



# South Carolina Highway Patrol 2015 Annual Report

◇ *Selfless* ◇ *Service* ◇ *Integrity*

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

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MEMORANDUM



To: All South Carolina Highway Patrol Personnel

From: Colonel M.R. Oliver  
Commander

Date: July 8, 2016

2015 was a challenging year for the Highway Patrol as well as for the department and the state. The law enforcement incidents that happened around the country were heightened in South Carolina by the Charleston church shooting followed by the Confederate Flag debate. However, South Carolina set itself apart from the rest of the country by how these incidents were handled. Troopers and staff of the Highway Patrol showed how incidents such as these can be handled in a manner that protects citizens and property while allowing people's views to be heard. Troopers and staff again showed their dedication during the October flooding by working with other organizations to assure order and safety.

I am very proud to be the Colonel of such dedicated Troopers and staff who adhere to our values of Selfless Service, Integrity, and Responsibility. We consistently strive to improve conditions and opportunities within the Patrol. In 2015, we were able to implement salary realignments for Troopers which had not been done in many years. We will continue on this course to make improvements where needed and make the Highway Patrol even better. I look forward to 2016 as we continue to achieve our mission of providing safety to our citizens.

MRO: rb

*Courtesy - Efficiency - Service*

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## The Mission of the South Carolina Highway Patrol

**...to provide equitable services 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 Safety**

### **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 of 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.



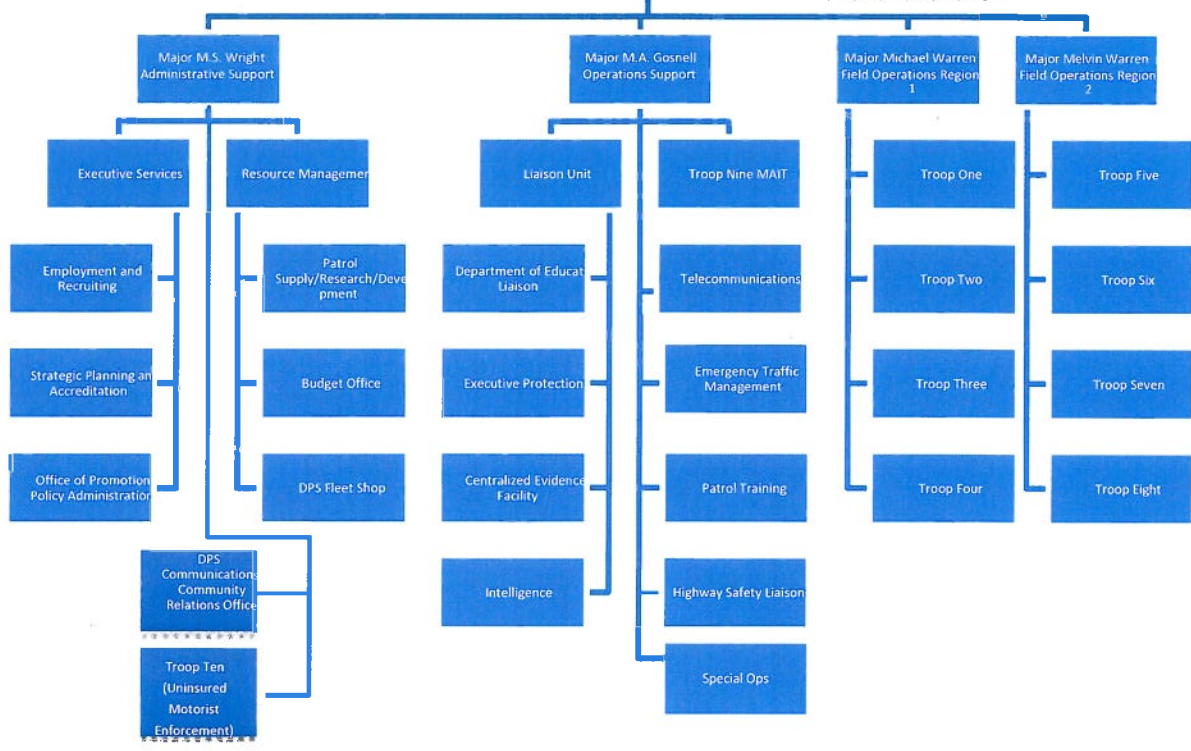
# SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Colonel M.R. Oliver  
Commander



Lieutenant Colonel C.N. Williamson  
Deputy Patrol Commander



STATE STATISTICS	
4,832,482	POPULATION
3,724,946	LICENSED DRIVERS
4,336,240	REGISTERED VEHICLES
66,265	ROADWAY MILES
32,004	SQUARE MILES

