

AN OVERVIEW OF SLED OPERATIONS



2025 House Oversight Meeting

Chief Mark Keel

SLED



The primary mission of the State Law Enforcement Division is to provide quality manpower and technical assistance to law enforcement agencies and to conduct investigations on behalf of the state as directed by the Governor and Attorney General.

"Everybody in this state deserves an equal level of law enforcement service and that's what SLED is about. No matter where you live, no matter where you're from, if crime happens in your community, we are going to be there to see that justice is served."

Chief Mark Keel



SLED: CHIEF DUTIES

SECTION 23-3-10



- Agency must be headed by a chief appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.
- Holds office until his successor is appointed and qualified.
- Serves a six-year term.

SLED: CHIEF DUTIES

SECTION 23-3-15



- The investigation of organized criminal activities or combined state-federal interstate criminal activities, all general criminal investigations, arson investigation and emergency event management pertaining to explosive devices
- The maintenance and operation of a statewide comprehensive forensic sciences laboratory
- Covert investigation of illegal activities pertaining to and the interdiction of narcotics and other illicit substances
- Operation and maintenance of a central, statewide criminal justice data base and data communication system

SLED: CHIEF DUTIES

SECTION 23-3-15



- Establishment and operation of highly specialized, tactical response law enforcement units within the division
- Operation and regulation of state polygraph examination services
- Law enforcement, regulation enforcement, and inspections under Title 61 (Alcohol and Alcoholic Beverages)

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SECTION 23-3-15

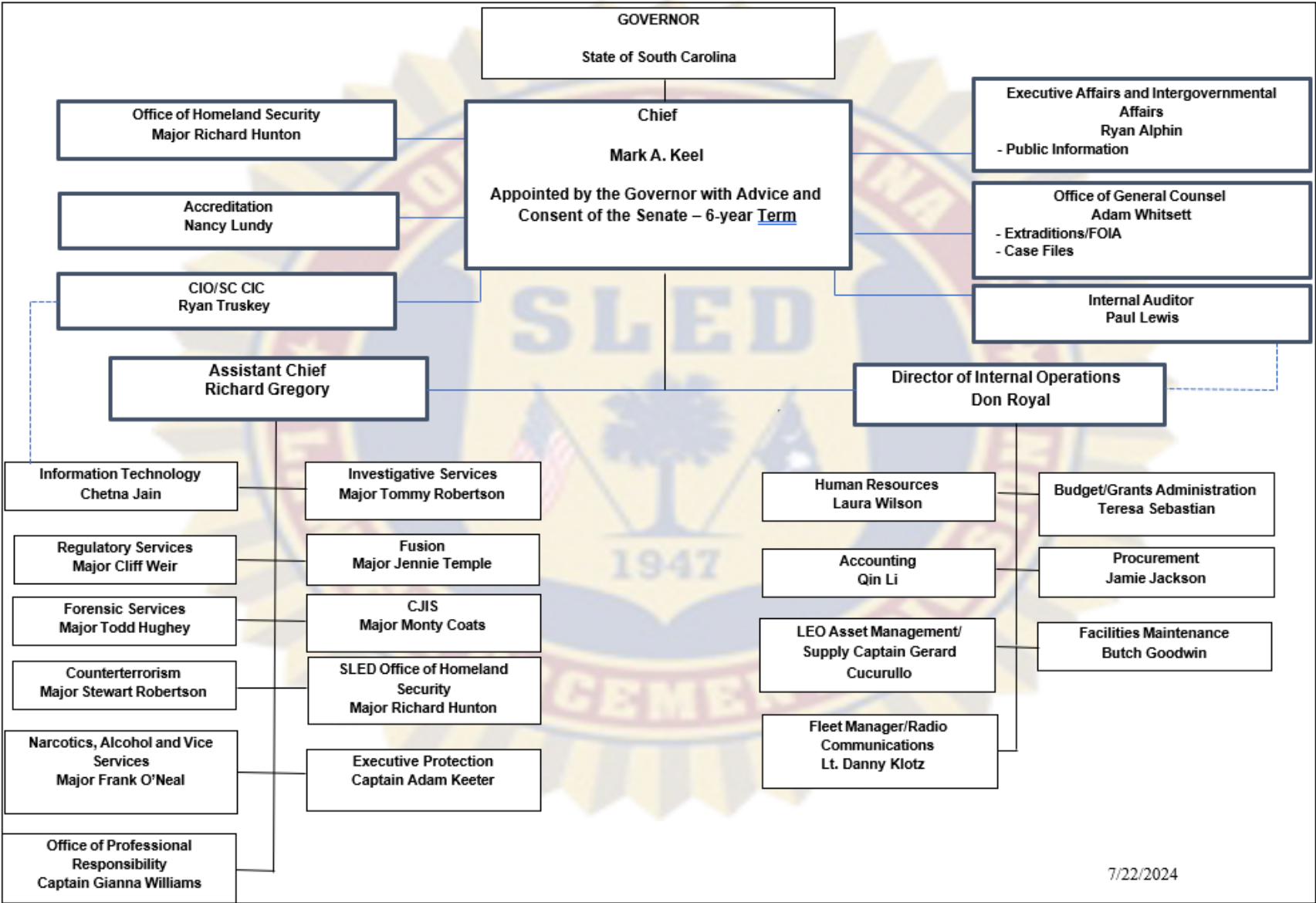


- The coordination of counter terrorism efforts, including prevention against, preparation for, response to, and crisis management of acts of terrorism, in or affecting this State; coordination of federal grants associated with homeland security; creation of councils appropriate to its mission; and service as the Governor's representative to the United States Department of Homeland Security

SLED ORGANIZATION CHART



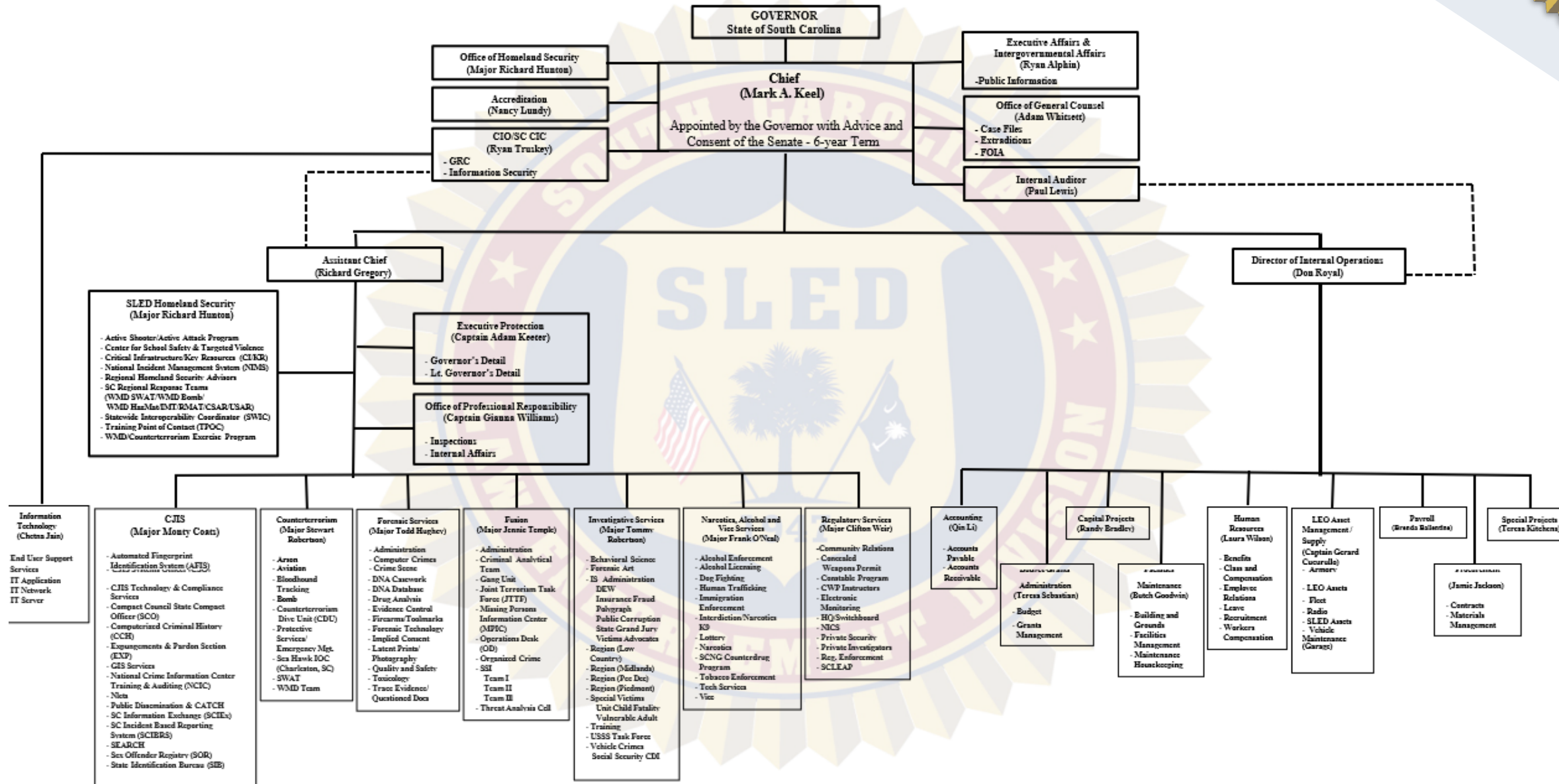
South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) Organizational Chart



SLED EXPANDED ORGANIZATION CHART



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SLED BUDGET AND FTEs



- Agency Budget

Total Funds - \$148,137,395

- Federal/Other Funds – \$ 52,148,045
- General Funds - \$95, 989,350

- Full-time Equivalent (FTEs)

- Total FTEs – 758.00
 - Federal/Other Funds – 91.60
 - General Funds – 666.40



SLED

Initial CALEA accreditation: **March 26, 1994**

Re-accredited: **1999, 2002, 2005, and 2008**

CALEA Flagship Agency: **2005 and 2008**

Accreditation process changed: **2010**

Granted accredited status via self-assessment by unanimous vote: **2013**

CALEA Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation (fourth time) in **2024**

Accreditation with Excellence Award – title added to accreditation

SCLEA Law Enforcement Accreditation: **2024**

South Carolina Law Enforcement Accreditation (SCLEA) is the official South Carolina state accrediting body. The SCLEA Accreditation Program is a voluntary initiative for professional improvement, designed to meet local needs while simultaneously expressing commitment to professional law enforcement practices.



