

Emergency Support Function – 13 (ESF – 13)

Under the state's Emergency Operations Plan, the S.C. Law Enforcement Division (SLED) is the lead agency for Emergency Support Function – 13, which is state law enforcement support during a manmade or natural disaster.

Supporting SLED are the S.C. Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the S.C. Probation, Parole and Pardon Services (SCPPP), the S.C. Department of Public Safety (SCDPS), the S.C. Department of Corrections (SCDC) and the S.C. Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (SCPRT).

SLED Chief Mark Keel was instrumental in the coordination of the state's law enforcement response to local law enforcement agencies' requests for assistance during the recent flooding disaster in South Carolina.

Chief Keel stayed in constant contact with Sheriffs and Police Chiefs in the affected counties along with his fellow state law enforcement agency heads to coordinate and facilitate a rapid response to requests from local law enforcement whose capabilities or availabilities were hampered by the floods.