STATISTICS: PATROL AND ENFORCEMENT			
	2013	2014	2015
TOTAL TROOPERS	764	773	764
MOTORISTS ASSISTED	173,573	136,444	128,079
MILES DRIVEN	30,183,431	27,473,480	28,176,728
CRASHES INVESTIGATED	78,443	79,549	89,748
DUI ARRESTS	14,490	13,974	12,533
WARNINGS ISSUED	372,728	319,608	290,509
	2013	2014	2015
TICKETS ISSUED	489,666	458,895	424,477
SEATBELT VIOLATIONS	170,622	144,951	123,550
CHILD SEAT VIOLATIONS	4,860	4,358	3,607
SPEED VIOLATIONS	184,671	185,788	180,832

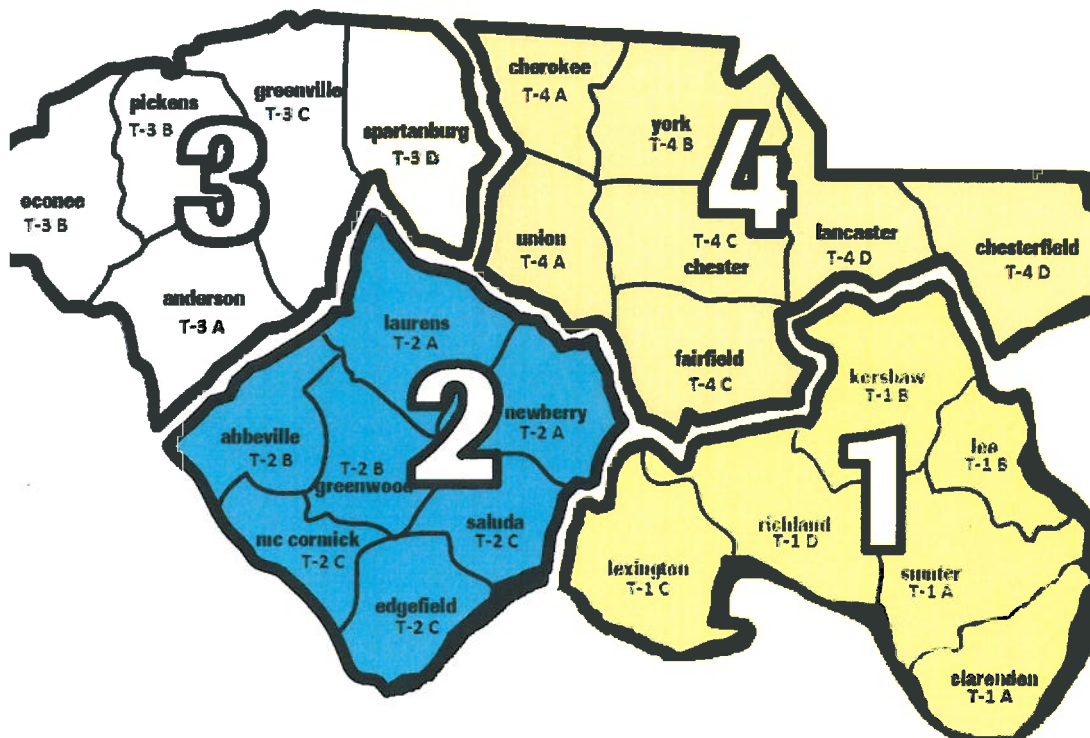




Major Michael Warren

## Field Operations Region 1

Region 1 consists of enforcement efforts and response for calls for services in the upper part of the state. Region 1 consists of Troops 1—4 and is commanded by Major Michael Warren.



# TROOP 1 CLARENDON, SUMTER, KERSHAW, LEE, LEXINGTON, RICHLAND



**CAPTAIN R.B. GRUBBS**

POST A	CLARENDON, SUMTER		
	2013	2014	2015
TROOPERS	21	18	19
CASES	11,677	11,722	10,696
WARNINGS	10,450	10,165	9,053
DUI	456	503	497
POST B	KERSHAW, LEE		
	2013	2014	2015
TROOPERS	17	16	14
CASES	9,030	10,607	9,684
WARNINGS	12,593	11,939	8,962
DUI	241	259	227
POST C	LEXINGTON		
	2013	2014	2015
TROOPERS	26	30	27
CASES	18,104	24,966	24,715
WARNINGS	12,712	15,543	15,041
DUI	626	634	227
POST D	RICHLAND		
	2013	2014	2015
TROOPERS	41	38	32
CASES	31,891	31,240	26,225
WARNINGS	20,685	19,536	18,990
DUI	933	924	744



### Troop Statistics

911,638 Population (2015)  
 666,428 Licensed Drivers  
 788,458 Registered Vehicles  
 10,336 Roadway Miles

**TROOP 2 LAURENS, NEWBERRY, ABBEVILLE,  
GREENWOOD, EDGEFIELD, MCCORMICK,  
SALUDA**



**CAPTAIN D.W. YONGUE**

POST A	LAURENS, NEWBERRY		
	2013	2014	2015
TROOPERS	21	21	23
CASES	16,538	17,573	14,814
WARNINGS	13,667	12,808	9,560
DUI	319	320	319
POST B	ABBEVILLE, GREENWOOD		
	2013	2014	2015
TROOPERS	17	17	16
CASES	13,850	12,166	10,432
WARNINGS	9,437	8,787	7,019
DUI	400	421	884
POST C	EDGEFIELD, MCCORMICK, SALUDA		
	2013	2014	2015
TROOPERS	13	15	14
CASES	8,812	9,051	7,247
WARNINGS	606	655	5,341
DUI	195	226	217

