

# ANNUAL REPORT

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## Introduction

On February 1, 1994, the South Carolina Legislature created the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) with Act 181 by combining 41 separate state agencies, including the Department of Labor, the State Fire Academy, the State Fire Marshal's Office, and 38 professional and occupational licensing boards. Legislators envisioned an organization that would promote efficiency and build accountability while delivering the highest level of customer service. The 1994 legislation empowered the Governor to appoint a director of LLR with the advice and consent of the Senate.

In 2010, the South Carolina Legislature transferred the Soil Classifiers Advisory Council and the Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners to LLR from the Department of Natural Resources, bringing the total number of boards to 40.

Currently, LLR administers more than 70 programs, from Occupational Safety and Health to professional and occupational licensing to the State Fire Academy and Office of State Fire Marshal.

### LLR Locations

LLR's Office of the Director, Office of Communications and Governmental Affairs, Department of Administration, Office of General Counsel, the Division of Professional and Occupational Licensing (POL), Division of Elevators and Amusement Rides, and Division of Immigration Compliance, are located within the Kingstree Building at 110 Centerview Drive in Columbia. The Division of Fire and Life Safety is located at the S.C. Fire Academy campus, 141 Monticello Trail, Columbia. The Division of SC OSHA is located at 121 Executive Center Drive, Suite 230. Columbia.

### Agency Mission

The mission of the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation is to promote the health, safety and economic well-being of the public through regulation, licensing, enforcement, training and education.

### Agency Vision

LLR will provide responsible regulatory oversight. We will work with licensees, boards, associations, and citizens to achieve the shared goals and interests of our state. LLR will cultivate an atmosphere of trust, integrity, innovation, compliance and accountability with our partners, leading to a better future for citizens. Through the Agency's work, LLR will reduce injuries in the workplace, fire-related injuries and fatalities, and licensee misconduct through education and enforcement.

## Office of the Director

**Director:** **Emily Farr**

The Office of the Director is comprised of the Director, the Office of Communications and Governmental Affairs, and the Office of Information Technology.

The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoints the Director of the Agency. Governor Nikki R. Haley appointed Emily Farr as Interim Director on August 8, 2016, and she was confirmed by the Senate on March 8, 2017.

## Office of Communications and Governmental Affairs

**Counsel to Office of Communications and Governmental Affairs:** **Holly Beeson**

**Communications Director:** **Lesia Kudelka**

The Office of Communications promotes and explains to the public the Agency's goals, activities, and services using a variety of media, including Twitter and Facebook. The director serves as the Agency spokesperson to the media for all programs and manages requests from the public for information requested under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act to assure compliance with the law. The director also serves as the Agency's Ombudsman.

Requests for Information	
FOIA	1,301
Subpoenas	63
Total	1,364

**Director of Governmental Affairs:****Rebecca Leach**

The Office of Governmental Affairs serves as a liaison between the Agency and the Governor's Office, legislators, legislative staff, and other state and federal agencies. The Office is also responsible for coordinating, monitoring, and reviewing proposed legislation, amendments, regulations, and approved bills that are initiated and/or affect boards, commissions, and divisions administered by LLR. This includes all relative legislation drafted and introduced by parties external to the department. Additionally, the office assists with training and educating LLR staff, boards, and commissions regarding the legislative process.

**Governmental Affairs – Summary of Legislation Passed**

The 2018 meeting of the S.C. General Assembly began the second half of a two-year legislative session.

<b>Bills Reflecting Statutory Changes (by Act#)</b>					
<b>Act #</b>	<b>References</b>	<b>Statute</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Board/ Commission</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
<b>138</b>	<a href="#"><u>S.105</u></a>	1-23-600	<p><b>Summary: Contested Cases in Administrative Law Court</b></p> <p>Amends §1-23-600 to provide that a stay of an agency order remains in effect for 30 days, rather than for an undetermined term, or until an order has been issued regarding a preliminary injunction; revise procedure for stays concerning the revocation, suspension, or renewal of a license and payment of fines; delete the provision that the court shall lift the stay for good cause shown or if no irreparable harm will occur and delete the requirement that a hearing must be held within 30 days to lift the automatic stay or for a determination of the applicability of the automatic stay; provide that any preliminary injunction ordered by the administrative law court may require the posting of a bond or other sufficient security; and to exempt state agencies from the requirement to post a bond under this section.</p>	All Boards	<b>3/12/2018</b>
<b>139</b>	<a href="#"><u>S.185</u></a>	40-19-20	<p><b>Summary: Funeral Service Provider Definitions</b></p> <p>Amends §40-19-20(1) relating to definition of "advertisement" as used in regard to embalmers and funeral directors, adding the term "internet" to the advertisement definition; amend §40-19-20 by adding "third party funeral service provider"; and amend Chapter 19, Title 40 by adding §40-19-40, provide that third party funeral service providers must be licensed by the State Board of Funeral Service, provide notice and disclosure requirements for third party funeral service provider advertisements, provide for license revocation for advertising requirements violations, provide that the Board shall prescribe the format of advertisement disclosure by regulation, and to provide that third party funeral service providers must disclose to customers the name and contact information of the funeral establishment that will be in charge of handling all funeral arrangements.</p>	Funeral	<b>3/14/2018</b>