**SOUTH CAROLINA
LAW ENFORCEMENT
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INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES



Purpose:

To conduct criminal investigations on behalf of the State of South Carolina and to provide manpower and technical assistance to local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

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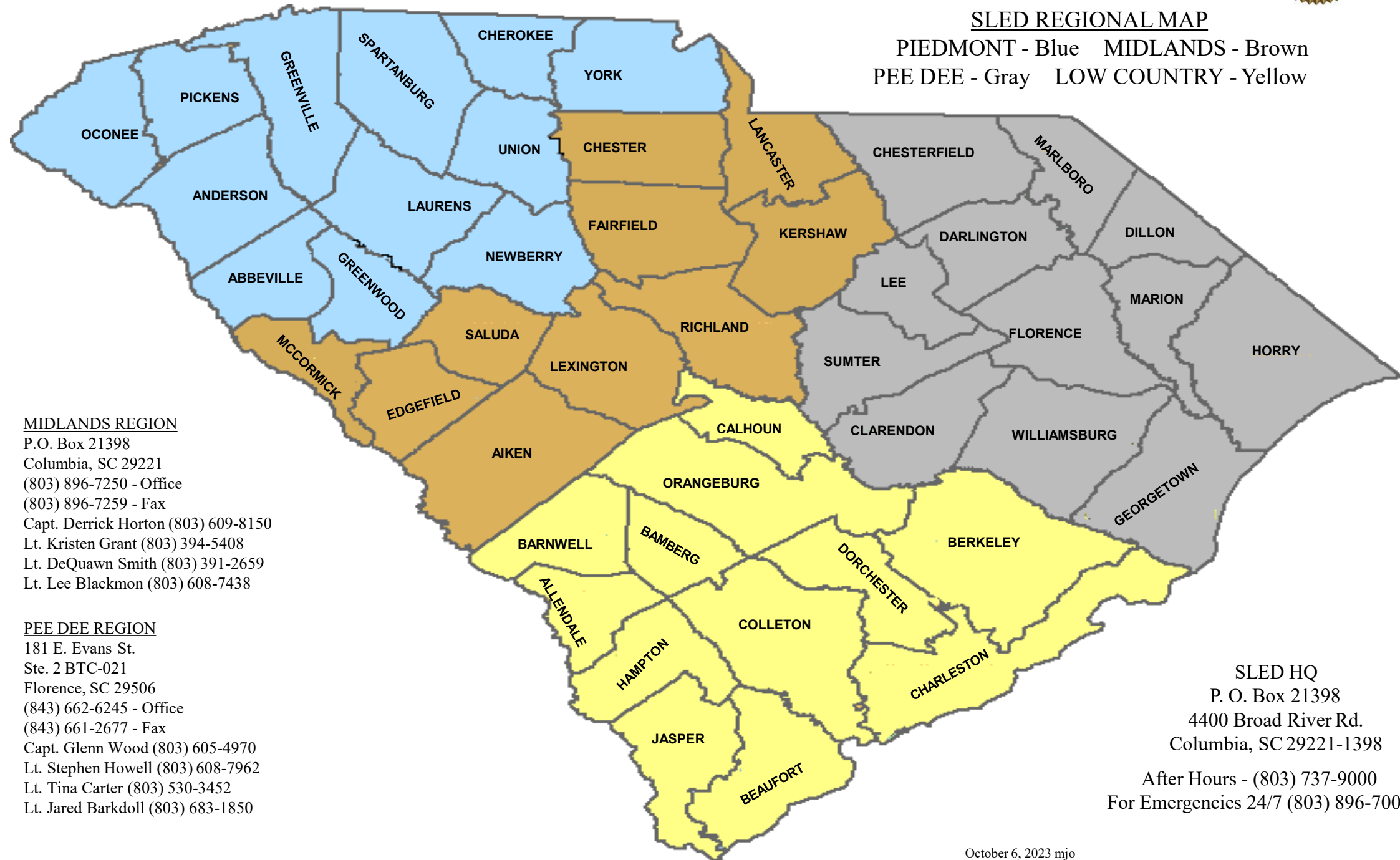
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S. C. LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



SLED REGIONAL MAP

PIEDMONT - Blue MIDLANDS - Brown
PEE DEE - Gray LOW COUNTRY - Yellow



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REGIONAL INVESTIGATIONS

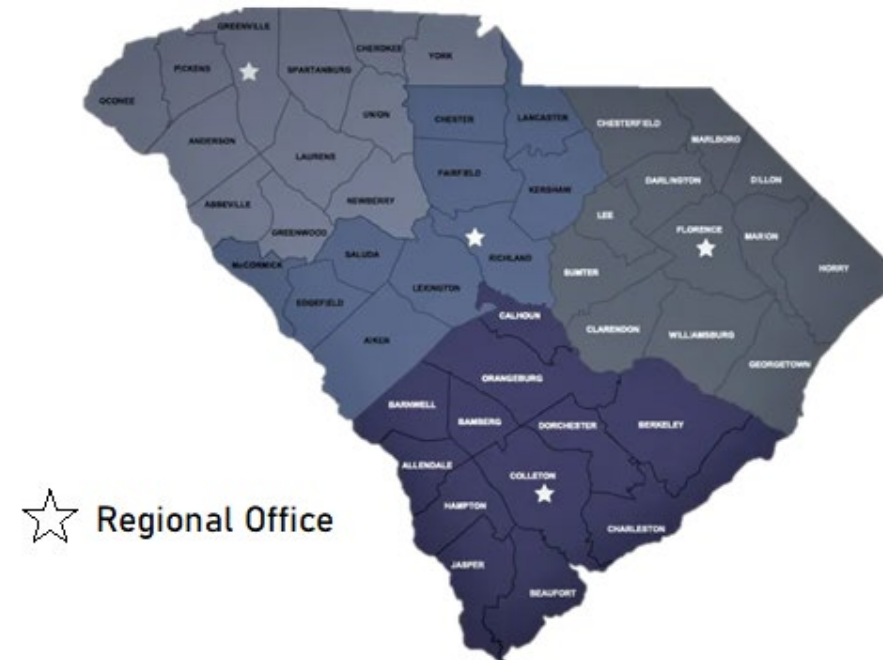


SLED agents **conduct criminal investigations** throughout SC, including:

- Officer-involved shootings and in-custody death investigations
- Official misconduct and public corruption cases
- Criminal sexual conduct
- Homicide or death investigations

SLED's four regional offices:

- Piedmont (*Greenville*)
- Midlands (*Columbia*)
- Pee Dee (*Florence*)
- Low Country (*Walterboro*)



SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT (SVU)



Vulnerable Adults Unit:

Investigates reports of alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation of vulnerable adults in state facilities and coordinates referrals of cases at other facilities.

Child Fatalities Unit:

Investigates deaths involving children upon notification from county coroners or medical examiners.

Forensic Art Unit:

Provides composite sketches, postmortem images, and facial reconstruction on the skull for identification purposes, age progressions, and for use as court exhibits to support the Division.

VULNERABLE ADULTS UNIT



The Vulnerable Adult Hotline:

- Operated **24/7**
- For reporting incidents and fatalities that occur in facilities operated or contracted for operation by DMH or DDSN: **1-866-200-6066**



CHILD FATALITY UNIT



South Carolina Code of Laws Unannotated

Title 63 - South Carolina Children's Code

SECTION 63-11-1940. Purpose and duties of department.

(A) The purpose of the department is to expeditiously investigate child deaths in all counties of the State.

(B) To achieve its purpose, the department shall:

(1) upon receipt of a report of a child death from the county coroner or medical examiner, as required by Section 17-5-540, investigate and gather all information on the child fatality. The coroner or medical examiner immediately shall request an autopsy if SLED determines that an autopsy is necessary. The autopsy must be performed by a pathologist with forensic training as soon as possible. The pathologist shall inform the department of the findings within forty-eight hours of completion of the autopsy. If the autopsy reveals the cause of death to be pathological or an unavoidable accident, the case must be closed by the department. If the autopsy reveals physical or sexual trauma, suspicious markings, or other findings that are questionable or yields no conclusion to the cause of death, the department immediately must begin an investigation;

FORENSIC ART UNIT



BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE UNIT (BSU)



Uses **crime analysis**, **forensic psychology**, and **behavioral science** to identify a responsible party or unknown perpetrator.

Conducts **threat assessments** and **analysis of individuals** who convey threatening or inappropriate communication by determining the level of dangerousness of individuals and **providing interventions** to lower the risk of harm.

BSU agents also **actively work cold cases throughout the state** in partnership with local law enforcement agencies.



STATE GRAND JURY (SGJ) UNIT



Conducts investigations for:

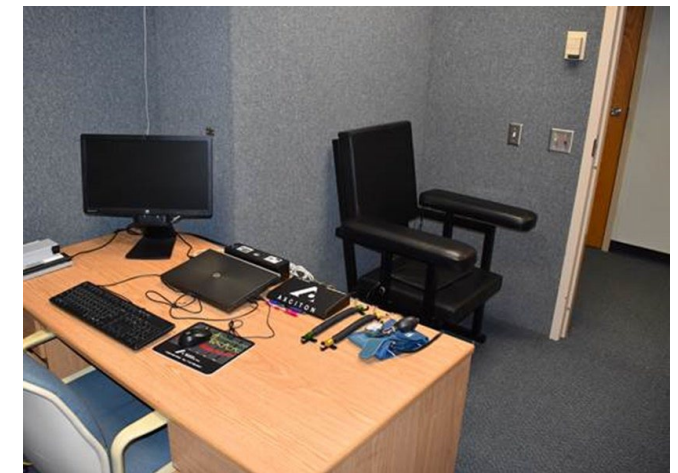
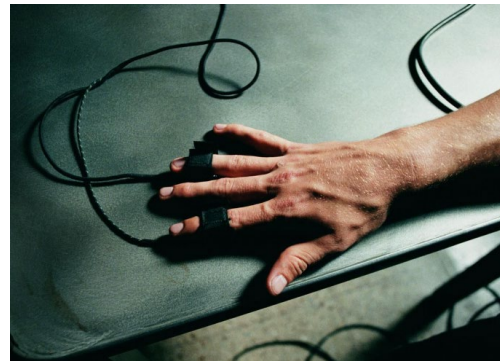
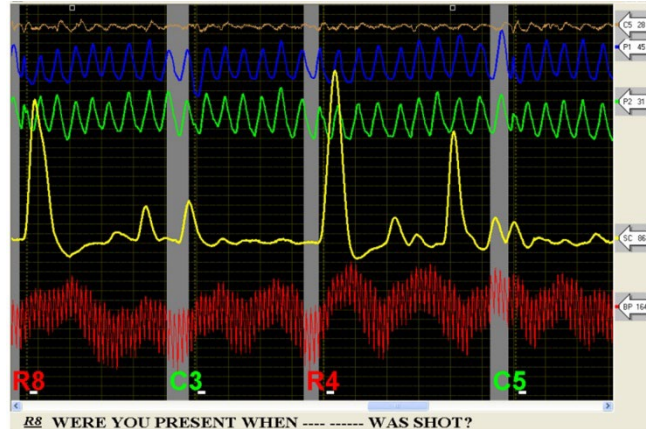
- *Public corruption*
- *White collar crime*
- *Insurance fraud*
- *Securities fraud*



POLYGRAPH UNIT

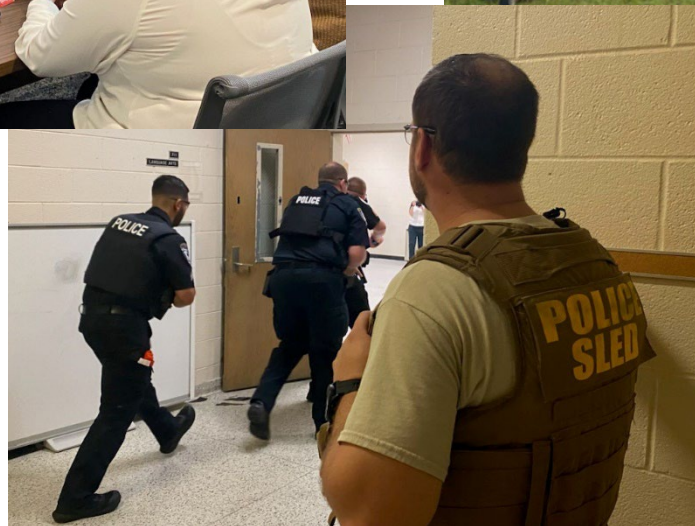
Conducts polygraphs for **all applicants seeking agent positions within SLED** and **when needed for criminal investigations** for SLED, other state law enforcement agencies, or local law enforcement.