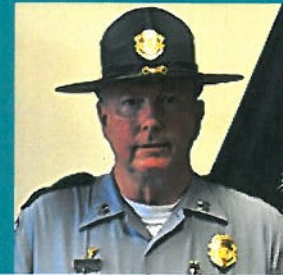


**Troop Statistics**

255,226 Population (2015)  
 187,938 Licensed Drivers  
 239,012 Registered Vehicles  
 7,921 Roadway Miles  
 3,795 Square Miles

# TROOP 3

ANDERSON, GREENVILLE, OCONEE,  
PICKENS, SPARTANBURG



CAPTAIN D.E. DICKERSON

POST A	ANDERSON		
	2013	2014	2015
TROOPERS	26	27	24
CASES	17,054	17,102	15,138
WARNINGS	15,313	17,263	17,410
DUI	777	658	608
POST B	OCONEE, PICKENS		
	2013	2014	2015
TROOPERS	25	31	22
CASES	16,274	13,043	9,033
WARNINGS	19,329	14,240	9,303
POST C	GREENVILLE		
	2013	2014	2015
TROOPERS	50	51	49
CASES	33,147	30,405	27,334
WARNINGS	27,546	22,2286	17,204
DUI	1,220	1,259	1,075
POST D	SPARTANBURG		
	2012	2014	2015
TROOPERS	50	51	37
CASES	33,147	30,405	21,941
WARNINGS	27,546	22,286	14,497
DUI	1,220	1,259	687



### Troop Statistics

- 1,164,664 Population (2015)
- 903,325 Licensed Drivers
- 1,049,109 Registered Vehicles
- 7,921 Roadway Miles
- 3,795 Square Miles

# TROOP 4

**CHEROKEE, UNION, YORK, CHESTER,  
FAIRFIELD, CHESTERFIELD, LANCASTER**



**CAPTAIN B.J. ALBERT**

POST A	CHEROKEE, UNON		
	2013	2014	2015
TROOPERS	18	17	18
CASES	14,116	13,735	14,589
WARNINGS	11,987	11,509	10,535
DUI	438	383	421
POST B	YORK		
	2013	2014	2015
TROOPERS	25	27	25
CASES	23,412	25,181	21,569
WARNINGS	20,686	19,402	14,104
DUI	681	741	536
POST C	CHESTER, FAIRFIELD		
	2013	2014	2015
TROOPERS	15	18	20
CASES	14,165	11,565	8,947
WARNINGS	12,218	10,234	1,300
DUI	312	222	256
POST D	CHESTERFIELD, LANCASTER		
	2012	2014	2015
TROOPERS	18	15	20
CASES	10,345	7,851	8,947
WARNINGS	14,051	1,719	1,300
DUI	368	340	256



## Troop Statistics

516,844 Population (2015)  
 407,206 Licensed Drivers  
 486,264 Registered Vehicles  
 8,864 Roadway Miles  
 4,266 Square Miles



# TROOP 5

DARLINGTON, MARLBORO, DILLON,  
FLORENCE, MARION, GEORGETOWN,  
WILLIAMSBURG, HORRY



CAPTAIN J.N. NELL

POST A	DARLINGTON, MARLBORO		
	2013	2014	2015
TROOPERS	20	19	18
CASES	12,810	12,702	10,306
WARNINGS	4,761	5,830	5,699
DUI	648	670	510
POST B	DILLON, FLORENCE, MARLBORO		
	2013	2014	2015
TROOPERS	37	37	40
CASES	23,812	22,949	26,111
WARNINGS	14,489	8,246	9,808
DUI	1,082	1,003	955
POST C	GEORGETOWN, WILLIAMSBURG		
	2013	2014	2015
TROOPERS	25	25	25
CASES	13,648	12,065	11,395
WARNINGS	6,748	4,566	4,454
DUI	593	540	541
POST D	HORRY		
	2012	2014	2015
TROOPERS	46	44	36
CASES	40,410	29,928	29,904
WARNINGS	13,199	8,074	7,758
DUI	1,169	1,191	929



### Troop Statistics

590,314 Population (2015)  
551,476 Licensed Drivers  
617,861 Registered Vehicle  
10,648 Roadway Miles  
5,892 Square Miles