<b>143</b>	<a href="#">H.3649</a>	40-3-60	<p><b>Summary: Architectural Examiners Board</b> Amends §40-3-60, SC Code of Laws, relating to rules and officers of the Board of Architectural Examiners, to provide the Board may provide advice and make recommendations to the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation concerning the development of statutory revisions and other matters as the Department requests concerning the administration of Chapter 3, Title 40; amend §40-3-115, relating to Board jurisdiction, revise this jurisdiction; and amend §40-3-290, relating to exceptions from Chapter 3, Title 40, to revise criteria for certain exempt buildings and detached single-family or two-family dwellings.</p>	Architectural, Engineers, Building Codes	<b>5/19/2018</b>
<b>149</b>	<a href="#">H.3926</a>	40-43-30, 40-43-86, 40-43-88	<p><b>Summary: Pharmacy Practice Act</b> Amends §40-43-30, relating to definitions in the S.C. Pharmacy Practice Act, define additional terms; amend §40-43-86, relating to compounding pharmacies; and amend §40-43-88, relating to the handling of sterile preparation by pharmacies.</p>	Pharmacy	<b>3/20/2018</b>
<b>150</b>	<a href="#">H.4827</a>		<p><b>Summary: Seizure Safety in Schools</b> Extend the deadline for the seizure safety in schools study committee to submit its written report from January 31, 2018 to January 31, 2019.</p>	Medical, Nursing	<b>3/20/2018</b>
<b>178</b>	<a href="#">H.3822</a>	44-53-160	<p><b>Summary: Controlled Substance Schedules</b> Amend §44-53-160, relating to the process for making changes to controlled substance schedules, to require the Department of Health and Environmental Control to notify the Code Commissioner of additions, deletions, and rescheduling of substances.</p>	Medical, Dentistry, Nursing, Pharmacy	<b>5/3/2018</b>
<b>180</b>	<a href="#">H.4488</a>	44-53-1650	<p><b>Summary: Prescription Monitoring Program Access</b> Amends §44-53-1650 to authorize coroners, deputy coroners, medical examiners and deputy medical examiners to have access to data in the PMP under certain circumstances.</p>	Medically Related	<b>5/3/2018</b>
<b>182</b>	<a href="#">H.4600</a>	44-130-70	<p><b>Summary: Opioid Antidote Community Distribution Centers</b> Amend §44-130-70 to authorize certain community distribution organizations to distribute opioid antidotes to a person a risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose or their caregiver.</p>	Pharmacy	<b>5/3/2018</b>

189	<a href="#">H.4935</a>		<b>Summary: SC Palliative Care and Quality of Life Study Committee</b> Provides for the purpose, membership and duties of the committee.	Medical	5/3/2018
192	<a href="#">H.5038</a>	38-71-2130	<b>Summary: Prohibited Acts for Pharmacy Benefit Managers</b> Establishes prohibited acts.	Pharmacy	5/3/2018
197	<a href="#">S.79</a>		<b>Summary: Fibroid Tumor Awareness Month</b> Establishes the month of July as Fibroid Tumor Awareness Month	Medical	5/15/2018
203	<a href="#">345</a>	40-33-55	<b>Summary: APRN Expansion of Scope of Practice and Telemedicine</b> Adds §40-33-55 to expand the scope of practice for Nurse Practitioners (NP), Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNM) and Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) and includes expanding the former 45 mile radius limitation for supervising physicians to allow the borders of our state to now serve as the boundary for the distance between the nurse and physician. It also changes the requirement of having approved protocols between a supervising physician and a nurse to now having practice agreements. NPs, CNMs and CNSs now have the ability to have increased prescriptive authority to include Schedules II through V controlled substances. The bill further provides for the practice of telemedicine by Advanced Practice Register Nurses (APRNs) and Physician Assistants (PAs).	Medical, Nursing	7/1/2018
204	<a href="#">S.506</a>	40-43-170	<b>Summary: Emergency Prescription Refills</b> Amends §40-43-170 to allow pharmacists to dispense a one-time, 30 day refill of a prescribed medication during a state of emergency declared by the Governor.	Pharmacy	5/15/2018
205	<a href="#">S.567</a>	41-18-30	<b>Summary: Excludes Certain Go Karts from Regulation</b> Amends §41-18-30 to exclude open-wheel motorsport vehicles, karts, superkarts, gearbox or shifter karts or go karts used for racing at speeds in excess of 50 miles per hour	Amusement	5/15/2018
215	<a href="#">S.877</a>	40-60-330	<b>Summary: Appraisal Management Companies Surety Bonds</b> Amends §40-60-330 to allow for a surety bond in lieu of a financial statement	Real Estate Appraisers	5/15/2018
217	<a href="#">S.891</a>	44-37-50	<b>Summary: Newborn Information Available to Parents</b> Amends §44-37-50 to require information be made available to parents to included safe sleep practices and the causes of sudden unexpected infant death syndrome	Medical	11/15/2018

219	<a href="#">S.918</a>	40-43-185	<p><b>Summary: Prescribing Limitations for Opioids and Prescribing Report Cards</b> Amends §40-43-185 to place a seven day limitation on initial opioid prescriptions for acute or postoperative pain management, with exceptions, and creates prescription report cards from the prescription monitoring program to inform practitioners about their prescribing trends</p>	Medical, Pharmacy, Nursing	5/15/18 Section 2 - 11/15/18
201	<a href="#">S.302</a>	59-103-155	<p><b>Summary: Higher Education Coursework for Prescribing of Certain Controlled Substances</b> Adds §59-103-155 to require coursework in certain higher education programs on the prescribing and monitoring of such substances.</p>	Medical, Dentistry, Nursing, Pharmacy	5/17/2018
236	<a href="#">H.3195</a>	53-3-85	<p><b>Summary: Sickle Cell Day in SC</b> Amends §53-3-85 to recognized June 19th as Sickle Cell Day in SC.</p>	Medical	5/17/2018
238	<a href="#">H.3329</a>	16-3-2020	<p><b>Summary: Human Trafficking</b> Amends §16-3-2020 related to the offense of human trafficking, penalties and defenses when the victim is a minor under 18 years old.</p>	All Boards	5/17/2018
240	<a href="#">H.3622</a>	40-51-67	<p><b>Summary: Podiatric Surgery - Expansion of Scope of Practice</b> Adds §40-51-67 to expand the scope of practice to allow for certain podiatrists to perform surgery of the ankle and related soft tissue structures. Created a Joint Podiatric Surgery Advisory Committee consisting of two podiatrists, two orthopedic surgeons and one lay member and establishes the responsibilities of the committees .</p>	Podiatry, Medical	5/17/2018
242	<a href="#">H.3819</a>	44-53-363	<p><b>Summary: Prerequisite to Issuing Opioid Analgesics to Minors</b> Adds §44-53-363 to establish the requirements for prescribing opioid analgesics to minors which include the use of a 'Start Talking!' form that will be developed by the State Board of Medical Examiners.</p>	Medical	11/17/2018
243	<a href="#">H.3826</a>	44-53-360	<p><b>Summary: Counterfeit-Resistant Prescription Pads</b> Amends §44-53-360 to require the Department of Health and Environmental Control to develop a counterfeit-resistant prescription blank, which must be used by practitioners for the purpose of prescribing controlled substances.</p>	Medical	5/17/2018
249	<a href="#">H.4116</a>	40-47-38	<p><b>Summary: Maintenance of Certification</b> Adds §40-47-38 to provided that no provision of the medical practice act may be construed to require a physician to secure a maintenance of certification as a condition of licensure, reimbursement, employment or admitting privileges at a hospital in this state.</p>	Medical	5/18/2018