Regulates polygraph licensure for government examiners and private examiners for the state, with **100 licensed polygraph examiners in SC** currently (including interns).



TRAINING

Provides annual training, in-service training, and specialized training to all sworn agents, as well as conducting training for SLED non-sworn staff and partner agencies.





SLED TRAINING

FINANCIAL FRAUD



Examines **complex financial investigations**

Works with case agents, prosecuting attorneys, and others

Provides expert knowledge of:

- Accounting practices
- Financial practices
- Securities
- Banking laws
- Financial systems
 - Conventional
 - Non-conventional
- Profit / non-profit businesses



VEHICLE CRIMES UNIT



Vehicle Crimes is a stand-alone unit now combined with Social Security Fraud that consists of agents in locations covering the entire state.

Common investigations:

- DMV fraud
 - *License fraud*
 - *Title fraud*
- Chop shops
- Vehicle theft rings
- Car dealership violations
- Burned or unidentifiable vehicles
- Salvage yard violations and inspections



ELECTION FRAUD



South Carolina Code of Laws Unannotated

Title 7 - Elections

SECTION 7-25-30. Public reporting hotline.

The State Law Enforcement Division shall establish a public reporting hotline telephone number and email address for receiving reports of possible election fraud or other violations of the election laws of this State. It shall promptly review all reported violations and take action as it determines appropriate.

SLED operates the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division's Election Fraud Hotline (833) 4SC-VOTE / (833) 472-8683 and 4SCVote@sled.sc.gov for email reporting, as well as providing Post Office Box 21398, Columbia, SC 29221 for an additional report by mail option.

*All supporting documentation is received and reviewed by SLED,
with appropriate and timely follow-up correspondence.*

VICTIMS' ADVOCATES



Provide:

- Crisis intervention
- On-scene response
- Emergency assistance with:
 - Securing safe housing
 - Coordinating crime scene cleanup
 - Coordinating necessary household repairs

Provide victims with information about:

- The criminal justice process
- Victim rights such as:
 - How to obtain notifications
 - Referral to other victim service programs
 - Other services, supports, and resources

Assist with:

- Filing for crime victims' compensation
- Locating other funding options to help with financial needs

Provide victims with advocacy and accompaniment to:

- Emergency medical care
- Medical forensic exams
- Law enforcement interviews

Provide:

- Individual advocacy
- Assistance in applying for public benefits
- Return of personal property
- Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, and/or academic institutions
- Transportation assistance

ALCOHOL, NARCOTICS, & VICE



Purpose:

To assist local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies by providing specialized resources and manpower with the coordinated investigation and enforcement of narcotics, alcohol, tobacco, lottery, and human trafficking crimes.





NARCOTICS

- Enforces South Carolina narcotics laws
- Coordinates with federal agencies on **joint task forces**
- Manages the **law enforcement drug take back program**
- Interdicts illegal drugs shipped through parcel businesses
- Provides **clandestine lab response** to SC law enforcement
- Conducts **re-certification**
 - *Clandestine lab every year*
 - *Basic certification every three years*



Governor's Opioid Emergency Response Team (OERT)

- Maximizes opioid processing identification, protects first responders from exposure to toxins, and reduces supply while supporting the development of services that address the disease and treatment for offenders

Marijuana Eradication Program

- Participates in the DEA-led initiative

State Grand Jury

- Investigates high-level **drug trafficking organizations** that operate large-scale drug operations and conspiracies

NARCOTICS — PARCEL INTERDICTION UNIT



To recognize their immense success, the unit was presented the 2023 International Narcotics Investigators Association (INIA) Interdiction Unit of the Year award at the annual INIA conference in Austin, Texas in June 2023.

Grams	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total	Street Value
Fentanyl	0	1,506	3,130.95	14617.90	4,927.30	29,766.11	\$3,720,763.75
Meth/Ice	8,033.31	23,232	22,906.21	85,693.56	74,100.71	213,965.79	\$17,117,263.20
Heroin	956	1,506	1056	16,234.5	155.60	19,908.10	\$1,990,810.00
Crack	298.4	31	0	2,793	94.05	3,216.45	\$321,645.00
Cocaine	2,507.9	5,733	19,272.19	27,548.70	31,556.61	86,618.4	\$8,661,840.00

PILL TAKEBACKS



In **2024**, **SLED** hosted **two pill takebacks** to provide secure disposal for unused pills with the goal of curbing diversion

Law enforcement agencies across the state participated:

January 24 – **2,878 pounds** received from **21** agencies

July **24** – **2,456 pounds** received from **19** agencies



ALCOHOL



SLED Alcohol Enforcement Agents conduct alcohol inspections and underage compliance checks for over 20,000 licensed premises in SC. In addition, they assist the SC Department of Revenue (SCDOR) by conducting alcohol license application investigations that involve researching owners, managers, and other interested parties to determine if licenses should be issued.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Investigates:

- Human trafficking crimes
- Sex and labor-related businesses

Partners with other local, state, and federal agencies to investigate and prosecute these cases

Coordinates databases for human trafficking

Develops training curriculum(s) for law enforcement across the state



DOG FIGHTING

Enforces federal and state criminal laws pertaining to dog fighting by disrupting and dismantling dog fighting organizations.

Works jointly with federal law enforcement officers and prosecutors to investigate cases.

Regularly trains and educates local and state law enforcement personnel on dog fighting investigative techniques.



DOG FIGHTING

A full-time SLED dog fighting agent was funded and created in fiscal year 2022 (with additional agents approved in subsequent budget):

- Works closely with other SLED agents and local and federal partners to combat dog fighting in SC. Multiple agencies are waiting on SLED to assist them with dog fighting leads.
- Has seized, or assisted in seizing, nearly 1,000 dogs across the state
- Actions have resulted in SLED charging dozens of individuals with felonies and misdemeanors related to dog fighting and animal torture while also assisting the listed agency partners with felony arrests related to these crimes



TOBACCO



Conducts **inspections** of retail stores to ensure compliance and to **prohibit counterfeit or untaxed cigarettes** as a result of the national tobacco settlement.



1998:
MASTER SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT

→ **REACHED** ←

BETWEEN 46 STATES AND
THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY

LOTTERY



Investigates criminal violations involving the
South Carolina Educational Lottery, including theft and fraud



GAMBLING/GAMING MACHINES

Investigates criminal violations involving illegal gaming machines and operations.



The South Carolina Constitution prohibits lotteries (except those conducted by the state) and games of chance, with few exceptions.

SC Code of Laws Title 16 – Chapter 19



COUNTERTERRORISM



Purpose:

To operate highly specialized, tactical response law enforcement units for counter-terrorism support and assistance to the federal, state, and local, law enforcement partners and the citizens of the State of South Carolina.

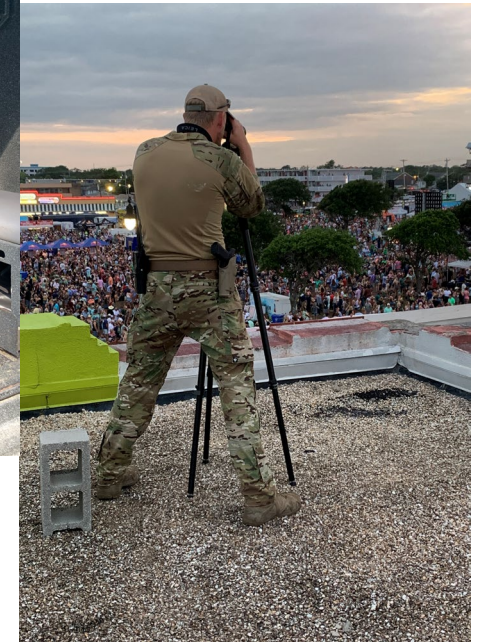
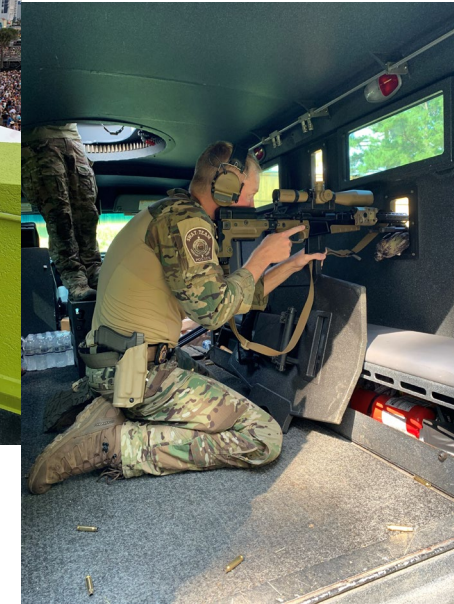
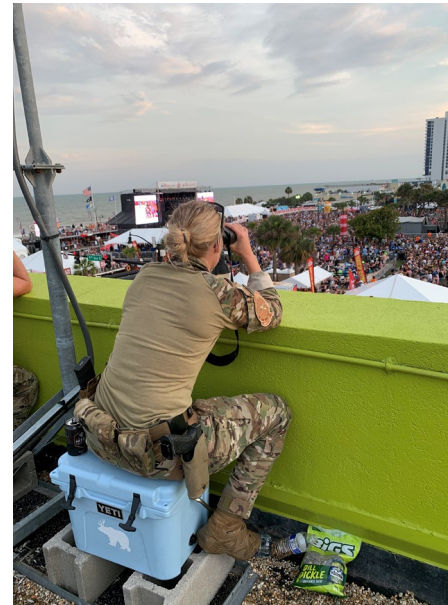
PROTECTIVE SERVICES / EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Supports the US Department of Energy (DOE) by planning, coordinating, and executing **armed escorts of special nuclear material** through South Carolina.

Supports **federal, state, and local agencies** by providing security for dignitaries, juries, and other required events as well as planning, coordinating, or executing responses for:

- Planned special events
- Emergencies
- Disasters
- Critical incidents



Coordinates, supports, plans, and responds to the South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) for all hazard planning regarding critical incidents as the **Emergency Support Function 13 (ESF-13) cell.**

PROTECTIVE SERVICES / EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Assist with planning, coordinating, and staffing major tourism events which utilized hundreds of agent assignments who work over 10,000 hours annually.

Coordinate and staff requests for major sporting events which utilized hundreds of agent assignments who worked a combined 5,000 hours annually.

Planned and provided law enforcement protective measures for dignitary protection details throughout the state, using hundreds of agent assignments, working over 5,000 combined hours annually.

SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS (SWAT)

WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (WMD)



Provides highly specialized, rapid-response, tactical law enforcement unit(s) to address and mitigate a variety of tactical and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE) situations.



BOMB SQUAD

Helps mitigate explosive-related threats and incidents by **providing subject matter experts** to:

- The U.S. military
- Federal law enforcement
- State law enforcement
- Local law enforcement

Supports SLED's SWAT team and other tactical teams in SC by utilizing specialized resources and assets to include a **variety of robotic options** that are strategically positioned throughout the state and every technician partnering with an **Explosive Detection Dog (EDD)**.