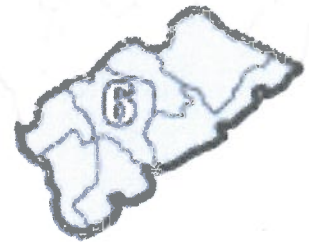
# TROOP 6

CHARLESTON, BERKELEY, DORCHESTER,  
COLLECTON, BEAUFORT, JASPER,



CAPTAIN J.T. MANLEY

POST A	CHARLESTON, BERKELEY		
	2013	2014	2015
TROOPERS	26	27	24
CASES	22,585	22,664	17,044
WARNINGS	10,280	7,967	6,417
DUI	582	546	451
POST B	DORCHESTER, COLLECTON		
	2013	2014	2015
TROOPERS	20	20	19
CASES	13,558	14,342	13,883
WARNINGS	7,824	7,334	7,630
DUI	379	380	273
POST C	BEAUFORT, JASPER		
	2013	2014	2015
TROOPERS	23	19	19
CASES	15,974	14,753	16,234
WARNINGS	10,241	8,083	8,278
DUI	495	537	505



### Troop Statistics

968,4825 Population (2015)  
757,927 Licensed Drivers  
833,724 Registered Vehicles  
7,796 Roadway Miles  
5,904 Square Miles



## TROOP 7

ALLENDALE, BARNWELL, BAMBERG,  
HAMPTON, CALHOUN, ORANGEBURG, AIKEN



CAPTAIN A.K. GRICE

POST A	ALLENDALE, BARNWELL, BAMBURG, HAMPTON		
	2013	2014	2015
TROOPERS	15	14	13
CASES	10,302	11,012	11,568
WARNINGS	10,180	9,423	11,104
DUI	254	201	227
POST B	CALHOUN, ORANGEBURG		
	2013	2014	2015
TROOPERS	21	22	23
CASES	19,1991	14,004	16,230
WARNINGS	9,863	7,172	9,208
POST C	AIKEN		
	2013	2014	2015
TROOPERS	16	21	18
CASES	16,302	14,983	17,690
WARNINGS	10,445	6,651	6,452
DUI	431	356	349



### Troop Statistics

336,962 Population (2015)  
250,310 Licensed Drivers  
300,018 Registered Vehicle  
8,621 Roadway Miles  
4,528 Square Miles

## TROOP 8

### INTERDICTION, CANINES, MOTORS, SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TEAM



CAPTAIN G.S. OWENS

Troop 8 is the Aggressive Criminal Enforcement (ACE) which has 56 Troopers comprised of four sections to carry out specialized law enforcement strategies of the Highway Patrol. The Interdiction/Canine Unit conducts statewide traffic enforcement and drug interdiction. The Motorcycle Unit conducts statewide traffic enforcement and motorcycle education safety. The Safety Improvement Team conducts statewide traffic enforcement and safety in highway construction work zones. The Target Zero Team conducts statewide traffic enforcement with the emphasis on DUI detection. Members of each section are specifically trained in their area of responsibility. Troop 8 is commanded by Captain G.S. Owens.

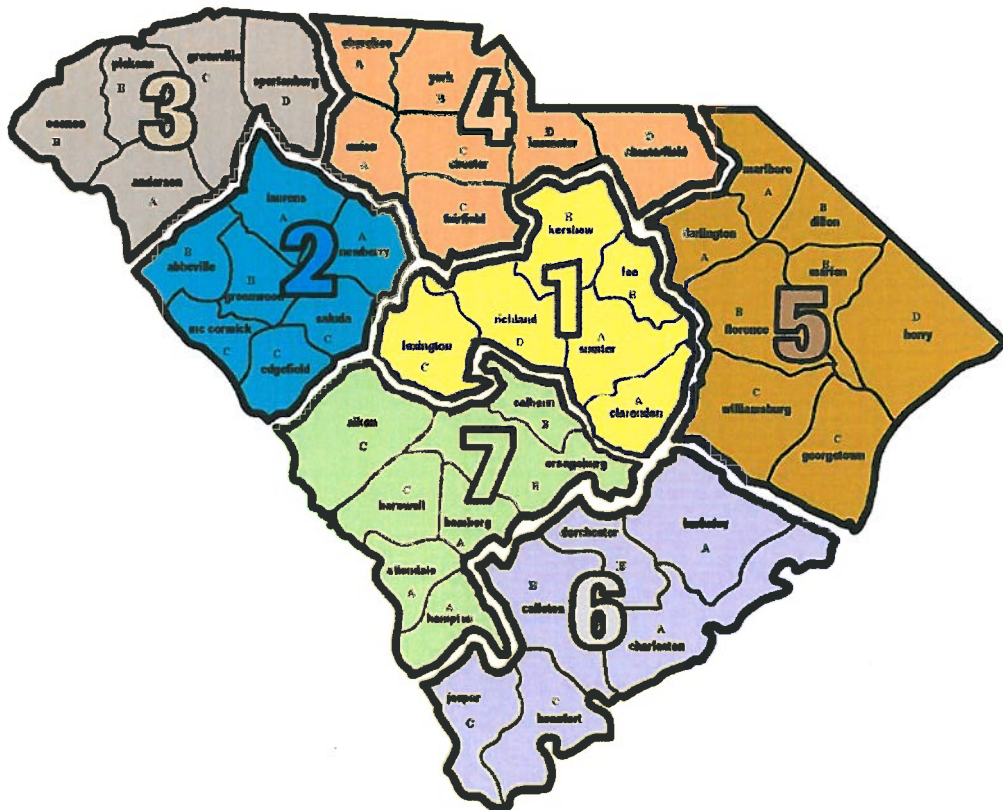
ACE TEAM ACTIVITY	2013	2014	2015
Cases	21,149	23,030	22,833
Warnings	39,294	33,225	33,228
DUI	32	17	111
Stolen Vehicles	2	2	4
Weapon Violations	2	4	6
Fugitive Arrests	12	28	28
Felony Arrests	45	39	23
Vehicles Seized	4	1	1
Currency Seized	\$308,845.00	\$370,016.00	\$1,057,807
Drug Cases	96	118	142