250	<a href="#">H.4117</a>	44-53-1650	<p><b>Summary: Prescription Monitoring Program Access - Drug Courts</b> Amends §44-53-1650 to authorize a presiding judge of a drug court to have access to data in the PMP under certain circumstances.</p>	Medical	5/18/2018
255	<a href="#">H.4487</a>	44-53-160	<p><b>Summary: Emergency Scheduling of Controlled Substances</b> Amends §44-53-160 to allow the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control to add, delete or reschedule a controlled substance when the Generally Assembly is not in session.</p>	Medical	5/18/2018
256	<a href="#">H.4601</a>	40-75-225	<p><b>Summary: Addiction Counselors License</b> Amends §40-75-225 to create an addiction counselors license.</p>	Counselors	5/18/2018
257	<a href="#">H.4612</a>	40-11-262	<p><b>Summary: General Contractors Surety Bond</b> Amends §40-11-262 to allow for a surety bond in lieu of a financial statement and provides procedures for filing claims against the surety bond.</p>	Contractors	5/18/2018
260	<a href="#">H.4672</a>	46-55-20	<p><b>Summary: Vision Screening Requirement for Licensure</b> Amends §46-55-20 to require vision screening for all persons obtaining a driver's license and to require that the certificate of vision examination form is executed by a certifying ophthalmologist or optometrist.</p>	Medical, Optometry, Opticianry	5/18/2018
263	<a href="#">H.4698</a>	40-47-32	<p><b>Summary: Waiver for Certain Examination Requirements for Medical License</b> Amends §40-47-32 to waive certain additional examination requirements for applicants who are working with SC Vocational Rehabilitation.</p>	Medical	5/18/2018
264	<a href="#">H.4705</a>	63-7-310	<p><b>Summary: Mandated Reporting</b> Amends §63-7-310 to add firefighters to the list of individuals who, when in their professional capacity, receive information giving reason to believe a child has been or maybe abused or neglected, are mandated to report this information to DSS or a law enforcement agency in the county where the child resides or is found.</p>	Fire	5/18/2018
268	<a href="#">H.4799</a>	40-45-510	<p><b>Summary: Physical Therapy Compact</b> Adds Article 3 of Title 40 Chapter 45 to create the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact for South Carolina.</p>	Physical Therapy	5/18/2018
284	<a href="#">S.709</a>	59-17-160	<p><b>Summary: School Facility Fire and Safety Programs</b> Adds §59-17-160 to require school facility fire and safety policies and programs and to require active shooter/intruder drills.</p>	Fire	6/2/2018

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## Department of Technology and Security

**Chief Information Officer:**

**Matt Faile**

The Office of Information Technology provides expertise in development, implementation, security, and maintenance of computer- based information systems and coordinates all information technology activities for the Agency. This Office also manages the Agency's E-commerce presence.

## Department of Administration

The Department is responsible for providing administrative support services for the Agency in accordance with state and Agency policies and procedures and governing federal, state, and local regulations. The Department consists of four offices: Budget, Finance, Human Resources, and Procurement.

**Director of Finance:**

**Laura Pace**

- The Budget Office is responsible for coordinating the Agency's budget and federal grants.
- The Finance Office is responsible for directing fiscal functions of the Agency.

**Human Resources Director:**

**Kathryn Britt**

- The Human Resources Office is responsible for providing services in the areas of consulting, policy development, employee relations, compensation, recruitment, employee training and development, and employee benefits.

**Procurement Manager**

**Diane Parker**

- The Procurement Office is responsible for directing and providing expertise in Agency purchasing, property and vehicle management, employee driver training records, and mailroom services.

## Office of General Counsel

**General Counsel:**

**Melina Mann**

The General Counsel provides litigation and advice services to LLR programs and oversees the Agency's Office of Disciplinary Counsel and Office of Advice Counsel.

**Disciplinary Counsel:**

**Pat Hanks**

The Office of Disciplinary Counsel handled the following cases during FY 2018:

Division of POL cases opened	1,283
Division of POL cases closed	1,361

**Chief Advice Counsel:**

**Darra James Coleman**

The Office of Advice Counsel provides legal advice to all boards, commissions and panels, and administrative staff. The Office essentially serves as the "in-house law firm" for these entities. In addition to assisting these them with conducting their meetings, Advice Counsel handles appeals on non-disciplinary issues, performs special research projects, offers training, and provides support to administrative staff with resolution of legal questions arising from the licensure process.

## Labor Programs

### Division of South Carolina OSHA (SC OSHA)

**Deputy Director of SC OSHA:**

**Kristina Baker**

**Compliance Manager:**

**Anthony Wilks**

**State Plan Manager:**

**Gwendolyn Thomas**

The purpose of the state Occupational Safety and Health Act is to ensure working people a safe and healthful working

environment. South Carolina OSHA (SC OSHA) is committed to strong, fair, and effective enforcement of safety and health requirements in the workplace. SC OSHA compliance officers are experienced, well-trained safety and health professionals who work to assure compliance with occupational safety and health requirements, and to help employers and workers reduce on-the-job hazards and prevent injuries, illnesses, and deaths in the workplace.