Conducts **proactive protective sweeps** at mass gatherings like:

- Sporting events
- Concerts
- Dignitary events
- Any other venue or critical infrastructure sector(s) deemed a potential target by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)



BLOODHOUND TRACKING TEAM

- Assists in locating wanted, missing, and lost individuals by utilizing bloodhound and patrol canine tracking teams.
- Provides K9 support to SWAT and fugitive operations.
- Promotes positive public relations throughout the state by conducting presentations in the community.



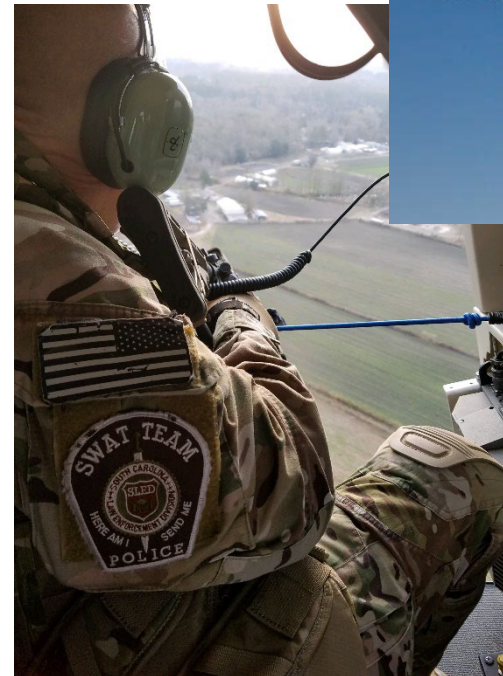
AVIATION



Provides **24-hour aviation assets** to all law enforcement and public safety agencies within the state

Assists with:

- Missing persons
- Fugitive searches
- Narcotics operation
- Surveillance
- Marijuana eradication
- Personnel and asset transport
- Tactical operations/SWAT support
- Aerial overwatch
- Natural disaster response
- Executive/presidential details
- National security operations
- Port security
- Nuclear transport operations



AVIATION



In fiscal year 2023, SLED Aviation received 321 requests for service with 546.3 hours of flight time.



ARSON INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

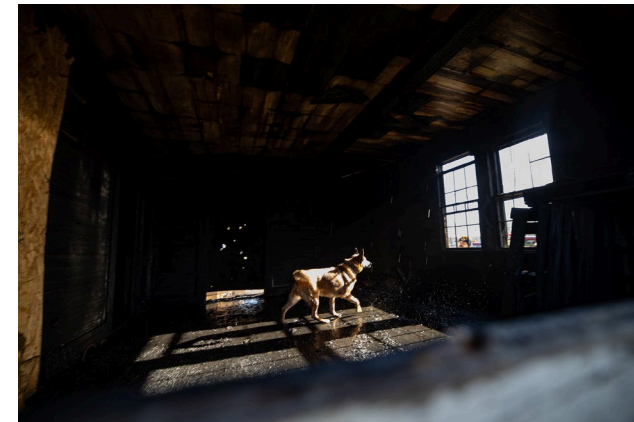
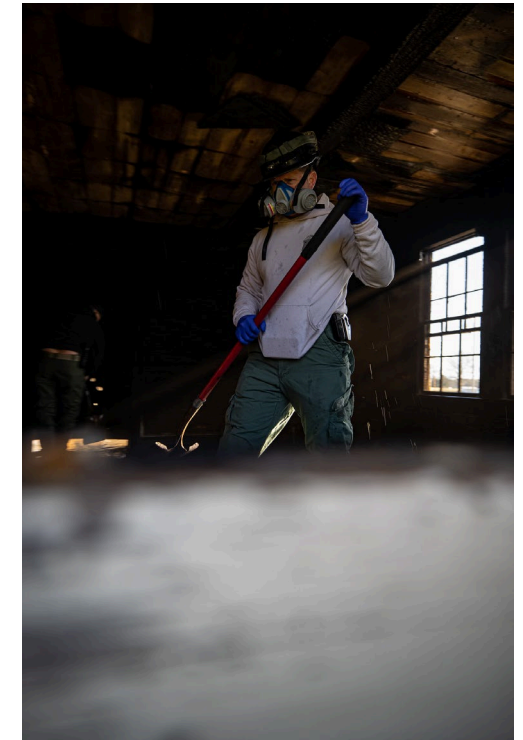


Arson Unit:

- Comprised of **subject matter experts** in the field of **fire and post blast investigations**
- Further divided into the **Upstate and Coastal Regions** that provide quality **manpower and technical assistance** to both law enforcement and fire service partners across the state

Each year, members of the Arson Unit work alongside the **South Carolina Fire Academy** to provide **accredited training** to both law enforcement and fire service professionals.

In addition to fire investigators, the Arson Unit also has three **Ignitable Liquid Detection Canines (ILDC)** that are positioned strategically throughout the state.



COUNTERTERRORISM DIVE (CDU)



The primary objective of the SLED Counterterrorism Dive Unit (CDU) is counterterrorism diving operations throughout the state focused on port security.

The CDU:

- Responds to **any incident in SC where explosives** or explosive devices may have **been placed in the water** or in marine environments
- Conducts **underwater searches** for any explosive hazards in support of **large special events, military operations, and overall port security**
- Assists the **US Coast Guard** and other state/local agencies by providing **maritime tactical security** for special events and security escorts for cruise ships departing from the Port of Charleston
- Assists in **maritime dive operations** that do not have a terrorism nexus as a **public safety request**
 - These usually involve an internal SLED request or a request from a partner agency that needs the specific skills or equipment of the SLED CDU



SC CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE CYBERSECURITY (SC CIC)



Purpose:

To facilitate cybersecurity intelligence sharing and improve the overall cybersecurity posture of South Carolina's critical infrastructure. SC CIC provides key services to private critical infrastructure and local government organizations at no cost to participants.

SC CIC Task Force



SC LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
Oversees the SC CIC Program



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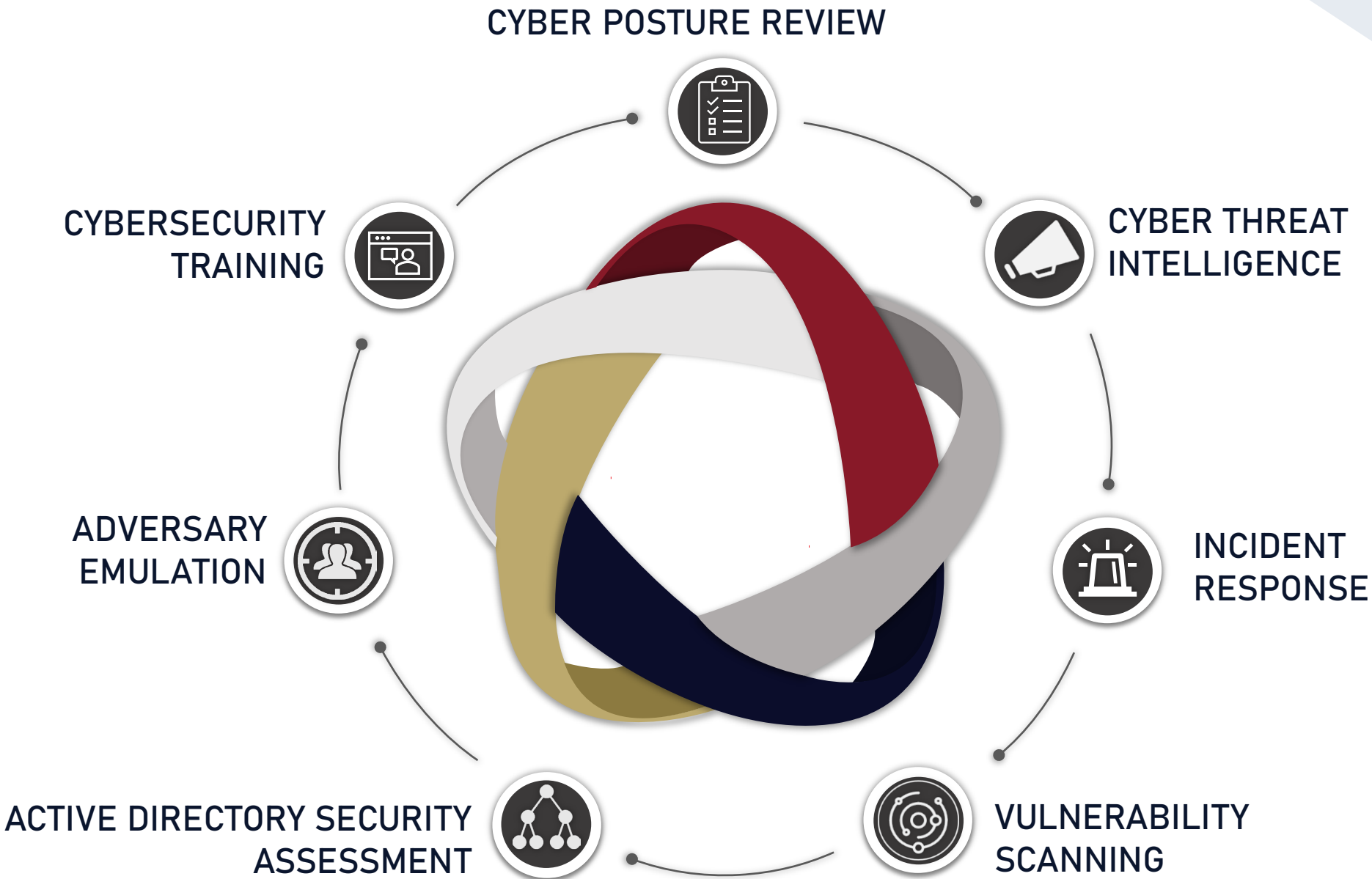


