordinator Training
- 2013 Annual Emergency Action Plan Training (Stevens Creek Hydroelectric Plant)
- CNIPS Template Training for Winter Storm Exercise
- 2013 Hurrevac Training

## Emergency Traffic Management Unit

### TRAINING (continued)

- Administrative SERT Training
- Communications Verification Training
- Conglomerate Simulators and Evaluator Training
- TIMs Training
- WebEOC (ESF Specific) Training
- 2013 Annual Emergency Action Plan Training (Parr Hydroelectric and Fairfield Pumped Storage)
- 2013 Annual Emergency Action Plan Training (Pinopolis West Dam EAP Tabletop)
- Surface Transportation Emergency Preparedness and Security Course
- GIS Training
- Full Scale Exercise Training
- Keowee-Toxaway EAP Training Session

### COORDINATION/PARTNERSHIP/PLANNING

#### MEETINGS

- State Homeland Security Advisory Council Meeting
- SC PRND CVI Task Force Meeting
- SCPA Joint Taskforce Meeting
- State Full Scale Exercise Planning Meetings
- WMD Working Group Meeting
- SC Full Scale Exercise Concepts and Objectives Meeting
- SERT Workshop
- Midlands Health Coalition Meeting
- Shelter vehicles at the Charleston Area Convention Center Meeting
- ESF 16/Annex Meeting
- Oconee HAP Initial Planning Conference
- Annual winter weather update/Laurens County Local Emergency Planning Committee Meeting
- AHIMTA Conference
- Fall Annual Incident Management Team Conference
- SER Seminar
- THIRA/SPR/Strategy Work Group Meetings

- Recovery Task Force Meeting
- V. C. Summer Hostile Action Based Drill Planning Meetings
- Hurricane Task Force Meetings
- Catawba Nuclear Station Biannual Mid-Term Planning Conference
- Fall User Groups Meeting
- Healthcare Coalition Meeting
- Winter Storm Exercise Briefing
- Augusta Canal EAP Workshop
- Captain's Meeting
- Smoke Symposium
- Mud Run Planning Meeting
- ARTS ATMS Master Plan Meeting
- Radiological Emergency Preparedness Executive Education Seminar
- Severe Weather Incident Response Seminar
- ESF 19 Workshop
- ESF 17 Workshop
- ESF 16 Workshop
- ESF 14 Workshop
- ESF 13 Workshop
- ESF 3 Workshop
- ESF 10 Workshop
- STERIS Plan Update Meeting
- TIM Research Steering Committee Meeting
- 3 Year Training and Exercise Planning Workshop
- Vogtle Exercise Planning Meeting
- FBI WMD Working Group
- Unified Chiefs Meeting
- Lake Murray Dam Failure Brochure Meeting
- TIM Training Meeting with SCDOT
- SC TIM Equivalency Conference Call Meeting
- State Healthcare Coalition Advisory Council Meeting
- 2013 STEPS Passenger Meeting
- NCERST Meeting
- Aviation Coordination Meeting
- H. B. Robinson Exercise Planning Meetings

## Emergency Traffic Management Unit

### COORDINATION/PARTNERSHIP/PLANNING MEETINGS (continued)

- Statewide Conglomerate Hurricane Post Landfall Security Meetings
- SCEG Emergency Responders Meeting
- SCEMD Logistics Hurricane Seminar
- Emergency Management Coordination Committee Board
- Statewide Law Enforcement Coordination Meeting
- SC Radiological/Nuclear Detection Program Meeting
- HAB Workgroup Meeting
- Wrecker Advisory Committee Meeting
- EM Cop Meeting
- Earthquake Plan Seminar
- SCEMD 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Annual Day of Recovery







## Telecommunications Unit

### Captain M.A. Burgess

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 M.A. Burgess 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 Systems (NCIC) Bulletins.
- Motor Vehicle and Driver License records.
- S.C. Criminal Justice Information Files (CJICS).
- Radio Communication with county Emergency Management Center via mutual aid radio systems.

### Communications Logistics

This section is responsible for all SCDPS Enforcement Communications equipment. Includes maintaining, programing, and equipping all DPS Law Enforcement officers and Highway Patrol Telecommunications Centers.