Inspections are initiated without advance notice and are based on the following priorities:

- Imminent Danger
- Fatalities or Catastrophes
- Worker Complaints and Referrals
- Follow-up Inspections
- Target Inspections – Particular Hazards, High Injury/Illness Rates

State law requires SC OSHA to complete an investigation and issue citations and proposed penalties, if any, within six months of a violation’s occurrence. Citations describe the alleged violation, list any proposed penalties, and provide a deadline for correcting the alleged hazards. Violations are categorized as other-than-serious, serious, willful, repeat, and failure to abate. Penalties may range up to \$7,000 for each serious violation and up to \$70,000 for each willful or repeat violation. Penalties may be reduced based on an employer’s good faith, inspection history, and business size.

When citations are issued, the employer has an opportunity to request an informal conference to discuss the citations, penalties, abatement dates, or any other information pertinent to the inspection. The Agency and the employer may work out a settlement agreement to resolve the matter and to eliminate the hazard. SC OSHA’s primary goal is to get hazards corrected and maintain compliance in lieu of issuing citations or collecting penalties.

If a settlement cannot be reached, employers have 30 working days after receipt of citations and proposed penalties to formally contest the alleged violations and/or penalties by sending a written notice to the South Carolina Administrative Law Court. Alternatively, citations, penalties, and abatement dates not challenged by the employer or settled, become a final order of the Agency.

Statistical Information FY 2018		
OSHA Inspections:	Number	Percentage
Total	501	100%
Safety Inspections	387	77.2%
Health Inspections	114	22.8%
Inspections by Type		
Planned	255	50.9 %
Complaints	124	24.8 %
Accidents and Fatalities	20	4.0 %
Referrals	58	11.6 %
Follow-up	19	3.8 %
Programmed-Related	10	2.0 %
Unprogrammed-Related	15	3.0 %
Monitoring	0	0.0 %
Number of Violations:		
Total	500	100%
Serious	370	74.0%
Other-than-Serious	127	25.4 %
Repeat	3	0.6%
Willful	0	0.0 %
<b>Inspections resulting in findings of in-compliance</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>54.5 %</b>

### SC OSHA Office of Legal Counsel

**Chief OSHA Counsel:**

**Deidre D. Laws**

The purpose of SC OSHA’s Office of Legal Counsel is to provide litigation and legal advice to SC OSHA’s compliance officers, managers, and other OSHA staff. The Office essentially serves as the “in-house law firm” for OSHA, while also handling contested

cases, performing special tasks, obtaining warrants and issuing subpoenas for compliance staff, offering legal training, and overseeing SC OSHA’s Informal Hearing and 11(c) Whistleblower programs.

**OSHA CONTESTED CASES**

**Manager** **Deidre D. Laws**  
**Coordinator** **Sandra LaRue**

When SC OSHA issues citations, the employer has 30 days, after receipt of citations, to formally contest the alleged violations, penalties, and/or abatement by sending a written notice to the South Carolina Administrative Law Court.

**FY 2018 Statistical Information:**

- Total number of contested cases opened: 10
- Total number of contested cases closed: 14\*

\*includes cases carried forward from FY 2017

**11(c) WHISTLEBLOWER INVESTIGATIONS**

**Manager:** **Deidre D. Laws**

**Investigator:** **Sierrah L. Oates**

SC OSHA has jurisdiction over matters involving any private sector employee believing that he/she has been discharged or otherwise retaliated against by any person because the employee engaged in protected activity related to health and/or safety issues in the work environment. Valid complaints are investigated thoroughly, and the Agency has the authority to dismiss the complaint if it is determined there is no merit, or if there is merit, facilitate a settlement or initiate litigation against the employer.

**FY 2018 Statistical Information:**

Total number of whistleblower cases opened:	113
Total number of whistleblower cases closed:	90*

\*includes cases carried forward from FY 2017

**Integrated Management Information System**

**State Plan Manager:** **Gwendolyn Thomas**

South Carolina, in accordance with federal standards and regulations, administers its own occupational safety and health program. The Program’s objective is to help ensure South Carolina workplaces are safe and healthful places for all workers. The OSHA Information System (OIS) department provides statewide inspection data to Federal OSHA as required by law. OSHA Information System also compiles and publishes safety data and statistics to state and local governments, which, in part, helps guide policy deliberation and decisions. It is the responsibility of the OIS department to collect, analyze, and transmit accurate inspection data to federal OSHA on a daily basis. Internally, that same data is analyzed with an eye towards helping SC OSHA continuously improve both its safety inspection and consultation programs.

For the past nine years, South Carolina has utilized an in-house data collection and information management system. The South Carolina OSHA Redesign and Enhancement (SCORE) Information System, running on the OSHA Express™ software platform, was built and implemented in 2009. In addition to a “real time” data analysis capability, the system provides significant cost avoidance through the reduction of paper files. In fiscal year 2018, SCORE obviated the need to maintain paper inspection reports for 501 inspections and 836 consultation visits. SCORE not only provides an efficient means of data entry and secure storage, it also allows South Carolina OSHA to retrieve and analyze data instantaneously.

## Technical Support and Standards Office

### State Plan Manager:

**Gwendolyn Thomas**

The purpose of SC OSHA’s Technical Support Office is to develop, manage, and implement South Carolina OSHA’s five-year Strategic Plan, generate quarterly and annual reports, and assist the SC OSHA State Plan Manager with LLR’s Strategic Plan. The Technical Support Office also reviews all Federal OSHA documents and recommends to the SC OSHA State Plan Manager actions such as adoption of new standards promulgated by Federal OSHA and amendments to existing standards, review of Federal OSHA Compliance Directives for state implementation, and coordination of all public hearings for the adoption of new or amended standards and regulations.

This area evaluates the validity of temporary and permanent variances. An employer may apply for a variance from a standard based on the following reasons:

- the employer’s practices do not follow the letter of the standard but do afford employees protection equal or superior to that specified by the standard;
- unavailability of personnel, materials or equipment; or
- construction is needed that cannot be completed by the effective date of the standard.

The Technical Support Office also evaluates situations to ensure alternative protections are being afforded to employees, and submits recommendations regarding the variance application to the SC OSHA State Plan Manager.