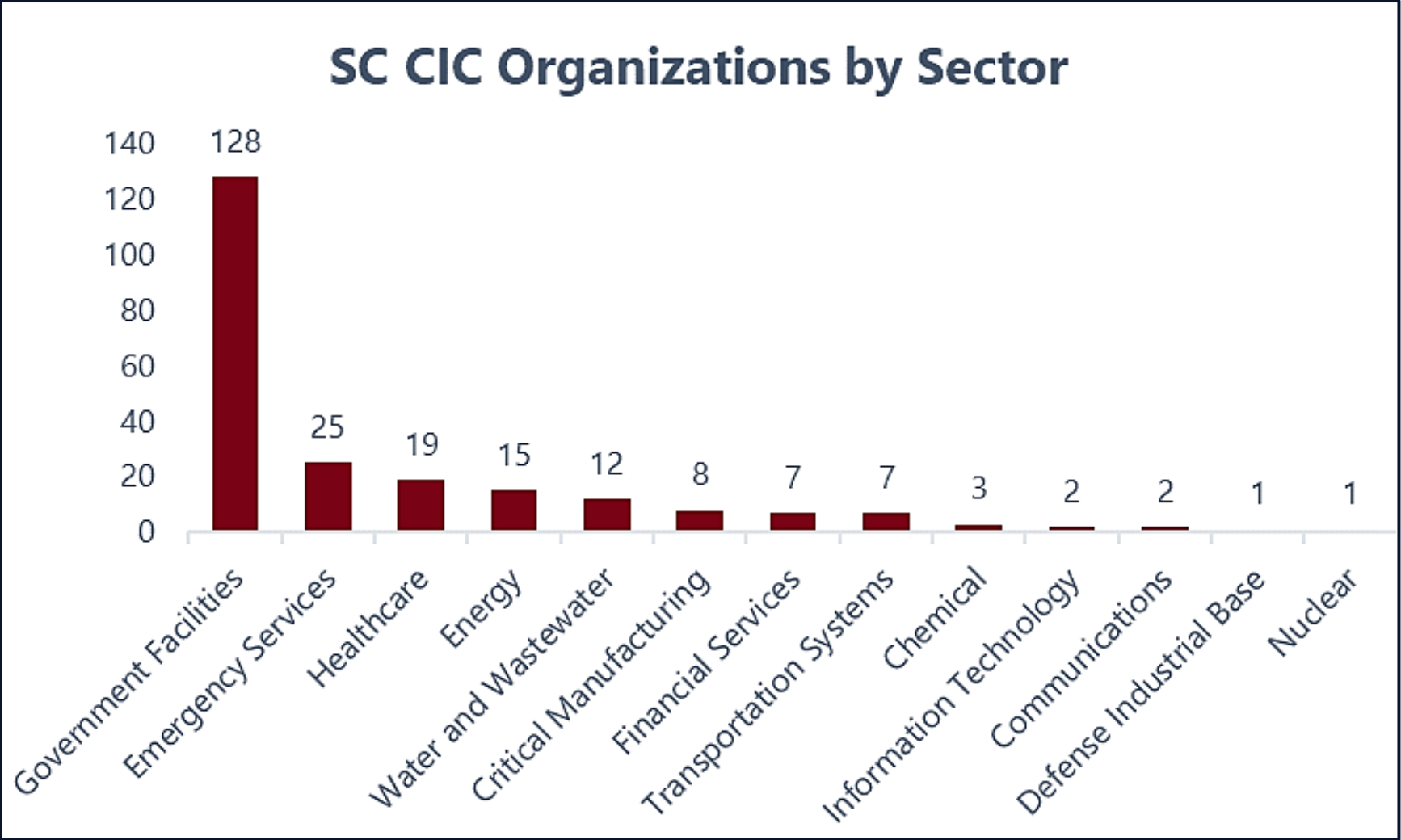
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SC CIC TEAM



SC CIC SERVICES





FORENSIC SERVICES LABORATORY



Purpose:

To provide comprehensive forensic laboratory services to criminal justice agencies throughout SC, operating as the only full-service crime laboratory in the state.

FORENSIC SERVICES LABORATORY



Since 1994, the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors / Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) has accredited SLED's laboratory. Accreditation is maintained through **annual internal and periodic external assessments**. The laboratory was initially accredited under the Legacy program with reaccreditation granted in 1999, 2004, and 2009.

As ASCLD/LAB transitioned to the ISO/IEC:17025-based program, the laboratory underwent assessment and obtained ASCLD/LAB-International Accreditation on September 19, 2014.

Reaccreditation was granted in February 2019 and **January 2023** under ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB).



FORENSIC SERVICES LABORATORY



In **December 2022**, SLED completed the transition from the former Forensic Services Laboratory and officially started accepting all evidence at the new laboratory.

The new laboratory will:

- Increase efficiencies which will lead to decreased backlogs across disciplines
- Provide faster service to our law enforcement partners across South Carolina
- Ultimately help victims get justice in a timely manner



FORENSIC SERVICES LABORATORY



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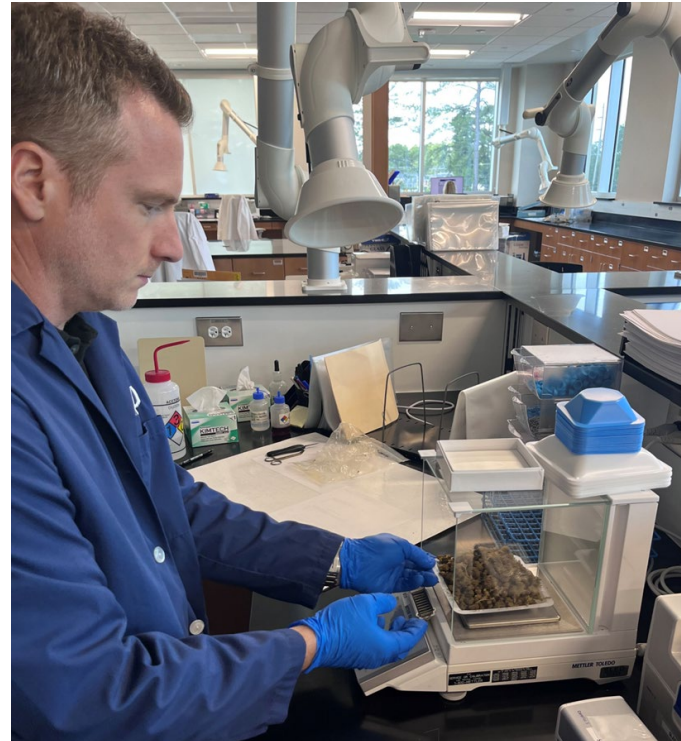
- Received **25,497** new cases and completed **19,341**
- New cases consisted of **69,935 submitted items** resulting in **29,735 assignments**
- Lab personnel completed a total of **22,040 assignments** consisting of **70,437 submitted items**



DRUG ANALYSIS

Responsible for the **analysis of evidentiary items** to establish the presence, identity, and quantity of controlled substances.

Performs semi-quantitative and quantitative analysis of cannabis to determine legality as marijuana or hemp.



DNA CASEWORK



Performs **scientific analyses and examinations of biological evidence** such as blood, semen, and saliva to locate and identify probative biological samples for comparison purposes.

Case types analyzed include but are not limited to:

- Homicides / violent crimes (robbery, assault, etc.)
- Sexual assaults (adults and minors)
- Relationship testing (criminal parentage and missing persons / body identifications)
- Burglary / property crimes

The DNA Casework Department **prioritizes** the analysis of **Homicide and Sexual Assault** cases using a team approach and **Direct-to-DNA** methodology.

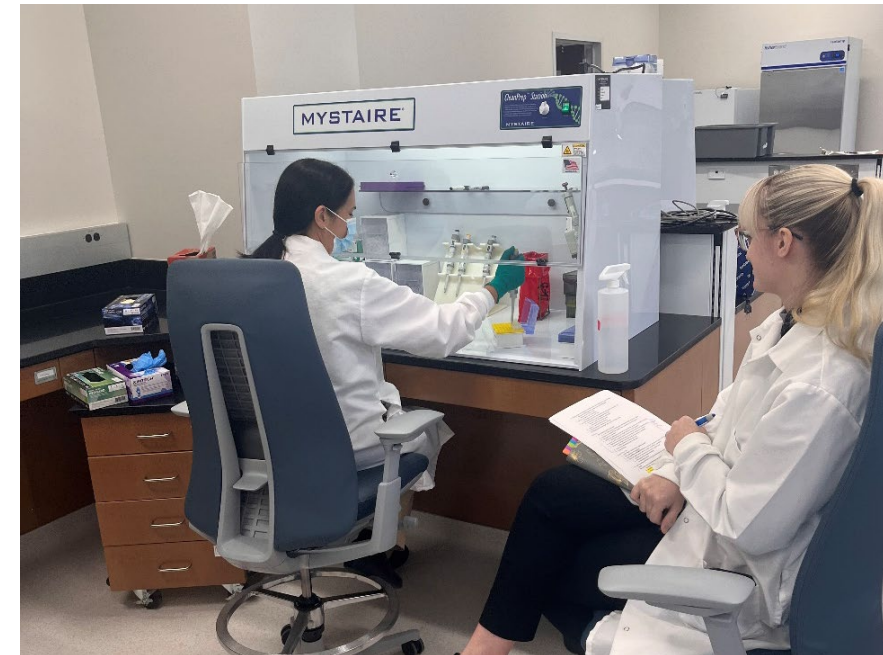


DNA CASEWORK PERSONNEL



15 Full Time Employee (FTE) **positions** were **awarded** in FY 21-22. Including the Lieutenant and Technical Leader, **when all positions are filled, the department will have a staff of 30 FTE's**, 22 of which will be fully trained in DNA analysis.

- **8** DNA staff are currently **fully trained DNA analysts**
- **10** DNA analysts/technicians are **currently in varying phases of training**
- **8** new analysts have completed basic training and are performing supervised casework/interpretation training



4 FTE positions (to include technicians and analysts) are currently vacant and interviews are scheduled for December 2024.

******Since 2019, there have been 10 resignations from the department and 1 promotion out of the department.

DNA DATABASE

Manages the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS), a nationwide database containing the **DNA profiles of criminal offenders, crime scene evidence, missing persons, and relatives.**

Coordinates the **state repository for qualifying DNA specimens.**

Processes **DNA expungement requests** in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. § 23-3-660.



EVIDENCE CONTROL



Assists SC law enforcement, both in person and via the iLab internet pre-log system, with the **submission of physical evidence involved in criminal investigations**.

Manages the Evidence Room, where evidence is transferred for analysis to forensic personnel and then returned to submitting agencies.

Over 25,000 assignments are received annually by the Evidence Control Department. In this section, Forensic Technicians receive evidence and enter corresponding case information into the Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS).

In this past fiscal year, SLED received 68,161 pieces of evidence, resulting in 27,641 assignments. Lab personnel completed a total of 28,367 assignments consisting of 87,754 pieces of evidence.

Distributes **evidence kits to local law enforcement** for blood, urine, or DNA sample collection as well as drug analysis (B.E.S.T.) and coordinates the distribution of sexual assault evidence collection kits through the SC Victim Assistance Network (SCVAN).



FIREARMS / TOOLMARKS



Examines firearms to **test operability and compliance** with various statutory regulations such as:

- Capability for full auto fire
- Barrel length
- Overall length

Examines and microscopically compares **fired ammunition components**.

Examines tools and microscopically compares **tool marks** and performs **serial number restoration**.

Destroys firearms, knives, metal tools, etc. for various agencies in South Carolina.

Operates the Integrated Ballistics Identification System (IBIS) database and the Entry by Appointment (EBA) program designed to **increase the efficiency and throughput of the IBIS system**.



NATIONAL INTEGRATED BALLISTIC INFORMATION NETWORK (NIBIN)



NIBIN technology compares images of submitted ballistic evidence from shooting scenes and recovered firearms and produces a list of possible similar results. Trained NIBIN technicians then conduct a correlation review of these results, identifying NIBIN leads or potential links or associations from the same firearm. A NIBIN lead is an unconfirmed, potential association between two or more pieces of firearm ballistic evidence and is based on a correlation review of the digital images in the NIBIN database.

SLED continues to be a national leader in NIBIN entries:

In FY 2024, 7,172 cases were entered into the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) through the Entry by Appointment Program resulting in 10,512 correlations and 2,559 investigative leads between cases.

This year, SLED's NIBIN program has consistently ranked in the top five each month on entries and in the top 15 for leads for all programs in the United States.



COMPUTER CRIMES



Encompasses the **preservation, processing, and analysis of evidence** in an analog or digital format.

Provides expertise to local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies **in the scientific examination**, repair (if possible), analysis, and/or evaluation **of electronically stored information** contained on a wide variety of data storage devices.