2013 Telecommunications Unit Activity	
Call Center	Calls for Service
Blythewood	251,308
Greenwood	195,856
Greenville	213,363
Florence	163,376
Charleston	121,702
Total	945,605



## Training Unit

Captain N.A. Felder

The law enforcement training functions of the South Carolina Highway Patrol is administered by the SCHP Training Unit, under the direction of Captain N.A. Felder, III. The unit is structured into two sections: Professional Standards and Procedures, Special Operations and Tasers.

The Professional Standards and Procedures Section include the administrative functions of the unit with the recordkeeping responsibilities for all training. The section oversees the basic training program for the Highway Patrol and in-service training to all law enforcement personnel within DPS to include 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.

The Special Operations and Tactics Section are responsible for ensuring the operational readiness of the Advanced CERT Team and assists with the training of CERT Members within the troops. This section conducts all training on specialized weapons and administers all pre-employment and voluntary physical fitness testing for the agency.

### Special Operations and Tactics Section

During the 2013 calendar year the Special Operations and Tactics Section taught Active Shooter Courses at the SC Parks Complex on Farrow Road in Columbia

- Thirty-nine (39) one-day training classes were held from January 23 and concluding May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Over 700 line officers and first line supervisors were trained in these classes. ( SCHP, STP,BPS )
- Training curriculum uses CJA approved lesson plan with the objectives listed below:
  - History of Active Shooting Incident
  - Active Shooter Mindset
  - Officer Response – Contact Team -Neutralize the Threat
  - Tactical Formations and Team Movements
  - Force on Force (Simunitions) – Scenario Based Training
  - Roles of Rescue Teams, Perimeter Teams and Evacuation Teams



Training was conducted by A-CERT Members who hold CJA Instructor certification and under the direct of a certified ALERRT (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training)

- This course enhanced the operational readiness of DPS Officers in response in an active shooter incident.

## Training Unit

The Special Operations and Tactical Section also assisted with the development and implementation of a policy that allows troopers to carry a personally owned patrol rifle while on duty. Three patrol rifle classes were held in 2013 and approximately 40 troopers have been certified to carry these weapons.

### **Voluntary Fitness Testing Program**

Under the revised the scoring criteria for the voluntary PT test that assess over all fitness, the Special Operations and Tactical Section saw a 350% increase of in participation from 26 in the fall of 2012 to 92 in fall of 2013.

### **Honor Guard**

The SChP Honor Guard had Thirty-five (35) assignments during 2013 including funerals for retired troopers, highway dedications and memorial services.

Highway Patrol Training conducted two basic classes in 2013. SChP Basic 92 started on January 13, 2013. The program's curriculum included a five-week orientation phase designed to prepare the trainees for the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy's (SCCJA) Basic Law Enforcement (BLE) training program. During this phase of training, trainees received an introduction to the South Carolina Highway Patrol, SC DPS Policy & Procedures, Legals, Firearms and Defensive Tactics.

Upon completion of the pre-academy orientation phase, SChP Basic 92 joined SCCJA, BLE Class 597 for twelve (12) weeks of basic law enforcement training. During the twelve-week BLE program, SChP trainees trained with officers from municipal police & sheriff's departments.

After graduation from the SCCJA Basic Law Enforcement Program, the trainees entered a three-week Field Observation Phase as part of the revised FTO Program. During this initial phase, the trainees wore their BDU Uniforms and observed their FTOs performing the essential job duties of an enforcement trooper. Following their FTO Observation Phase, the trainees returned to the academy for an additional four-week in-residence training period that included; CRR/First Aid, Report Beam, SMD (Speed Measurement Device), At-Scene Collision Investigation, Officer Survival School and TASER.

The revised Basic Training Curriculum now consists of twenty-one weeks of in-residence training for uncertified candidates and nine weeks for previously certified law enforcement officers.

SChP Basic 92 graduated thirty-three (33) new troopers on June 28, 2013.

## Training Unit

SCHP Basic 93 started July 7, 2013 and following the same twenty-one week in-residence program as Basic 92, graduated thirty-seven (37) new troopers on December 19, 2013.

Governor of South Carolina, the Honorable Nikki R. Haley was the guest speaker for both of the graduation ceremonies in 2013.