Major M.A. Gosnell

## OPERATIONS SUPPORT

Troopers and staff within the Operations Support Unit are trained to provide specialized services for the Highway Patrol and to meet the department obligations for statewide incidents. These services are provided through the Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team, the Telecommunication Unit, the Liaison Unit, the Training Unit, The Special Operations Unit and the Emergency Traffic Management Unit. Operations Support was commanded by Major M.A. Gosnell in 2015.



## TROOP 9 MULTI-DISCIPLINARY ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION TEAM (MAIT)



**CAPTAIN M.A. DANGERFIELD**

Troop 9 is the Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) which is responsible for conducting in-depth investigations of complex collisions. MAIT has 28 troopers assigned to four regions for statewide coverage. Each trooper has been trained in accident reconstruction in an attempt to determine collision causation. Troop 9 assists other law enforcement agencies with accident reconstruction and trains other Troopers in accident investigation techniques. MAIT also conducts background investigations for potential Trooper candidates. Troop 9 is commanded by Captain M.A. Dangerfield.

MAIT ACTIVITY	2013	2014	2015
TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS	751	776	754
FATALITY—DUI	35	56	55
GBI—DUI	63	67	69
LIMITED INVESTIGATIONS	177	172	176
AT-SCENE INVESTIGATIONS	188	198	251
SUPPLEMENTAL	79	104	77
PATROL BACKGROUNDS	209	179	126

HIT AND RUN COLLISION INVESTIGATIONS	2013	2014	2015
TOTAL HIT AND RUNS	52	36	52
TOTAL HIT AND RUN WITH DEATH	29	19	33
TOTAL HIT AND RUN NON-FATAL	23	17	18
HIT AND RUN VEHICLE TYPE IDENTIFIED	37	25	36

## Operations Support (continued)



**The Telecommunications Unit** consists of four operations centers around the state where calls for services from the public are received and dispatched to Troopers to respond. Telecommunications Operators keep track of all calls for service through the Communications Aid Dispatch (CAD) System. The Telecommunications Unit is commanded by Captain R.L. Ray.

Telecommunications Unit Activity			
Call Center	Calls for Service		
	2013	2014	2015
Blythewood	251,308	265,212	279965
Charleston	121,702	150,662	207085
Florence	163,376	150,897	149611
Greenville	213,363	238,862	256825
Greenwood	195,856	105,985	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>945,605</b>	<b>911,618</b>	<b>893,486</b>



**The Liaison Unit** is an administrative function of the Highway Patrol which is responsible for providing specific services to the Patrol and the public. SCHP receives services through the Central Evidence Facility which maintains all criminal evidence for the department. In addition, the Liaison Unit is the department's contact with other law enforcement agencies for the collection and dissemination of critical information for department officers. The public receives services through SCHP's victim advocate program and the Department of Education safety program.

Victim Advocate Activity			
	2013	2014	2015
Victims Serviced	140	97	158
Information/Referrals/Follow-ups	562	762	956

## OPERATIONS SUPPORT (continued)



**The Training Unit** is responsible for training and certifying all incoming trainees as well as assuring that all department law enforcement officers are certified in their perspective field of responsibility. Instructors consistently evaluate changing trends within law enforcement and tailors training sessions to meet specific instructional needs. The Training Unit is commanded by Captain E.J. Talbot.



**The Special Operations Unit** consists of Civil Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the Advance Civil Emergency Response Team (A-CERT) who is responsible for assisting in the state's response to civil unrest and other statewide incidents when crowd control and/or apprehension of fugitives is required. It also coordinates the Highway Patrol's honor guard and color guard. The Special Operations Unit is commanded by Captain R.M. Howard, III.



**The Emergency Traffic Management Unit (ETMU)** coordinates and implements the department's response to natural and man-made disasters in the state. These responsibilities mainly include the evacuation of citizens and responding to all hazard contingencies. ETMU coordinates with local, state, and federal agencies to develop plans to respond to emergency situations.. The ETMU is commanded by Captain R.G. Woods, IV.