The SC OSHA Standards Area assists many employers, employees and compliance personnel who desire to eliminate safety and health workplace hazards. Electrical hazards, machine guarding problems, bloodborne pathogens, injury and illness recordkeeping, and matters regarding fall protection are examples of conditions for which information and assistance is frequently requested.

### Technical Support and Standards Offices performed the following activities during the FY 2018:

South Carolina OSHA promulgated revisions to the South Carolina Code of State Regulations; Chapter 71, Article 1, Subarticle 3 published in the State Register May 25, 2018. SC OSHA revised Subarticle 3 to require certain employers to electronically submit injury and illness data that they are already required to record on their OSHA Injury and Illness forms, involve employees in the recordkeeping process, and prohibit employers from discriminating against employees that report a work-related injury/illness. The following Subarticles, which cross-reference federal OSHA’s Recordkeeping standards, were adopted:

Subarticle 3: Sections 71-335, 71-336, and 71-341

- 71-335: Employee involvement
- 71-336: Prohibition against discrimination
- 71-341: Electronic submission of 300A Summary to OSHA

Inquiries Answered by the Standards Office by Type	
Standards Information	441
Technical Information/ Advice	200
Standards Interpretation	186
General Information	334
Referrals	501
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,662</b>

## Office of Occupational Safety and Health Statistics (OSH)

### BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

**State Plan Manager:**

**Gwendolyn Thomas**

**Coordinator:**

**Felecia G. Busby**

The OSH Statistics Section, in cooperation with the [U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), conducts the annual Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses and the [Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries \(CFOI\) Program](#). The survey measures non-fatal injuries and illnesses only and excludes the self-employed, farms with fewer than 11 employees, private households, and Federal government agencies. The CFOI program compiles detailed information on all work-related fatal injuries in South Carolina.

A relatively small percentage of the total private sector employers and local government agencies, are selected to report on the annual BLS survey. Data collected in the survey is based on uniform record-keeping requirements, which are mandatory under provisions of both the 1970 Occupational Safety and Health Act and corresponding state laws.

The data compiled in the Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses and the CFOI Program are used to provide a management tool for safety engineers and persons interested in measurements of work injuries and illnesses. They use the data to develop strategies aimed at reducing fatal and non-fatal injuries and illnesses on the job.

<b>*2016 Occupational Injuries and Illnesses Statistics</b>	
Number of employees in SC private sector workforce	1,650,949
Number of employees in SC public sector workforce	311,604
Number of reported private sector injuries/illnesses	32,800
Injury and Illness rate per 100 employees – private sector	2.5
Number of reported public sector injuries/illnesses	10,900
Injury and Illness rate per 100 employees – public sector	4.4
<b>*2016 CFOI Statistics</b>	
Number of fatal occupational injuries	96
- Private sector	86
- Public sector	10

\*2016 Data represents the most current year available from the BLS.

## Office of Outreach and Education

**Outreach and Education Manager:**

**Sharon Dumit**

The Office of Outreach and Education provides safety and health courtesy inspections, technical assistance, and safety and health training to aid the business community in voluntary compliance with all areas of the Occupational Safety and Health Act. In addition, this area also provides recognition and outreach programs such as the Palmetto Star, SHARP, Alliances and Partnerships. These services are free to both public and private sector employers. Safety and health consultations are confidential. Training resource materials, brochures, booklets, audio-visual programs, seminars, lectures and extended courses have been developed to assist employers in providing employees a safe and healthful work environment.

The Voluntary Protection Program (VPP), or Palmetto Star Program, and the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) recognize manufacturing facilities with exemplary safety and health records and reduced injury and illness rates.

**CONSULTATION SERVICES**

**Outreach and Education Manager**

**Sharon Dumit**

The goal of this program is to make worksites safer. Free consultations by safety and health professionals with expertise in safety and health workplace issues are provided to businesses and public sector employers. Consultants help employers identify and correct specific hazards, provide guidance in establishing or improving an effective safety and health program, and offer training and education for employers, supervisors, and employees. The primary target of the program is smaller businesses in higher hazard industries or with especially hazardous operations. Consultations are independent of SC OSHA’s enforcement activity, and records are kept confidential and separate from OSHA’s enforcement program. The only obligation of the businesses using these services is to correct, in a timely manner, any job safety and health hazards found during the consultation visit.

Consultation Activity for FY 2017	
Number of Consultation requests	812
Number of Employees helped	8,931
Number of Workplaces visited	812
Number of Workplaces achieving compliance	812
Number of Workplaces referred to compliance	2

Amount saved in OSHA fines by businesses achieving compliance								
FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17
2.5M	2.1M	1.4M	1.5M	1.5M	1.6M	1.8 M	1.7M	1.4M

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**Outreach and Education Manager**

**Sharon Dumit**

**Coordinator:**

**Van Henson**

Training classes are provided for employees and employers covering key safety issues facing workplaces today, such as SC OSHA’s Rights and Responsibilities, Lockout/Tagout, and violence in the workplace. This service within the Office of Outreach and Education provides a variety of training programs and presentations designed to reduce or eliminate safety and health hazards in the workplace. Upon request, training is available to employers and employees in the public and private sector and may take place on-site (requiring participation of 12 or more employees). In FY 2017, more than of 290 training programs were delivered to employees throughout the state, resulting in more than 7,600 employees trained on various SC OSHA regulations and other safety and health issues.

Education and Training Provided for FY 2018	
Number of training programs:	353
Number of contact hours:	11,449
Number of trainees:	9,947

General industry, health, and construction areas are covered in the training curriculum. Examples of training programs offered include, but are not limited to:

- OSHA Inspection Process
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Lockout/Tagout (LOTO)
- Trenching/Excavation
- Hazard Communication
- SC SMART- Safety Management & Accident Reduction Training
- Organizational Safety Culture
- Fall Protection (Construction)

- Personal Protective Equipment
- Violence in the Workplace
- Scaffolding (Construction)
- Permit Required Confined Spaces
- Industrial Trucks (Forklifts)
- OSHA Recordkeeping
- Electrical Safety

## Recognition and Outreach

### Outreach and Education Manager:

**Sharon Dumit**

This area is responsible for the recognition programs Palmetto Star (VPP) and the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP). It is also responsible for alliances and partnerships with South Carolina businesses and associations.