### SCDPS 2013 In-Service Training

#### Phase 2 of the 2012-2013 In-Service began on February 12, 2013 and ended on June 4, 2013

In-service was divided into two separate categories. The one day Tactical In-Service was conducted at the Criminal Justice Academy and a two day Field In-Service was conducted regionally at the Troop Headquarters in Columbia, Greenville, Florence and Charleston. Fifteen (15) Tactical training sessions were held and twenty-three (23) two-day field classes were held. Topics of Instruction for this cycle of in-service included:

- First Aid and CPR Certification
- Traffic Incident Management (TIMS) – Instructed by Emergency Traffic Management Unit (ETMU)
- PPE and Hazardous Material
- SCLEAP
- National Safety Council Defensive Driving Four Hour Course as required by State Fleet Management
- Firearms
- Taser
- Report Writing Update

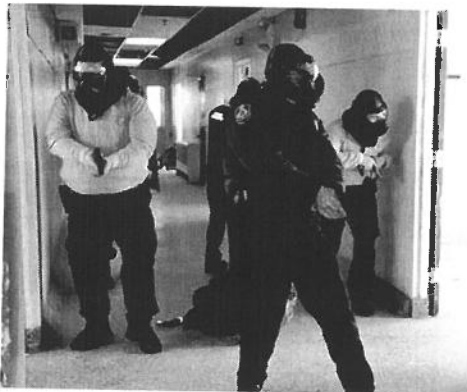
## Training Unit

### Phase 1 of the 2013-2014 In – Service began on September 18, 2013 and ended on December 4, 2013

Thirteen (13) sessions of the one day tactical in-service were held at SCCJA. A revised method for breaking the classes of approximately 40 officers into smaller sub- groups during firearms and defensive tactics proved to be very beneficial and allowed for lower student to instructor ratios. Topics of instruction included:

- Ethics/ Fair and Impartial Policing
- Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Proficiency
- PPE and Blood borne Pathogens
- Traffic Law Update
- Policy Review
- Firearms
- Taser
- Driving – Braking and Evasive / Precision

In addition to the one day tactical in-service at SCCJA, troopers also completed Speed Measurement Device and DMT recertification during this year through the CJA Portal or PowerDMS system.





## Liaison Unit

### 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:

- Office of Community Relations:
  - Victim Services
  - Families of Highway Fatalities
  - Occupant Restraint;
- Department of Education Liaison;
- Executive Protection Detail; and
- Intelligence.

### Community Relations Office

The Community Relations Office serves as the Highway Patrol's primary link to the public and the media. The office's responsibilities include:

- Media Relations
- Public Relations
- Community Outreach
- Safety Education
- Victim Advocate Services
- Families of Highway Fatalities
- Occupant Restraint – Child Passenger Seat
- 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), Charleston AFB and Ft. Jackson (Columbia). There were over 16,000 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.

## **Liaison Unit**

### **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. The SCHP partnered with Subway and incorporated the "W8 2 TXT" campaign into our prom talks, too. The safety talks reached 74 high schools and over 6,000 went online and pledged not to text and drive on Subways website.

### **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 UPS, Bosch, SC Electric Co-ops, SCE&G (multiple locations) and the DuPont Corp, to speak about highway safety issues in their community. Some have placed our safety PSA's on their internal website.

### **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 gives 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 host that has allowed us to speak about highway safety issues periodically on their show. Some of those have developed into more consistent appearances. In Troop 5, L/Cpl. Collins appears on the "Live Pee Dee" show once a month.

#### **Rollover Simulator Grant**

The CRO Unit was awarded a safety grant for the purchase of two additional rollover simulators to illustrate and promote occupant restraint use. The response from the public is very encouraging and request for the simulator 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 2013 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.

### **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.

Sober or Slammer Campaign's

Buckle Up SC

"100 Deadly Days of Summer/ Summer H.E.A.T"

DUI enforcement events

Operation 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

Target Zero

### **Events**

#### **Greenville Motor Trend Auto Show**

CROs set up a highway safety booth during this event with an emphasis on DUI, seatbelt use and speed. A SC Highway Patrol Ford Taurus and the rollover unit were displayed and it's estimated that thirty-thousand people attended the event.

#### **Fallen Trooper Memorial Dedication**

The Highway Patrol unveiled the "Fallen Trooper Memorial" 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 2013. The CRO Unit coordinated safety booths at the Coastal Carolina Fair and Orangeburg County Fair with assistance from the Troop. CROs support the OHS State Fair booth in 2013 and focused our topic 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 the beach at the end of 31<sup>st</sup> Street. It was difficult to find a good booth location to reach riders during this 2013 bike week. Attendance at this location was minimal. OHS purchased back packs with the "Ride Smart" logo and was a very popular hand out item during both bike weeks.