Conducts investigations of **internet child exploitation, child pornography** and assist with **network intrusion investigations**.



Task Force affiliations:

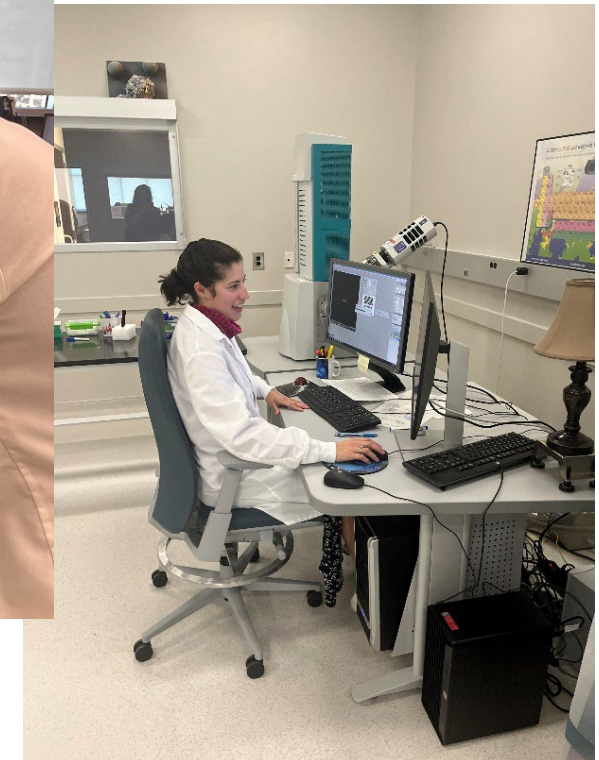
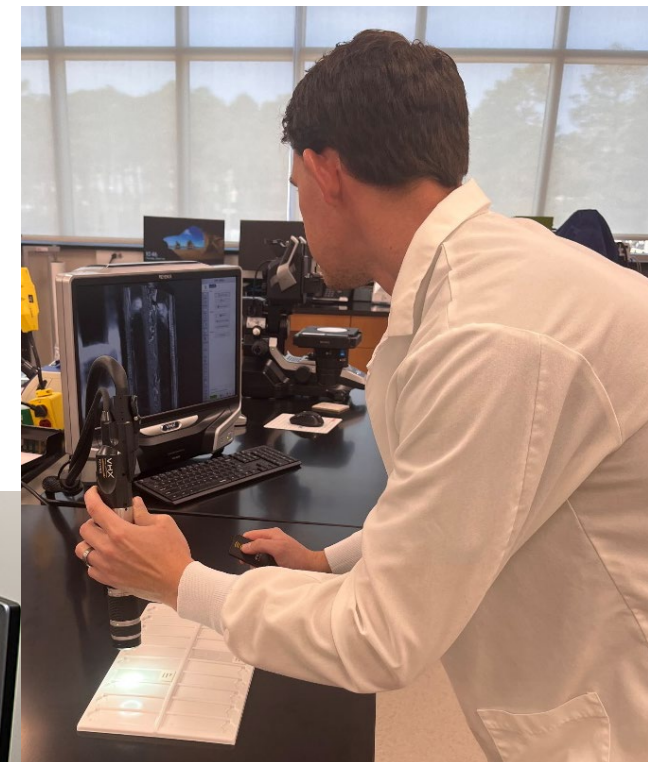
- South Carolina Electronic Crimes Task Force (US Secret Service)
- South Carolina Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (SC Attorney General's Office)
- FBI Cyber Crime Task Force

TRACE EVIDENCE



The Trace Evidence Department performs physical and chemical analysis on a variety of trace evidence, in addition to analysis of:

- Gunshot primer residue (GSR)
- Explosives
- Fiber
- Fire debris
- Glass
- Paint



TOXICOLOGY



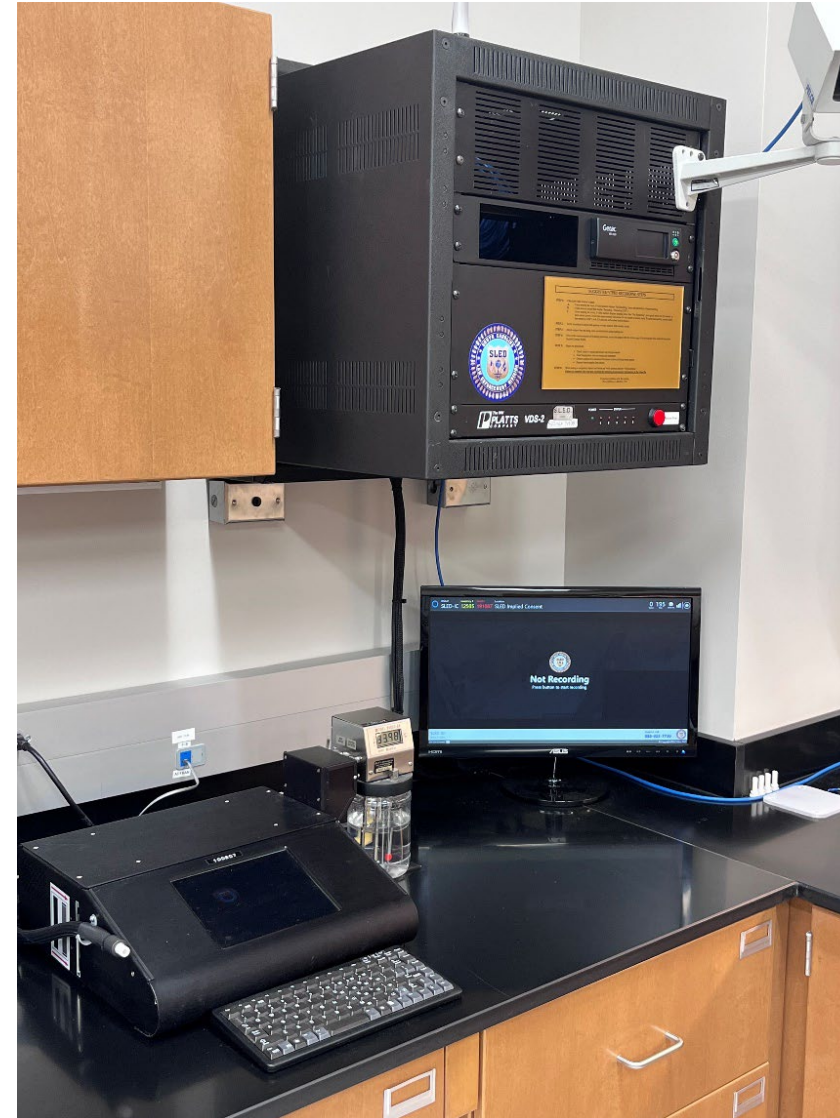
Responsible for the **analysis of biological fluids and tissues** for the **presence or absence of alcohol, drugs, and poisons** in relation to the following investigations:

- Postmortem
- Driving under the influence (DUI)
- Criminal sexual conduct
- Moonshine



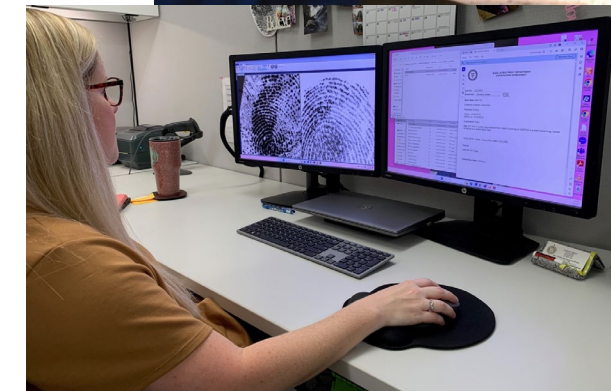
IMPLIED CONSENT

- Regulates the breath testing program for South Carolina
- Certifies, inspects, repairs, and maintains **154 Datamaster DMT instruments** at **109 test sites** throughout the state for the Breath Testing Program
- Works with **IRSA Video** to maintain video recording equipment and video storage / accessibility for breath testing program



LATENT PRINTS

- Utilizes various techniques for the **development and enhancement of latent fingerprints** on submitted evidence
- Conducts examinations of developed and/or submitted latent prints to known standards
- Conducts Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) searches
- Utilizes various techniques to attempt to **recover fingerprint standards** from the human skin of unknown persons for identification.
- Conducts **examinations of known and unknown footwear / tire tread impressions**



FORENSIC TECHNOLOGY

Administers iLAB, a web-based **system** for **pre-logging cases** for submission to the laboratory.

Administers the Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) for Forensic Services.



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SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT (SAK) TRACKING SYSTEM



Contract awarded to InVita Healthcare Technologies for Track-Kit™ software with all system specifications approved by SLED. Statewide rollout was completed in early 2024.

The SLED DNA Casework Department has coordinated with the kit provider to ensure barcodes and survivor instructions are available with each kit.



System portal training conducted for:

- Medical facilities
- Law enforcement
- Victim advocates
- DNA laboratories
- Prosecutors
- SLED Policy Center

System-wide testing will be performed by SLED and rolled out to pilot sites with training provided.

QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS



The Questioned Documents department **conducts scientific examinations on evidence** requiring a determination of authorship and authenticity such as:

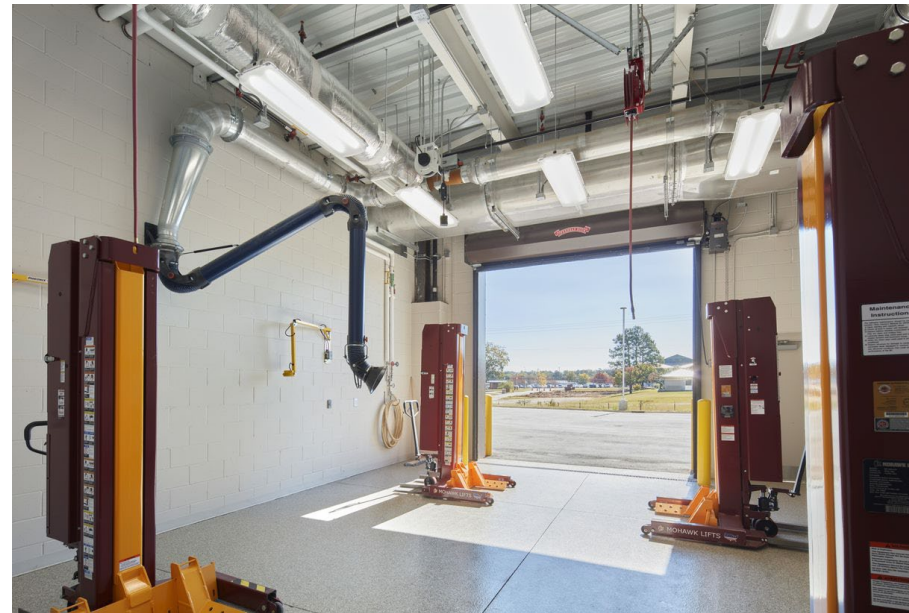
- Identification and comparison of:
 - *Handwriting, hand printing, typewriting, check writers, rubber stamps, and various printing and duplicating processes*
- Identification and comparison of inks and paper
- Detection of alterations and obliterations
- Restoration of charred, water soaked, and shredded documents
- Decipherment of indented writing on documents
- Detection of forgery of lottery tickets
- Detection of counterfeit currency, driver's licenses, event tickets, etc.