### *PALMETTO STAR*

The Palmetto Star Program recognizes qualified employers who exceed the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 in providing its workers a safe and healthy worksite. Any employer in North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Codes 31-33 may apply.

Palmetto Star sites are not expected to be perfect. However, they are expected to effectively protect their workers from workplace hazards through safety and health systems. A Palmetto Star site is one that has proven it is able to function independently of OSHA and is self-sufficient in its ability to control hazards at the worksite.

To qualify, an applicant must demonstrate management's commitment to safety, assess hazards that may be present within the workplace, maintain a system for hazard correction and control, provide employees safety and health training, and assure employee participation in safety and health programs. Finally, the company must have a total injury/illness incident rate and a total lost workday incident rate that is 50 percent or below the state average for the applicant's industry for each of the last three years.

Palmetto Star Program	
Number of active approved Palmetto Star sites	39
Number of initial evaluations conducted	1
Number of initial approvals for FY18	1
Number of three-year re-evaluations conducted	17

Approved Palmetto Star Sites by Year										
FY 08	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18
58	45	44	44	41	40	40	41	39	41	39

Palmetto Star Site	Location	Approval Date
Milliken and Company Gilliland Plant	Laurens, SC	05/31/94
Milliken and Company Dewey Plant	Inman, SC	07/29/94
BAE Systems	Aiken, SC	09/30/94
Milliken and Company Cushman Plant	Williamston, SC	05/31/95
Milliken and Company Judson Plant	Greenville, SC	07/31/95
Milliken and Company Gerrish Plant	Pendleton, SC	11/30/95
SAGE Gayley Plant	Marietta, SC	08/30/96
Georgia Pacific Prosperity Plant	Prosperity, SC	09/10/96
Milliken and Company Gillespie Plant	Union, SC	12/05/96
Milliken and Company Cedar Hill Plant	Jonesville, SC	02/10/97
SAGE Abbeville Plant	Abbeville, SC	06/12/97
Milliken and Company Cypress Plant	Blacksburg, SC	07/07/97
SAGE Sharon Plant	Abbeville, SC	02/26/98
Milliken and Company Johnston Plant	Johnston, SC	04/10/98
Milliken and Company McCormick Plant	McCormick, SC	04/30/98
Honeywell	Greer, SC	07/15/98
Milliken and Company Pendleton Plant	Pendleton, SC	09/30/98
Milliken and Company Magnolia Plant	Blacksburg, SC	03/10/99
International Paper Log/Fiber	Georgetown, SC	03/12/99
Milliken and Company Packaging Plant	White Stone, SC	02/23/00
Milliken and Company Roger Milliken Research and Customer Center	Spartanburg, SC	05/31/00
Ascend, Inc.	Greenwood, SC	07/31/00
GE Medical Systems	Florence, SC	10/22/01
Milliken and Company Enterprise Plant	Marietta, SC	11/15/01
Bridgestone/Firestone	Graniteville, SC	01/08/02
Milliken and Company Sycamore Transportation/Distribution Center	Clinton, SC	01/08/02
International Paper	Prosperity, SC	12/29/03
Milliken and Company Hillcrest Plant	Simpsonville, SC	05/08/04
Duke Progress Energy Sumter Construction Center	Sumter, SC	05/26/05
Georgia-Pacific Sawmill	Prosperity, SC	10/24/05
Performanace Pipe	Startex, SC	05/07/15

Anmed	Anderson, SC	12/19/05
SAGE Cotton Blossom Plant	Spartanburg, SC	08/14/06
Kopper	Rock Hill, SC	10/11/06
GE Aviation	Greenville, SC	06/25/09
Nucor Building Systems	Swansea, SC	11/16/09
CompX	Mauldin, SC	08/10/10
Nucor Steel Berkeley	Huger, SC	04/25/11
Robert Bosch , Anderson Plant	Anderson, SC	04/23/15
SIGroup	Orangeburg, SC	07/29/16

*SAFETY AND HEALTH ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION PROGRAM (SHARP)*

The SHARP program is designed to provide incentives and support to employers that implement and continuously improve their safety and health management systems at their worksites. The standards required to get into the SHARP are less stringent than that of the Palmetto Star program. It is a good alternative for a smaller company that may not have the resources to become a Star site or as a stepping-stone to becoming a Star. Acceptance into SHARP by SC OSHA is an achievement of status that makes companies stand out among their peers as a model for worksite safety and health. SHARP participants are exempted from SC OSHA programmed inspections.

**Requirements for participation in the SHARP program are:**

- Receive a full-service safety and health consultation visit and a comprehensive review of safety and health management systems. In addition, all hazards found by the consultant(s) must be corrected.
- Receive a score of at least two on all 50 basic attributes of the Form 33. Additionally, all “stretch items” of the Form 33 must be scored. “Stretch items” are those safety and health attributes above the basic attributes of a foundational safety and health management system, such as employee participation in hazard prevention and control activities within the worksite.
- Agree to notify the Office of OSHA Voluntary Programs and request a subsequent on-site consultation visit when changes in working conditions or work processes occur that may introduce new hazards into the workplace.
- Have a total injury/illness incident rate and a total lost workday incident rate that is below the state average for the applicant's industry for the previous year.
- Submit a request for SHARP participation.

Office of Outreach and Education: SHARP Sites

SHARP Site	Location	Approval Date
Cintas Corporation #216	Greenville, SC	6/10/14
Shred-It	Roebuck , SC	07/02/14
Ply Gem Siding Group	Gaffney , SC	08/23/08
Cherokee County Cogeneration	Gaffney, SC	12/10/09
AECOM N&E (Formerly URS Professional Solutions)	Aiken, SC	06/12/13
Sonoco Recycling	Spartanburg, SC	03/05/15
CDC Berkeley	Berkeley, SC	08/09/12

## ALLIANCES AND PARTNERSHIPS

The Alliance Program works with groups committed to safety and health, including businesses, trade or professional organizations, unions, and educational institutions. The purpose is to leverage resources and expertise, to develop compliance assistance tools and resources, and share information with employers and employees to help prevent injuries, illnesses, and fatalities in the workplace.