## Welcome Center/Rest Area Safety Breaks

In 2013, 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.

Community Relations Office Activities	
<b>Safety Presentations</b>	936 68,715 participants
<b>Safety Fair/Exhibits</b>	256 approx. 66,922 attendees
<b>CPS Events</b>	251
<b>Media Contacts</b>	5,076 Interviews
	TV: 2,533 Print: 1,071 Radio: 144 Press Box: 1,328
<b>Minority Outreach</b>	African-American focused events: 105 Hispanic focused events: 12
<b>Safety Equipment Used</b>	Golf Cart: 96 Goggles: 219 Rollover Simulator: 368



### Families of Highway Fatalities

The Families of Highway Fatalities (FHF) program was created in 2006 through federal grant funding. The group is primarily made up of families who have lost a loved one on the state's roadways, but also includes clergy, therapists, and friends of fatality victims. FHF works closely with the Highway Patrol to educate the public about safe driving behaviors through safety presentations in schools, churches, court programs, businesses and military bases around the state. FHF has also worked in conjunction with the Office of Highway Safety and SCDPS on major safety education campaigns, such as Highways or Die Ways and Sober or Slammer.

FHF has continued to grow since 2006. FHF held monthly bereavement support events, workshops, and training classes throughout the year, including regional meetings. Since the inception of the FHF program, a Compassionate Committee was developed consisting of FHF members, Highway Patrol Peer members, local funeral homes, SC Department of Mental Health and the Coroner's Office. A Compassionate Guide was created for families left behind after a highway death in South Carolina. These guides continue to be provided to family members during the notification process; changing the way death notifications are made by the Highway Patrol.

### 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.

#### 2013 Victim Services Office Activity:

- 140 Victims Served
- Follow up contacts: 283
- Information/Referrals: 279
- 16 speaking engagements with approximately 153 attendees

In 2013, the Victim Advocate provided services to 140 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.

## 2013 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.**

On November 16, 2013 at approximately 11:05 p.m., Lance Corporal Salvatore Cirencione notified SCHP Telecommunications that he was on the scene of a mobile home fire on Goff Court in the Dixiana area of Lexington County.

Upon arriving on-scene, he was approached by a male who said his girlfriend was still inside the mobile home. Lance Corporal Cirencione noticed that all of the windows in the mobile home were shattered and he could see flames coming from inside. Neither the front door nor the back door was accessible. Lance Corporal Cirencione retrieved a halogen tool from his trunk, returned to the back door, and was attempting to open it by force just as the fire department arrived. One of the firemen saw Lance Corporal Cirencione attempting to open the back door and immediately began to assist him while other firemen prepared to fight the fire. Once the door was opened, Lance Corporal Cirencione and the fireman pulled the woman to safety. The woman was not breathing and her arms, back, and hair were on fire. Lance Corporal Cirencione then assisted the fireman in performing chest compressions until the woman resumed breathing and the paramedics arrived on the scene.



Fire personnel that were on the scene stated that had it not been for Lance Corporal Cirencione's actions, the woman would have died before she could have been rescued from the home.

Lance Corporal Cirencione's willingness to put himself in harm's way is the definition of valor and selfless service.

## 2013 South Carolina Highway Patrol Medal of Valor

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On December 18, 2013 at 11:40 p.m., Lance Corporal J.L. Griffith initiated a pursuit on a vehicle for speeding. The pursuit continued on various roadways where Senior Trooper Luke D. Perry was able to join as the secondary pursuit vehicle and eventually became the primary pursuit officer. The pursuit traveled onto Bruce Road where the violator attempted to pass a tractor trailer and in doing so struck another vehicle head-on. The violator's vehicle then burst

into flames with both vehicles resting a few feet from one another. Senior Trooper Perry called for aid and ran to one of the vehicles where he was able to free the female driver who sustained injuries to her knees and legs. Her one year old child was properly restrained in a child safety seat and did not suffer any visible injuries and was also freed. Senior Trooper Perry was then able to get them out of the roadway to a place of safety. Lance Corporal Griffith was



able to help free the violator from the vehicle and placed him under arrest for Felony DUI and Felony Failure to Stop for Blue Lights. As other patrol units arrived, they were able to minimize the fire with fire extinguishers.

Because of Senior Trooper Perry's ability to remain calm during this stressful situation, he was able to save the lives of all the people trapped in the engulfed vehicles.