CRIME SCENE



The Crime Scene department aids local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies in the investigation of crime scenes and assist with **Bloodstain Pattern Analysis / Crime Scene Reconstruction, Footwear and Tire Tread Analysis, and Advanced Digital Photography.**



CRIME SCENE



SLED Crime Scene Agents are **Class I Law Enforcement Certified** and **respond to crime scene requests 24/7**.

Agents respond to scenes such as:

- *Officer-Involved Shootings*
- *Homicides*
- *Suicides*
- *Child Fatalities*
- *Large-scale property crimes*



While on scene, agents investigate and document the crime scene as well as locate, collect, and process evidence related to the case. In addition, agents are trained to perform job functions in Advanced Digital Photography, Footwear / Tire Tread Examinations, or Bloodstain Pattern Analysis / Crime Scene Reconstruction Examinations (BPA/CSR).



SCIIC / FUSION



Purpose:

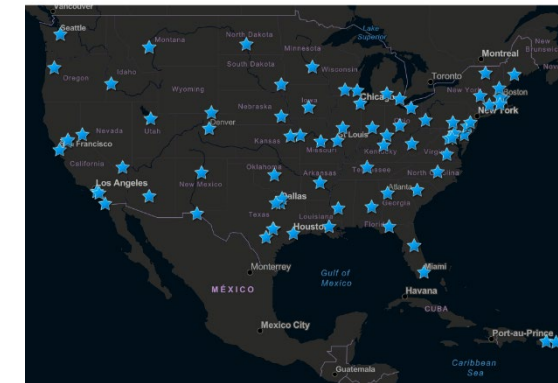
To detect, prevent, apprehend, and respond to criminal and terrorist activity by leveraging the expertise and resources of governmental and private sector security and intelligence professionals to provide data-driven products to all segments of law enforcement personnel, first responders, citizens, businesses, and critical infrastructure in SC.

OPERATIONS DESK (OD)



- Serves as **SLED's dispatch**, ensuring that agents and operational units always have access to radio communication
- Enters **warrants, stolen articles, and other pertinent law enforcement information** into NCIC on behalf of:
 - SLED
 - DHEC
 - The Attorney General's Office
 - The Department of Revenue
 - The Department of Social Services
- Assists with **creating photo line-ups** for law enforcement agencies

The National Network of Fusion Centers



SLED Operations

CRIMINAL ANALYSIS TEAM (CAT)



Provides **information and intelligence** to federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies throughout the country to assist with:

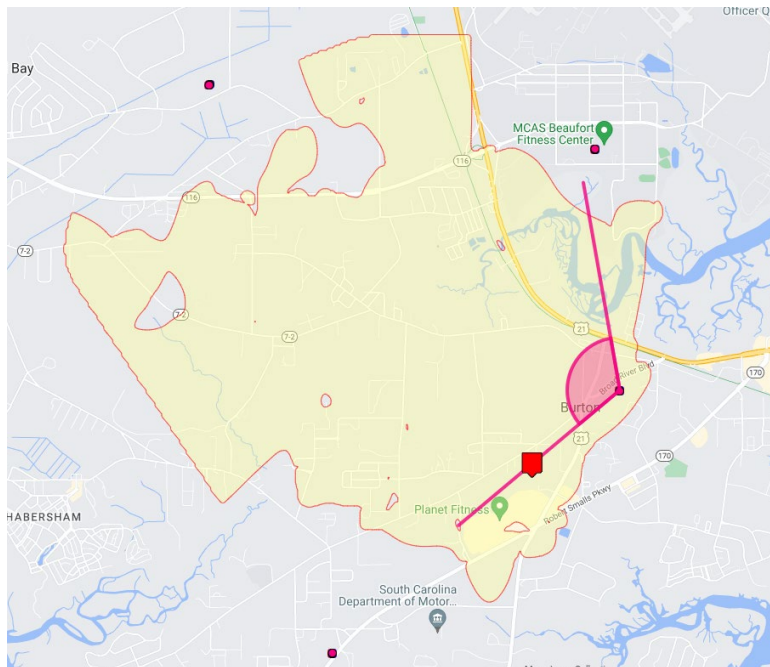
- Locating missing and endangered persons
- Fugitive apprehension
- Case development



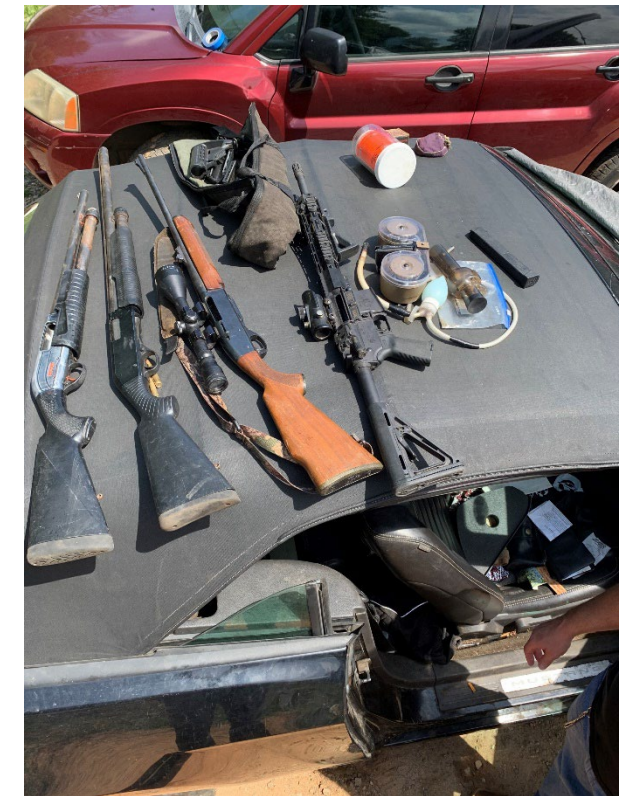
STATE SURVEILLANCE AND INTELLIGENCE (SSI)



SSI provides trained agents capable of gathering information and intelligence to **locate missing and endangered persons, apprehend fugitives, and assist local and state law enforcement.**



SSI agents are assigned to the Secret Service Task Force.



THREAT ANALYSIS CELL (TAC)



Provides **analytical support** to various threats received both in the state and nationwide while **ensuring that information and intelligence is shared** with our local, state, and federal partners.

Performs **threat assessments** on high profile events throughout the state.

Evaluates and forwards **Suspicious Activity Reports** to the FBI and/or SLED's Behavioral Science Unit.



INTERAGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (IOC)



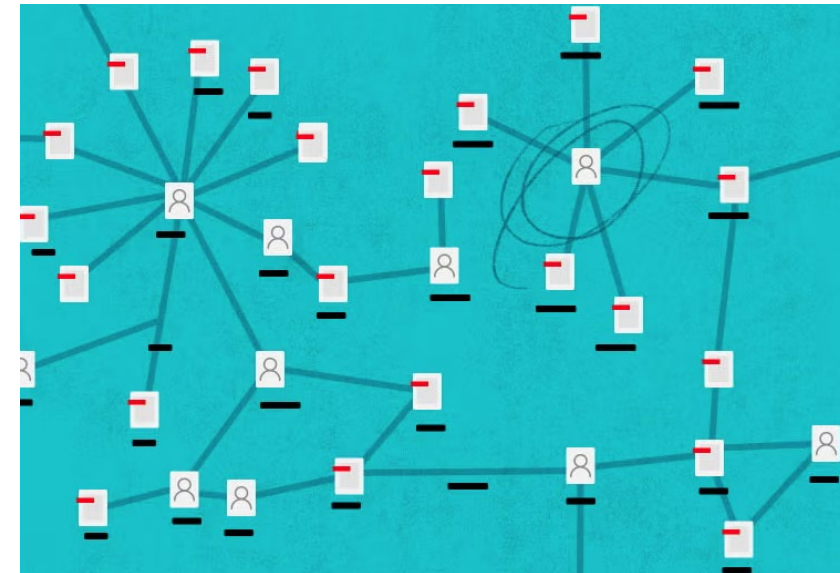
- Integrates capabilities for homeland security to **address all threats associated with the maritime community**
- Assists the low country **by consolidating maritime security functions across all levels of law enforcement** by coordinating resources, operations, and information sharing.
- Supports Seahawk as the IOC Coordinator by working closely with the United States Coast Guard, as well as state and local agencies.



ADMINISTRATION



- Manages criminal intelligence databases and supplies intelligence to gang and human trafficking units
- Provides trained agents to support local law enforcement in gang documentation, validation, apprehension, and investigations
- Agents are assigned to the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force
- Operates the South Carolina Amber Alert program and Missing Person Information Center



ALERTS



The **South Carolina AMBER Alert system** is a cooperative effort between the state's law enforcement personnel and radio/television broadcasters that facilitates the rapid dissemination of an urgent bulletin in child abduction cases, interrupting regularly scheduled program to achieve the immediate notification that is so critical in solving these cases.

The AMBER Alert system:

- *Enhances law enforcement's ability to respond to child abductions*
- *Quickly enlists assistance from communities*
- *Makes best effort to result in the quick and safe recovery of abducted children*

Similarly, the **Endangered Person Notification System** facilitates this for information regarding a missing person who is believed to be suffering from dementia or some other cognitive impairment. The **Missing Persons Information Center (MPIC)** at SLED receives reports from local law enforcement agencies and issues notifications with the appropriate information.



REGULATORY



Purpose:

To oversee investigative and regulatory enforcement for licensed private security companies and officers, private investigation businesses and investigators, the SC Concealed Weapons Permit (CWP) program and instructors, and the State Constable Program, while also coordinating the South Carolina Law Enforcement Assistance Program (SCLEAP) to facilitate SLED's community relations efforts.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS



Community relations efforts promote SLED and its services while facilitating the exchange of information and concerns related to police activities between law enforcement and the community.



GREG'S GROCERIES PARTNERSHIP

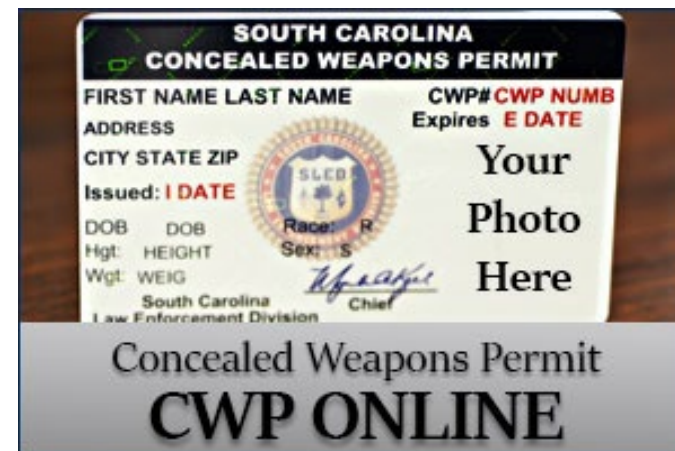
- **Greg's Groceries** is the only multi-agency, statewide initiative of its kind in America. Since the inception of Greg's Groceries, **hundreds of thousands of meals** have been delivered by departments across South Carolina, including the first statewide partnership with SLED.
- Founded in 2017 to honor fallen police officer, Greg Alia, Greg's Groceries has provided thousands of boxes of non-perishable food to individuals and families in need.
- **SLED's Community Relations Unit** has hosted multiple statewide packing days.