There are many benefits to participating in an Alliance. The agreements, which are signed for two years, help organizations to:

- Build trusting, cooperative relationships with OSHA.
- Network with others committed to workplace safety and health.
- Leverage resources to maximize worker safety and health protection.
- Gain recognition as proactive leaders in safety and health.

Organizations may be cooperating with OSHA for the first time, or they may be continuing existing relationships, which the Agency established through other cooperative programs.

### OFFICE OF OUTREACH AND EDUCATION: CURRENT ALLIANCES

Currently, the Office of OSHA Voluntary Programs has an Alliance with the Carolinas Association of General Contractors, CAGC.

### OFFICE OF OUTREACH AND EDUCATION: CURRENT PARTNERSHIPS

The Office of Outreach and Education has a Partnership Agreement with Holder Construction Group and its subcontractors working on the Clemson Douthit Hills Project Site in Clemson. This Partnership Agreement was signed in November 2015.

The Office of Outreach and Education also has a Partnership Agreement with BE&K Building Group and its subcontractors working on the Greenville JHM Hotels-Residence Inn/SpringHill Suites Project site located in Greenville. The partnership agreement was signed on March 22, 2018.

The Office of Outreach and Education had a Partnership Agreement with Metcon Inc, and its subcontractors working on the Horry County School Project in Socastee. This Partnership Agreement was signed in September 2016 and closed on June 8, 2018.

### OFFICE OF OUTREACH AND EDUCATION: CURRENT YOUTH SAFETY OUTREACH PROGRAM

To promote a culture of safety and health in the youth of South Carolina, the Office of Outreach and Education has a youth outreach. The objective is to provide South Carolina high school students attending career centers with OSHA General Industry Safety Training. From September 2017 through March 2018, the Outreach program provided safety training to more than 867 students at three high school career centers in Greenville. Approximately 576 students were trained and certified in the OSHA 10-hour class. This certification gives students an advantage when entering the workforce. General Safety Awareness Training was provided for students on career paths that do not require an OSHA 10 certification. This training helps students working at manufacturing facilities, in vocational education pathways, and for students seeking general safety knowledge that will benefit students as well as potential employers. With safety awareness training, students can enter the workforce with safety knowledge that will empower students to assist employers in building a safety culture that will lower the injury and illness rates and in turn, lower worker compensation rates and increase productivity. In addition, this will also assist the schools fulfilling the South Carolina Department of Education requirement for OSHA Awareness Training, OSHA 10 and OSHA 30 training requirements as stated in the Career and Technology Education Manufacturing Course Standards for Introduction to Manufacturing, Welding, Mechatronics, Machine Technology, and Electronics.

## Division of Elevators and Amusement Rides and Immigration Compliance

**Deputy Director:**

**Jim Knight**

**Administrator:**

**Duane Scott**

Created in 1986, the Office administers the South Carolina Elevator Code and the South Carolina Amusement Ride Safety Code. To ensure compliance with both codes, licensed inspectors conducted inspections of new and existing elevator facilities, and amusement rides in 2018.

Elevator and amusement ride inspections are outsourced to certified special inspectors licensed by LLR. LLR employs a team of auditors who travel the state to randomly review the work done by the special inspectors.

## Elevator Safety Inspections

Per Chapter 16 of Title 41 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976 (as amended), the Office of Elevators and Amusement Rides administers regulations governing construction, alteration, and installation of new elevators, escalators, dumbwaiters, handicapped lifts, and moving walks. It also administers safety standards for existing facilities. All safety standards are national consensus standards in accordance with the American National Standards Institute. The office, and the private inspectors it licenses, inspects elevator facilities and issues operating certificates.

The highest numbers of registered facilities are in Richland, Charleston, Greenville, and Horry counties.

Fees for the inspections performed by the Office of Elevators and Amusement Rides are based on the contract price for new elevators under construction or the number of floors served by existing elevators.

### FY 2018 Statistical Information

- Total number of elevators registered in the state: 14,023
- Total number of elevators inspected: 10,740\*

\*By statute, some elevators are not required to be inspected annually.

## Amusement Ride Safety Inspections

Per Chapter 18 of Title 41 of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976 (as amended), the Office of Elevators and Amusement Rides administers regulations to guard against injuries in the assembly, disassembly, and use of amusement devices at carnivals, fairs and amusement parks. The office, and any special inspector it licenses, inspects amusement devices and issues operating permits.

Inspection fees are based on the type of device being inspected and are set by regulation.

### FY 2018 Statistical Information

- Total number of amusement rides inspected in the state: 678
- Total number of amusement rides permitted in the state: 667

## Bungee Jumping Inspections

The office began regulating the practice of bungee jumping in July 1994. In FY 2018, there were no applications for bungee jump permits.

# Division of Immigration Compliance

**Deputy Director:**

**Jim Knight**

### South Carolina Illegal Immigration Reform Act

Following a U.S Supreme Court decision in May 2011 (Whiting v. US Chamber of Commerce) that brought into question the constitutionality of the 2008 South Carolina immigration law, the LLR suspended enforcement of the Illegal Aliens and Private Employers Act effective May 31, 2011.

In June 2011, the state legislature amended the 2008 law in conformance with the U.S. Supreme Court decision. Effective January 1, 2012, every private employer of one or more workers must verify new employees through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify work authorization program within three business days of hiring. A private employer may not knowingly or intentionally employ an unauthorized alien. Failure of an employer to comply with the law results in either probation for the employer, suspension of the employer's business licenses, or revocation of the employer's business licenses.

For a first occurrence by a private employer, prior to July 1, 2012, of failure to verify a new hire through the E-Verify federal work authorization program, the penalty was waived where the employer swears or affirms in writing to the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation that the employer has complied with the provisions of the federal law covering employment of unauthorized aliens (8 U.S.C. Section 1324a) from January 1, 2012 until notification by the Department of LLR of a violation, and upon compliance with the state law on verification of new hires within three business days.