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Lance Corporal Godfrey attempted to make a traffic stop in Cherokee County on January 24, 2014, on what appeared to be an impaired driver. The driver failed to stop and Lance Corporal Godfrey and Corporal Eddins pursued the suspect several miles to the KOA campground off of Sarratt School Road near Gaffney where Mr. McKinney barricaded himself in a camper. Lance Corporal Miller, along with a number of officers from the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office and the Gaffney Police Department, arrived on the scene to assist in setting up a perimeter.

After numerous attempts to get Mr. McKinney to exit the camper, a member of the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office attempted to open the camper door. The suspect opened fire on the officers. At that point all officers took cover. An officer with the Gaffney Police Department then busted a window out of the camper and the suspect fired another shot, barely missing the Gaffney officer. The Gaffney officer then started a dialogue with the suspect that lasted for one and one half hours.



The Sheriff's Office SWAT Team deployed gas in an attempt to drive the suspect from the camper but he picked up the gas canister and threw it back out. A short time later a SWAT Team member deployed the Shotgun Taser through the screen door in an attempt to immobilize the suspect but the Taser was not effective. As the SWAT Team approached the camper, the suspect stuck a semi-automatic handgun through a window in the screen door and opened fire on the deputies. At that time, Lance Corporal Miller and three other officers returned fire, wounding the suspect. EMS was summoned from a staging area and the suspect was transported to the Gaffney Medical Center where he died from his injuries.

# 2013 South Carolina Highway Patrol Medal of Valor

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Corporal Eddins, Lance Corporal Godfrey and Lance Corporal Miller all displayed outstanding bravery in the face of danger by setting up and remaining in the perimeter while dealing with this suspect, who was later determined to be a convicted bank robber and habitual traffic offender. They also showed great restraint and protection of human life and property by not returning fire after the subject had fired at least three shots at them. Force was used only when necessary to protect fellow officers.



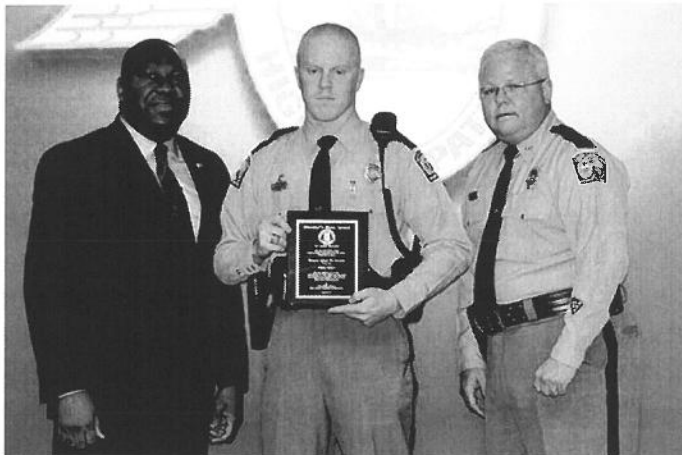
# 2013 South Carolina Highway Patrol Director's Hero Award

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 Adam H. Crouch, Troop One**

Trooper Adam H. Crouch was stopped at a traffic signal in Lexington County on February 16, 2014. A minivan pulled up beside him and made a sudden stop. Trooper Crouch rolled down his window and a woman was frantically yelling that her baby had fallen into a swimming pool and wasn't breathing. She was holding her baby. Trooper Crouch had the driver pull in front of him and notified SCHP Telecommunications of his situation.

He then went up to the vehicle and noticed that the child was breathing with labored, shallow breaths. The child's eyes were open and he was unresponsive. Trooper Crouch instructed the mother to turn the child onto his stomach and he administered several back blows. This caused the child to regurgitate a large amount of water. After repeating this several times, the child began to cry. Lexington Country Fire Service arrived on scene and began checking the child's vitals and then Lexington County EMS arrived and transported the child to Palmetto Richland Hospital.



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**Troop Six: Lance Corporal Mark E. McDonald**

Lance Corporal McDonald has served the citizens of South Carolina as a Trooper for six years. He is from Dorchester County and when he completed Highway Patrol Training, he was assigned to Troop Six, Post B (Colleton and Dorchester Counties) where he is currently assigned.

Lance Corporal McDonald is a Field Training Officer and has become a leader to subordinate troopers. In 2013, he demonstrated several examples of leadership, dedication, and selfless service. He is community-oriented and dedicated to his work.