Major M.S. Wright

## ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

The Administrative Support Unit is responsible for all administrative and compliance requirements for the Highway Patrol. This is accomplished through three main areas: the Administrative and Regulatory Compliance Unit, the Resource Management Unit, and the Strategic Planning Unit. In addition to these units, SCHP's Community Relations Officer (CRO) Program falls with the Administrative Support Unit. CRO Troopers work closely with the department's Communications Office to relate to news media and conduct traffic safety programs throughout the state. The Administrative Support Unit is commanded by Major M.S. Wright.

	CRO Activity		
	2013	2014	2105
Safety Presentations	936	524	722
Safety Fairs	256	160	513
Safety Participants	135,637	101,260	108,912
Media Contacts	5,076	5,245	6,962
Minority Outreach Presentations	117	82	68

## Administrative Support (continued)



**Troop 10 Administrative and Regulatory Compliance Unit** oversees specified administrative and regulatory compliance requirements in three areas of the Highway Patrol. Wrecker regulations assure that the Highway Patrol is in compliance with Article 7 (38-600) of State regulations for its towing rotation program. Records Maintenance reviews the use of department forms and maintains a records retention schedule. Insurance Enforcement is responsible for taking action against the suspension of drivers and/or vehicle licenses. Troop 10 is commanded by Captain C.B. Hughes.

Insurance Enforcement Activity			
Troopers	34	33	31
Contacts	84,635	81,330	81,115
Suspensions	52,534	54,727	54,503
Suspensions Cleared	51,515	52,251	51,421
Confiscated License Plates	21,144	21,665	20,563
Cases Made	962	671	533



## ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT (continued)



**The Executive Services Unit** provides administrative support for the Highway Patrol Command Staff through three areas. The Strategic Planning and Accreditation Section maintains the Highway Patrol's Strategic Plan and assures compliance with accreditation standards. It also oversees the Highway Patrol's grants program. The Employment and Recruiting Section recruits potential Trooper candidates and oversees their employment process. The Office of Promotion Policy Administration oversees the Highway Patrol's promotion process through the rank of Lieutenant and maintains Trooper demographics. The Executive Services Unit is commanded by Captain G.B. Peralta, Sr.

2015 Employment Statistics	
State Applications Processed	1676
Total new Troopers Hired	93

2015 Promotions	
Corporal	26
Sergeant	10
First Sergeant	9
Lieutenant	4
Captain	4
Major	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54</b>

2015 Polygraph Statistics	
Highway Patrol	216
State Transport Police	31
Bureau of Protective Services	35
Telecommunications	156
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>438</b>

2015 Recruiting Statistics	
Attended Universities/Colleges	36
Military Installations	12
Elementary/High Schools	2
Career Fairs	20
Community Events	35



## ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT (continued)



**Resource Management** is responsible for the purchase and supply of law enforcement equipment for all law enforcement officers of the Department of Public Safety. Patrol Supply stocks, tracks and issues all equipment. Fleet Services Shop equips, and maintains all law enforcement vehicles. Budget/Procurement ensures that proper procurement procedures are followed for the purchase of all equipment. Resource Management is commanded by Captain C.T. Stephens.

2015  
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 the 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 J.C. Elliott and Senior Trooper K.E. Bradacs of Troop One are honored as Medal of Valor recipients for their life saving actions during the historic 1000 year flood in October 2015. These two troopers assisted the Columbia Fire Department in the rescue of several stranded motorists on Decker Boulevard in northeast Richland Columbia on Sunday, October 4, 2015. While attempting to stabilize a fireman, Lance Corporal Elliott and the fireman were swept away by rushing water. Both survived when they were caught up in some bushes. Once they were saved, Lance Corporal Elliott continued to assist with the rescue. Senior Trooper Bradacs had stopped at Walmart earlier that morning and purchased several personal floatation devices in anticipation of saving someone's life. At one point, she was up to her neck (campaign hat still on) helping to save a stranded gentleman. Once a rope line was set, Lance Corporal J.C. Elliott and Senior Trooper K.E. Bradacs were able to assist the Fire Department in the successful rescue of three gentlemen.



Senior Trooper G.M. Colbert and Senior Trooper B.N. Trotter of Troop One are honored as Medal of Valor recipients for their life saving actions during the historic 100 year flood in October 2015. On Sunday, October 4, 2015, Senior Trooper Colbert was traveling west I-20 near the 68 mile marker preparing to close the interstate. He received word that several people were stranded in their vehicles in five to six feet of water under SC 215 Monticello Road. He immediately called for assistance from Senior Trooper Trotter and proceeded to see if anyone was in their vehicles. Finding three people, including a two year old child stranded on top of a truck when they arrived on scene, Senior Trooper Colbert removed his leather gear and equipment, handed them to Senior Trooper Trotter and without hesitating, went into the rising water, jumped the median wall, swam to the stranded people and individually helped all to safety. Both Troopers ensured the people were in a dry patrol car. Because the survivors were from out of state and their vehicles were lost, Senior Trooper Colbert and Senior Trooper Trotter drove them to a hotel and stayed until they were checked in.