CONCEALED WEAPON PERMIT (CWP)



- Manages the South Carolina CWP Program to **ensure compliance** with all state and federal laws.
- Oversees **CWP instructor training and qualifications.**



COMPANY NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER
SAMPLE CONTRACT

SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM (NICS)



NICS is a national, name-based system utilized by federal firearm licensees to check available records on individuals who may be prohibited from owning, purchasing, or possessing firearms in accordance with federal or state law. Coordinates and cooperates with the **FBI**, the **Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)**, state, and local law enforcement agencies related to NICS information and firearm prohibitions. Works with the probate courts and other law enforcement agencies to ensure all information provided to NICS is current and accurate.



SC LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SCLEAP)



South Carolina
Law Enforcement
Division



South Carolina
Department of
Natural Resources



South Carolina
Department of
Public Safety



South Carolina
Department of
Probation, Parole,
and Pardon
Service



South Carolina
Army & Air
National Guard



SCLEAP provides **critical incident stress management and chaplaincy services** to officers and staff of member agencies as well as all requesting local law enforcement agencies and departments in South Carolina. Consists of a **full-time professional staff** who, along with a statewide cadre of volunteer chaplains, provides **24/7 statewide service** for all law enforcement agencies and departments in South Carolina.



STATE CONSTABLE PROGRAM



Manages the South Carolina State Constable Program
to **ensure compliance with all state laws and regulations.**

State Constables are "appointed officers" by the Governor of South Carolina and regulated by the South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division (SLED.) They serve the public by helping maintain peace as they have for hundreds of years, but with qualifications, training and standards that meet the current requirements of performing law enforcement duties. Volunteer State Constables are uncompensated per state law.

**South Carolina State
Constables' Association**



HOMELAND SECURITY



Purpose:

To administer grants received from the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS), coordinate Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources (CI/KR) services and Regional Response Teams (SWAT, Bomb, HazMat, RMAT, IMT, USAR, and CSAR), provide statewide active shooter/active threat training, and facilitate Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Exercises and WMD/Counterterrorism training for the state.

HOMELAND SECURITY



Manages over **206 Homeland Security sub-grants** for:

- Law enforcement, fire, EMS, and emergency management agencies
- Other entities such as churches, schools, governments, and citizens' organizations

Coordinates **37 Regional Response Teams**

- (SWAT, Bomb, HazMat, RMat, IMT, USAR, and CSAR teams)

Provides **statewide badging, credentialing**, oversight, and guidance for Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) to assist with the continued implementation of the National Incident Management Systems (NIMS)



ACTIVE SHOOTER PROGRAM



Provides necessary training to first responders such as law enforcement, fire, and EMS personnel to include:

- Active Shooter / Active Threat Instructor certification
- Rescue Task Force
- Bleeding Control
- Basic Reunification

Coordinates and provides Active Shooter / Active Threat training to:

- Civilians, dispatchers, and law enforcement officers
- Churches and other locations associated with worship organizations

Coordinates Active Shooter Guidelines training for South Carolina schools, including children, faculty, and staff which includes specialized training for special needs teachers and assistants in countering violent encounters in an educational setting.

Supports multiple states with training and consultation for active violence training and standardized best practices.



WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (WMD)



Conducts challenging live action or simulated WMD/CT exercises to **assess capabilities** of the State/Regional Response Teams (WMD SWAT, WMD Bomb, WMD HazMat, CSAR, RMAT, and IMT), along with other participating agencies, and **identify gaps** within these capabilities.

Leverages **Homeland Security grant funding** in the areas of personnel, organization, equipment, training, and exercises (POETE) to **facilitate gap reduction**.

End state of the program:
State/Regional Response teams and agencies are familiar with the signs of an event and trained to provide the initial response to a WMD/CT event.



CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE/KEY RESOURCES (CIKR)



Represents SLED CI/KR at statewide meetings

Conducts Site Assistance Visits (SAV)

A SAV is a **vulnerability assessment** conducted jointly by DHS in coordination and cooperation with Federal, State, local, tribal, territorial, and private sector CI/KR facilities stakeholders. Through SAVs, DHS **informs CI/KR owners and operators of protective measures that would increase the ability to detect and prevent attacks, then provides options for reducing vulnerabilities.**



CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEMS (CJIS)



Purpose:

To serve as the central state criminal justice information repository that collects, processes, stores, and disseminates crime data, criminal identification, and criminal record information.



Provides **accurate and timely information** to assist with crime prevention and the administration of criminal justice to:

- Local, state, and federal criminal justice agencies
- Civil governmental agencies
- The public

Adheres to, sets, maintains, and enforces the FBI CJIS Security Policy which includes the **vetting of all personnel who have access to criminal justice information (CJI)**. This also includes policy governing computers, access, and any other components that comprise, connect, and support telecommunications networks and related CJIS systems.



SLED CJIS works with each agency's Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC) to verify training, vetting, and device accessing CJIS systems.

Non-Criminal Justice Information Systems (NCJIS)



Works with non-criminal agencies

Requires state-passed legislation to collect fingerprint-based background checks

- NCJIS works with agencies to ensure **specific language is incorporated into proposed legislation** to allow needed access
- Once passed, NCJIS works with the department to gather information to **submit to the FBI**, who **determines if the department can obtain an Originating Agency Identifier (ORI)** that will grant the requested access
 - This process can take anywhere between **6 to 9 months**
- If an **ORI is granted**, NCJIS works with the other units of CJIS to **set up the necessary connection**

NCJIS also vets all outside personnel who will have unescorted access while on SLED property to conduct work. NCJIS assists state and local criminal justice agencies across the state with the vetting of private CJIS vendors to ensure vendors are compliant with FBI CJIS Security Policy.

NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER (NCIC)



Administers the **use of and entries into the NCIC files**, an electronic clearinghouse of crime data used by law enforcement to perform duties, including:

- Apprehending fugitives
- Locating missing or lost persons
- Recovering stolen property

Provides **oversight of the state's participation in the NCIC system** which includes training and auditing local, state, and federal criminal agencies to **ensure compliance** with FBI and SLED CJIS policies as well as training on the use of:

- The NCIC system
- Local Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC) policies and procedures
- NCIC instruction and certification
- Warrant and protection order entry

AUTOMATED FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (AFIS)



The AFIS Unit receives, processes, and stores fingerprint cards, searching the submitted prints against the state repository to make reliable identifications and return criminal history record information for both criminal and non-criminal justice purposes.

Specialized employees known as **Fingerprint examiners**:

- Work with the NCJIS Unit to manage the non-criminal and applicant fingerprint cards by ensuring compliance with all laws and regulations
- Process hard copy criminal and applicant fingerprint cards by entering demographic descriptors and scanning images
- Resolve errors that occur with Livescan submissions



COMPUTERIZED CRIMINAL HISTORY (CCH)



The CCH Unit:

Processes final disposition reports from general sessions, magistrate, and municipal courts promptly, ensuring accurate criminal histories at the state and federal level

Enter and modify arrests, judicial and custody information in the criminal history database while verifying all information

Run criminal history reports for the AFIS and FBI record synchronization

PUBLIC DISSEMINATION & CATCH



The Public Dissemination Unit reviews, logs, and processes mail received from citizens on behalf of:

CJIS:

Criminal history requests

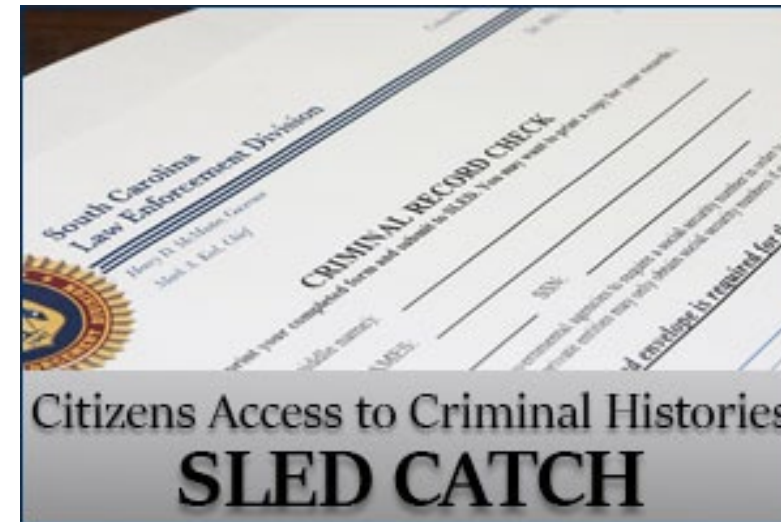
Name changes

Regulatory:

Concealed weapons permits (CWPs)

Private investigator licenses

Private security guard licenses



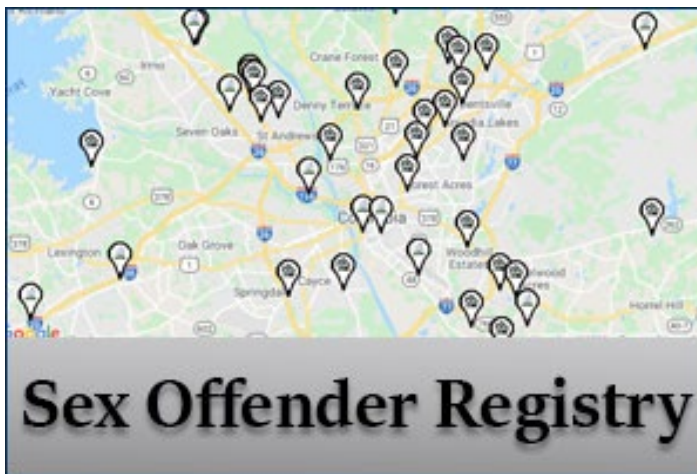
Name-based criminal history background checks are provided to the public as well as guidance and support for background checks conducted online through SLED CATCH by troubleshooting, processing refunds, and handling special processing requests.

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY (SOR)



The SOR Unit:

- Manages the **state sex offender registry database**
- Ensures **information is properly provided** for the safety of law enforcement and the public
- Trains sheriff's offices and state agencies where sex offender registrations are held for **compliance** with the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), state statutes, and federal guidelines



Additional duties include:

- *DSS checks for adoptions*
- *Address checks with the locals*
- *Name changes in the SORT*
- *Overseeing all court order removals*

SOUTH CAROLINA INCIDENT-BASED REPORTING SYSTEM (SCIBRS)



SCIBRS analysts:

- Collect **crime stats** from local agencies
- Perform **quality assurance on the information**
- Submit the information **to the FBI**
- Conduct **training classes** at local agencies

SCIBRS is also responsible for working with state and local agencies to collect and report Use of Force Data to the FBI.

The collected information is used to provide publicly available crime statistics for use by:

- Law enforcement administration
- Policymakers
- Academics
- Journalists
- The public

SOUTH CAROLINA INFORMATION EXCHANGE (SCIEx)



SCIEx provides an **online repository of law enforcement records**, including incident reports and case files, for sharing, searching, linking, and analyzing crime information across jurisdictional boundaries to aid in investigations.

The SCIEx Unit provides **automatic replication of records** to the National Data Exchange (N-DEx), a **national repository of criminal justice records** used by law enforcement agencies across the nation.



CONCLUSION & QUESTIONS



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