Lance Corporal McDonald is a leader in drug enforcement in Post B. Throughout this year he has made numerous arrests for possession of Marijuana, Cocaine, and Methamphetamines.

Lance Corporal McDonald went above and beyond the call of duty while off duty. On September 16, 2013, he was outside working in his yard when he noticed that his neighbor was locked out and trying to gain entry to his residence through the back door. After several attempts, the neighbor accidentally shattered the glass in the door. Viewing this from across the roadway, L/Cpl. McDonald noticed the man in extreme panic and running from the door into yard.





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He ran towards his neighbor asking repeatedly if he was ok. The neighbor was panicked and screaming. Lance Corporal McDonald noticed that his neighbor's right arm was severely cut from the glass, and he was bleeding profusely. Others called the local EMS. Lance Corporal McDonald was able to control his neighbor and calm him to slow the blood loss. EMS, Fire, and the local police arrived on scene and rendered aid. EMS said that if he had not reacted in the time that he did, his neighbor's blood loss could have resulted in his death.



2013  
**South Carolina  
Trooper of the Year**  
Lance Corporal Salvatore Cirencione  
Troop One Lexington

On November 16, 2013 at approximately 11:05 p.m., Lance Corporal Salvatore Cirencione notified SCHP Telecommunications that he was on the scene of a mobile home fire on Goff Court in the Dixiana area of Lexington County.

Upon arriving on-scene, he was approached by a man who said his girlfriend was still inside the mobile home. Lance Corporal Cirencione noticed that all of the windows in the mobile home were shattered and he could see flames coming from inside. Neither the front door nor the back door was accessible. Lance Corporal Cirencione retrieved a halogen tool from his trunk, returned to the back door, and was attempting to open it by force just as the fire department arrived. One of the firemen saw Lance Corporal Cirencione attempting to open the back door and immediately began to assist him while other firemen prepared to fight the fire. Once the door was opened, Lance Corporal Cirencione and the fireman pulled the woman to safety. The woman was not breathing and her arms, back, and hair were on fire. Lance Corporal Cirencione then assisted the fireman in performing chest compressions until the woman resumed breathing and the paramedics arrived on the scene.



Fire personnel that were on the scene stated that had it not been for Lance Corporal Cirencione's actions, the woman would have died before she could have been rescued from the home.

Lance Corporal Cirencione's willingness to put himself in harm's way is the definition of valor and selfless service.

# 2013 Trooper of the Year Nominees

## Troop Two

Since beginning his Highway Patrol career in 2006, Lance Corporal James C. Ashley has proven to be a dedicated trooper. His devotion to the citizens of South Carolina is evident in his everyday contact and overall willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty. Because he experienced the loss of a family member, Lance Corporal Ashley has dedicated himself to his role as a State Trooper with a mission of preventing other families from experiencing the tragedy of losing a loved one on the roads of this state.

## Troop Five

Lance Corporal John W. Ellis joined the Highway Patrol in July 2000. His diligence and attention to detail was instrumental to the arrest of four armed-robbery suspects and the closing of three other armed robbery cases committed by the same suspects in three different South Carolina and North Carolina counties. These suspects have also been tied to an on-going kidnapping investigation and home invasion investigation. This incident is consistent with Lance Corporal Ellis's normal work ethic. He is married, with two children.

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## Troop Three

Senior Trooper Luke D. Perry became a Highway Patrol trooper in January 2010. Since beginning his career as a trooper, Senior Trooper Perry has become an outstanding example of commitment and dedication of the Highway Patrol's mission of serving and protecting the public through training, education, prevention and enforcement. His ability to remain calm during a stressful situation allowed him to save the lives of people trapped in engulfed vehicles after a head-on collision. Senior Trooper Perry has earned the respect of the Command Staff and Troop Commander.

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## Troop Six

Since beginning his career in March 2006, Lance Corporal Mark E. McDonald has proven to be an exemplary trooper. He currently serves the citizens of Collection and Dorchester counties. Lance Corporal displays many examples of leadership, dedication, and self-service. He is a community-oriented trooper who is dedicated to his work and the citizens of this state with a willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty, even when off duty. Lance Corporal McDonald's ability to remain calm while assisting a seriously injured neighbor was instrumental in saving the neighbor's life.

