

# South Carolina Department of Public Safety



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<b>DATE OF ORIGATION</b>	<b>July 2, 2014</b>
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMISSIONED OFFICERS</b>
<b>REPLACES POLICY DATED</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>APPLICABLE STATUTES</b>	<b>S.C. Code of Laws § 8-17-320; § 7-1-25(D)</b>
<b>APPLICABLE STANDARDS</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>APPLICABLE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>FORMS</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>DISTRIBUTION</b>	<b>TO ALL EMPLOYEES</b>

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## **I. PURPOSE**

To provide guidelines for the South Carolina Department of Public Safety's ("SCDPS" or "department") law enforcement personnel regarding the location of a commissioned officer's residence relative to his or her duty station.

## **II. POLICY**

The department is committed to providing timely responses to each call for service. Therefore, the availability of commissioned officer personnel is essential to the mission of the department.

Provisions for residency provide management flexibility in delegating duty assignments, including requested and non-requested transfers.

## **III. DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this policy, the following definitions apply:

**Duty Station/Duty Assignment** – Primary location where the commissioned officer performs his or her law enforcement duties. The duty station/assignment could be described by various terms, including but not limited to troop, district, region, post or headquarters.

**Residence** – The fixed or permanent domicile of a person where s/he has an intention of returning when absent. SCDPS may consider the factors identified in S.C. Code § 7-1-

25(D) and any other matter(s) deemed relevant in determining the location constituting an officer's domicile under this policy.

#### **IV. REGULATIONS**

1. Commissioned officers must reside in South Carolina and within a 30-mile radius from their assigned duty station. Based on their job duties, identified division personnel will be permitted to reside beyond the 30-mile radius as long as they maintain their residence within their region or district.
2. Specific guidelines for residency are outlined in each division's Manual of Operations.

<b>By Order of the Director</b> <b>Date: July 2, 2014</b>
<b><i>Leroy Smith</i></b>
<b>Director</b> <b>S C Department of Public Safety</b>
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