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Lance Corporal E.A. Robinson of Troop Six is honored for his life saving actions on March 30, 2015. While stopped at the intersection of Remount Road and the entrance ramp to Interstate 26 in the City of North Charleston, Lance Corporal Robinson noticed the vehicle in front of him accelerate to a high rate of speed. The vehicle ran off the side of the roadway in a curve, striking a utility pole. After striking the pole, the vehicle immediately burst into flames, coming to rest in a parking lot. Lance Corporal Robinson arrived at the scene within seconds and ran to the vehicle. He attempted to free the driver, who was unconscious inside the burning vehicle, but all the doors were locked and the windows rolled up. Lance Corporal Robinson tried to break one window with his fire extinguisher without success. A passing motorist stopped to assist Lance Corporal Robinson and gave him a hammer. Lance Corporal Robinson was able to break the rear passenger window with the hammer, reach inside the vehicle, and unlock the doors. After unlocking the doors, two motorists that stopped to assist Lance Corporal Robinson pulled the driver from the vehicle to safety.

Lance Corporal E.A. Robinson received a few minor cuts to his hand while attempting to free the driver from the vehicle. The North Charleston Police Department investigated the collision and determined that the driver was under the influence of heroin.




2015  
South Carolina  
Highway Patrol  
Trooper of the Year

Senior Trooper Gabriel M. Colbert (below), of Lexington County, received the South Carolina Highway Patrol Trooper of the Year award. He was chosen from among 13 other nominees from around the state. Senior Trooper Colbert, assigned to Troop One/Midlands, was recognized for his efforts in saving the lives of three out-of-state motorists, including a 2-year-old child, during the “1,000 Year Flood Event” in 2015.



2015  
**South Carolina Highway Patrol**  
**Trooper of the Year Nominees**



Troop One

**Senior Trooper G.M. Colbert** (overall winner), **Senior Trooper K.E. Bradcacs**, **Corporal J.C. Elliot**, **Senior Trooper B.N. Trotter** recognized for their life-saving actions during the “1,000 Year Flood Event” in 2015.

Troop Four

**Senior Trooper P.M. Wilkins**—recognized for his resolution of a Felony DUI with great bodily injury and his investigation of a hit-and-run collision resulting in a DUI 3rd Offender being sentenced to a 5-year prison term.

Troop Two

**Corporal C.M. Edwards**—recognized for his assistance in apprehending a very dangerous individual responsible for a hit-and-run, armed robbery, and carjacking.

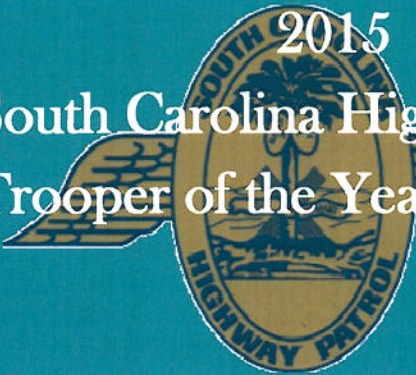
Troop Five

**Lance Corporal I.A. Scott**—recognized for his calmness during a dangerous situation that led to the apprehension of a subject with several pending warrants.

Troop Three

**Lance Corporal R.D. Manley**—recognized for preventing the suicide attempt of a distraught driver during a traffic stop.





2015  
South Carolina Highway Patrol  
Trooper of the Year Nominees

Troop Six

**Trooper T.L. Clemens**—recognized for his assistance in the efforts to apprehend a possible DUI subject during a vehicle pursuit. The subject was killed during this event and was later found to be wanted in connection with a shooting that had occurred in Dorchester County.

Troop Seven

**Trooper F.D. Rice**—recognized for his actions that saved the life of a female driver suffering from a self-inflicted wrist injury.

Troop Eight

**Lance Corporal D. Harrison**—recognized for being a compassionate ear to a driver distressed over family/personal issues and potentially saving his life and the lives of others.

Troop Nine

**Lance Corporal B.C. Ridgeway**—recognized for his diligence investigative skills that led to the resolution of three hit-and-run incidents, one involving death.

Troop Ten

**Lance Corporal E.S. McMahan**—recognized for his life-saving efforts near the Greenville/Spartanburg Airport where a pilot suffered a heart-attack.

Troop Eleven

**Lieutenant D.J. Gamble**— recognized for his outstanding leadership and professionalism during several civil unrest events and the “1,000 Year Flood” Event.

# 2015 Telecommunications Officer of the Year Award

## Charleston Telecommunications Center

TCO Shatara Park is a dedicated employee and is always willing to assist other employees. TCO Park first began her career with the Highway Patrol in 2007 and was the Charleston TCC nominee for TCO of the Year in 2009. She returned to the department in December 2013 after having to leave briefly due to her husband's military relocation. TCO Park arrives at the office early and handles the daily stress of the job well. She has been commended by several troopers on how professional she conducts herself on the radio, keeping abreast of all communications even during hectic time periods on a patched radio.