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## Troop Four

Senior Trooper Anthony S. Darby fulfilled a life-long dream when he joined the Highway Patrol in March 2010. He previously served with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department and the Chester County Sheriff's Department. Senior Trooper Darby serves the citizens of Chester and Fairfield counties in an exemplary manner, going to great lengths to foster relationships with other law enforcement agencies in our area. He maintains various certifications and one of the highest enforcement averages in Troop Four while giving his time in a very unselfish manner.

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## Troop Seven

Trooper First Class Steven M. Williams joined the Highway Patrol in January 2011. Since becoming a trooper, Trooper First Class Williams has demonstrated exceptional leadership abilities and consistently performs at the top of all enforcement categories. He serves Orangeburg and Calhoun counties with a dedication to saving lives that other troopers in his area strive to emulate. Trooper First Class Williams has an outstanding attitude towards his job and is willing to do any task given to him without hesitation.

# 2013 Trooper of the Year Nominees

## Troop Eight

Corporal Bradley D. Dowis has been with the Highway Patrol since June 2006. He displays an excellent work ethic and is a reliable and dedicated trooper. Corporal Dowis continues to set an example for his Upstate Unit and other troopers to follow. He was also named the Senior Trooper Michael J. Rao K-9 Award winner in 2013. Corporal Dowis is always willing to provide assistance to other troop areas during events that are outside his typical job duties.

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## Troop Nine

Lance Corporal Todd J. Proctor has been with the Highway Patrol since July 2000. During his career, he has consistently performed his duties in an exceptional manner. Lance Corporal Proctor takes an active role in all investigations while mentoring fellow troopers and MAIT members. He has also proven to be an exemplary interviewer for MAIT. Lance Corporal Proctor's skills as an interviewer and investigator ultimately played a part in determining the truth regarding the events that led to a fatal collision, resulting in a charge of Reckless Homicide and Leaving the Scene Involving Death. He also assisted a local law enforcement officer in apprehending several bank robbery suspects while working a collision scene.

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## Troop Ten

Corporal James F. Jordan graduated Patrol School in 1985. In the mid-1990's, his district captain saw what a valuable asset he was and transferred him to the Administrative Enforcement Section of what was then District Five. He retired in 2001 and was rehired to the Insurance Enforcement Unit in 2002. Corporal Jordan led the state in confiscated tags and contacts of many years prior to his promotion to the rank of Corporal in 2010, which contributed to the Unit's reduction of statewide uninsured motorists from twenty-eight percent in 2002 to nine percent in 2013.

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## Troop Eleven

Corporal William T. Rhyne has been with the Highway Patrol since May of 2000 and was assigned to the Community Relations Office (CRO) in 2009. He currently serves as a CRO Corporal supervising all CRO activities in Region One (Troops One - Four) while continuing to handle all CRO responsibilities for Troop Three. Corporal Rhyne is an excellent role model for new Community Relations Officers that join the unit because of his work ethic and enthusiasm for serving his community.

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# 2013 Telecommunications Officer of the Year

Britanie R. Bratcher Greenville Telecommunications Center

TCO Britanie Bratcher is an outstanding communications operator. She has been with SCDPS Telecommunications since June 2009. TCO Bratcher shows great enthusiasm for her job. She always wants to learn new things and she never backs down from a challenge. Although TCO Bratcher had no prior experience when she was hired, we quickly realized she was a natural at the job.

Throughout the last couple of years, she's been observed her on many occasions handling difficult calls. She always remains calm and professional and does her best to get assistance to the callers as needed.

One call in particular comes to mind that shows her excellence in handling stressful situations. On July 5, 2013 at 1649 hours, TCO Bratcher answered a phone call for a vehicle versus motorcycle and the driver of the motorcycle was not conscious. TCO Bratcher began to question the caller and learned that the caller was certified in CPR and documented that the caller was doing chest compressions on the unconscious rider. The motorcycle rider responded to the chest compressions and started breathing. TCO Bratcher conferenced the caller in with EMS making sure that a medically trained dispatcher was on the line to assist the caller. Although the rider did not survive the crash, it is felt that TCO Bratcher played an integral part in helping the victim to get medical assistance sooner.



Another example took place last summer when TCO Bratcher determined that the caller was emotionally and mentally disturbed; the caller advised that she was driving herself to the hospital. TCO Bratcher took the caller's information and informed the Patrol Supervisor on duty what she had, and also made contact with the dispatcher for the Police Department at Greenville Memorial Hospital. She kept the dispatcher for the hospital police informed, and several officers got to the subject and rendered assistance to her.