One example of her professionalism occurred when she answered a call from an elderly female who was traveling and had become lost. TCO Park was on the phone with the caller for over an hour trying to get her to the location in Aiken she was seeking. TCO Park was finally able to convince the driver to pull off the interstate and into a business to verify her location since the mile markers and information the caller was providing were not corresponding with our area. The caller was actually not in our area, or even our state. But TCO Park was able to notify appropriate personnel in Virginia who checked on the caller. This is just one example of TCO Park's dedication to her important position.

TCO Park also took on the task of training a new TCO in 2015 and has volunteered to be a primary assistant to our ATAC in making sure all warrants are entered accurately, completely, and in a timely manner.

TCO Park graduated Herzing University in 2013 with an Associates of Science for medical billing and coding. She was also a Specialist in the National Guard from 2004 to 2010. They live in Ridgeville with their 4 year old twin boys, Connor and Wyatt.







#### Blythewood Telecommunications Center



TCO Von Legrand (Lee) Crrrigg, Jr. was recognized for his 20-years of dedicated, hardworking dependability. He is a model dispatcher who strives to be an example for new TCOs to follow. His willingness to work shifts that are short-staffed, train new employees or learn new CAD procedures have made him an asset to the Blythewood Telecommunications Center.

#### Florence Telecommunications Center

Eunice McLain was recognized for her solid understanding and knowledge of the meaning of following established protocol and standard operating procedures. Her ability to maintain accurate and complete CAD, NCIC and facility records packed with information proved valuable in September 2015 when a traffic stop because a vehicle pursuit. Her assistance during this pursuit aided in the arrest of the subject.

#### Greenville Telecommunications Center

TCO Tamesha Strong was recognized for her dedication and dependability. She began her career with Greenwood TCC, quickly learning all aspects of the Telecommunications Operator-role. When the Greenwood TCC closed, Ms. Strong moved herself and her two young sons to Greenville in order to be closer to work. She runs all consoles in the TCC, and assists other operators in learning their jobs. She creates an atmosphere of teamwork.

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CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

<b>R.W. McCracken</b>	<b>1931</b>	<b>W.E. Peeples</b>	<b>1979</b>
<b>W.P. Lancaster</b>	<b>1932</b>	<b>R.A. Mobley</b>	<b>1979</b>
<b>J.D. Cunningham</b>	<b>1933</b>	<b>D.L. Alverson</b>	<b>1981</b>
<b>E.D. Milam</b>	<b>1934</b>	<b>J.R. Clinton</b>	<b>1983</b>
<b>H.M. Reeves</b>	<b>1934</b>	<b>B.K. Smalls</b>	<b>1985</b>
<b>E. Hennecy</b>	<b>1935</b>	<b>R.P. Perry, Jr.</b>	<b>1987</b>
<b>K.E. McNeill</b>	<b>1937</b>	<b>G.T. Radford</b>	<b>1988</b>
<b>L.L. Rhodes</b>	<b>1938</b>	<b>H.M. Coker, Jr.</b>	<b>1989</b>
<b>W. Bell</b>	<b>1939</b>	<b>M.L. Titus</b>	<b>1991</b>
<b>H.M. Smith</b>	<b>1940</b>	<b>D.H. O'Brien</b>	<b>1991</b>
<b>G.G. Broome</b>	<b>1941</b>	<b>H.M. Goldbold</b>	<b>1992</b>
<b>J.P. Monroe</b>	<b>1941</b>	<b>M.H. Coates</b>	<b>1992</b>
<b>N. Nettles</b>	<b>1942</b>	<b>R.L. Hester</b>	<b>1994</b>
<b>A.T. Sealy</b>	<b>1950</b>	<b>M.A. Chappell</b>	<b>1995</b>
<b>A.R. Carter</b>	<b>1956</b>	<b>R.S. Hewitt</b>	<b>1996</b>
<b>H.B. Ray</b>	<b>1958</b>	<b>F.L. Lingard</b>	<b>1997</b>
<b>H.C. Yonce</b>	<b>1959</b>	<b>J. Ham, Jr.</b>	<b>1998</b>
<b>J.R. Riddle</b>	<b>1961</b>	<b>D.T. Bailey</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>M.C. Steele</b>	<b>1966</b>	<b>E.F. Nicholson</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>R.V. Woods</b>	<b>1969</b>	<b>M.J. Rao</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>A.A. Thomason</b>	<b>1970</b>	<b>K.J. Johnson</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>J.A. Taylor</b>	<b>1970</b>	<b>J.W. Parker</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>R.O. Caffey</b>	<b>1972</b>	<b>J.D. Haynes</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>F.H. Anthony</b>	<b>1973</b>	<b>J.S. Nash</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>B.W. Strickland</b>	<b>1974</b>	<b>D.K. Cusack</b>	<b>2010</b>