It is these types of calls that make TCO Bratcher stand out as a communications operator. TCO Bratcher is married and has a daughter.

# 2013 Telecommunications Officer of the Year Nominees

## Blythewood TCC

TCO Lee Carrigg began working with the Department of Public Safety in May 1997. He is very dependable and always punctual. He is constantly willing to assist other operators whether it is calling wreckers, running traffic, or just relieving them so they can take a break. The TCOs from all shifts enjoy working with him. His ability to handle stressful situations is exemplary.

TCO Carrigg is also a designated trainer for the Blythewood Telecommunications Center. He has trained several operators and has done an excellent job of making sure that the new operators are trained correctly. Anyone that knows him knows that his top priority is officer safety. His attitude is exemplary and he shows a genuine concern for each officer's safety, and unselfish dedication to the job.

TCO Carrigg was born in Denmark, South Carolina, and is a graduate of the Jefferson Davis Academy in Blackville, S.C. and he attends the Ghents Branch Baptist Church in Denmark. TCO Carrigg is married with two children.

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## Charleston TCC:

TCO Mahailey Amos was working the Ridgeland radio console in the Charleston TCC in December when a trooper initiated a traffic stop on Boundary Street in Beaufort County. TCO Amos entered a traffic stop and everything was proceeding in a normal manner. The traffic stop took a turn after the trooper ran

the driver's license and was provided with the driver's information and assistance was required. The trooper then began telling the radio TCO that the subject had assaulted him.

TCO Amos remained calm, advised the trooper help was en route. She also ensured that a Medic Unit was sent as well. TCO Amos documented all information received and relayed during this time period promptly and accurately in her call notes.

As a Telecommunications Operator, one of the most stressful situations we can encounter is an officer in distress. TCO Amos demonstrated remarkable poise during this incident and at no time did she allow any of the stress of the situation to reflect in her voice or radio transmissions.

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# 2013 Telecommunications Officer of the Year Nominees

## **Florence TCC:**

TCO Carl Devault has been a Telecommunications Operator in the Florence TCC since August 2, 2007. In November 2012, he was promoted to Assistant Telecommunications Supervisor. Although TCO Devault came to the Highway Patrol with no prior dispatching experience, he was a fast learner and quickly excelled in all aspects of the on-the-job training program while later meeting the requirements for his certifications (CAD, etc.). Additionally, he took initiative and trained himself on the Map Point program and then provided information, insight, and training on the use of Map Point to other staff members.

TCO Devault remains intuitive, alert, and determined when it comes to his work ethic when facing any challenge in dispatching calls for service. His dedication as a supervisor/operator shines forth when he has often agreed to schedule changes and/or adjustments necessary to ensure proper schedule coverage in the Florence Telecommunications Center when it is understaffed.

TCO Devault maintains accurate and complete CAD, NCIC, and fatality records as they are packed with information to ensure compliance with established procedures. His systematic awareness and use of attained skills, safeguards the welfare of all Patrol personnel on his radio console by checking on them during their traffic stops. His communications abilities - know-how, courtesy, and professional protocol - help him to confidently influence working relationships with uniformed staff, the general public, and his co-workers and supervisors. TCO Devault exhibits a genuine passion for the work of a Telecommunications Operator.

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## **Greenwood TCC:**

TCO Tamesha Strong is one of the most vibrant operators in the Greenwood center. She has the ability to make everyone laugh throughout the day. She always has a positive attitude and is willing to assist in any way possible.

TCO Strong came into the center with no experience and has excelled in learning all aspects of the TCC. She trains new operators and encourages everyone to have an encouraging attitude throughout the shift. She can be counted on to come in on her days off and help and will even call into say "I can be there in a few minutes' if you need me." TCO Strong works hard at the Console to ensure all aspects of her work is done and takes great pride in her work.

She has time after time controlled a hectic situation with multiple wrecks on the interstate and manages to stay professional and keep the radio traffic under control. She has excelled in these types of calls and manages it with composure. TCO Strong is very detailed in her work and continues to learn more every day. She is a single parent of two handsome boys and has been going to school part-time to further her education. She has a very demanding schedule with work, home and school and through it all keeps a positive attitude and keeps laughing.

**Dedicated to those who gave their  
lives in service to the citizens of  
South Carolina.**

R.W. McCracken	1931	W.E. Peoples	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. Henneycy	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	1956	R.S. Hewitt	1996
H.B. Ray	1958	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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