For a first occurrence by a private employer, after July 1, 2012, of failure to verify a new hire through E-Verify, the Department of

FY 2018 Statistical Information	
Audits conducted	3,034
Employers with no new hires during audit period	1,249
Employers who E-Verified new hires	1,408
Employers who did not E-Verify new hires	378
Percentage of employers in compliance	87%
Employees E-Verified	101,081
Employees not E-Verified	4,822
Percentage of employers in compliance	87%

LLR must place the employer on probation for a period of one year, during which time the private employer must submit quarterly reports to the Agency demonstrating compliance with the law. A subsequent violation within three years of the law's verification requirements must result in the suspension of the private employer's license(s) for at least 10 days, but not more than 30 days.

## Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE)

**Deputy Director:** Dean Grigg

**Assistant Deputy Director:** Christa Bell

The Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) has the responsibility to investigate all complaints received within the Division of Professional and Occupational Licensing Boards (POL), to include the Office of Wages and Child Labor, and to enforce Board orders. OIE was created to allow for better utilization, training, and efficiency of the investigative staff.

### OFFICE OF WAGES AND CHILD LABOR

**Chief Investigator** David Love

The Office of Wages and Child Labor enforces the South Carolina Labor Laws regarding Payment of Wages and Child Labor. In 1986, the Office was given new responsibilities and authority by passage of Act 380, a complete revision of the Payment of Wages Law. This Act requires employers to give written notice to employees of certain key terms and conditions of its wages, to pay according to this notice, and to keep records of the payments. LLR is authorized to make inspections, issue warnings and citations, and assess civil penalties for violations of the Act.

In 1989, the Office was given new responsibilities by passage of Act 135, which is an amendment to state child labor laws. The amendment allows the Agency to make findings concerning employers who engage in any oppressive child labor actions, to issue warnings and citations and to assess civil penalties for violations of the Act.

This Office was reorganized and placed under LLR's Office of Investigations and Enforcement, effective Sept. 19, 2005.

Statistical Information FY2018	
Wages	
<b>Complaints Investigated</b>	1563
<b>Violations Cited</b>	1,122
<b>Number of Warnings Issued</b>	634
<b>Number of Citations Issued</b>	583
<b>Wages Paid in Violations to</b>	\$685,402
Child Labor	
<b>Child Labor Complaints</b>	23
<b>Child Labor Violations Cited</b>	56
<b>Number of Warnings Issued</b>	10
<b>Number of Citations Issued</b>	8

## Division of Professional and Occupational Licensing (POL)

**Deputy Director:** Dean Grigg

**Assistant Deputy Director** Robbie Boland

As an administrative unit within the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, the Division of Professional and Occupational Licensing provides services to 40 professional and occupational regulatory boards that are responsible for establishing minimum standards of competence and conduct for more than 400,000 licensees in South Carolina. [Administration and support functions are also provided for the Board of Pyrotechnic Safety and Liquid Petroleum (LP) Gas Board.]

The 40 licensing boards protect the health, safety, and well-being of the citizens of South Carolina by issuing licenses to qualified individuals and businesses that provide services to consumers. The boards are composed of volunteer members, some of whom are appointed by the Governor, some appointed with advice and consent of the Senate, and some of whom are elected. Board members include licensed practitioners and members of the public. They serve as a direct link between the professionals they license and consumers. Most boards meet on a quarterly basis, and the meetings are open to the public.

Each board evaluates the qualifications of license applicants, grants licenses to those who qualify, and establishes regulations that set ethical and technical competence standards for the professionals it licenses. The boards also take disciplinary action against licensees whose conduct fails to meet the accepted standards of the profession.

The Division also serves as an educational resource to schools and colleges and provides staff to serve as speakers and presenters for professional associations and other meetings.

## Board of Accountancy

The Board examines applicants and issues certificates and licenses to certified public accountants, public accountants, and accounting practitioners. The Board may discipline certificate and license holders, prescribe rules and regulations, investigate complaints, and, in general, regulate the practice of accounting in South Carolina.

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<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Accountancy">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Accountancy</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Doris E. Cubitt, CPA <a href="mailto:doris.cubitt@llr.sc.gov">doris.cubitt@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1915
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-2-5, et seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	1-01, et seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	11
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor, recommendation profession association
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	6 annually
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 states, 5 jurisdictions
<b>Licensing Period</b>	Annually, Expires January 31 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Endorsement Accepted:</b>	Endorsement
<b>Total:</b>	<b>7,722</b>
<b>Certified Public Accountants:</b>	5,994
<b>Public Accountants:</b>	7
<b>Accounting Practitioners:</b>	73
<b>Accounting Firms In-State Registration:</b>	1,287
<b>Accounting Firms Out-of-State Registration:</b>	361
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	33
<b>Investigations:</b>	77
<b>Dispositions:</b>	64

## Board of Architectural Examiners

The Board's mission is to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of South Carolina by registering and regulating architects to ensure competent practitioners in the profession. The Board establishes standards of conduct, investigates complaints, and engages in disciplinary action when necessary.

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<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Architects/">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Architects/</a>
<b>Administrator</b>	Lenora Addison-Miles <a href="mailto:lenora.miles@llr.sc.gov">lenora.miles@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1917
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-3-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	11-1, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	6
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and territories that license same profession:</b>	50 states, 4 territories
<b>Licensing Period</b>	
<b>Individual</b>	Biennially, Expires June 30 <sup>th</sup> (odd years)
<b>Firm</b>	Biennially, Expires August 31 <sup>st</sup> (odd years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Reciprocity
<b>Total:</b>	<b>5,699</b>
<b>Architect:</b>	4,196
<b>Business Corporation Firm:</b>	137
<b>Firm:</b>	1,265
<b>Partnership Firm:</b>	10
<b>Professional Association Firm:</b>	70
<b>Sole Proprietor Firm:</b>	21
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	46
<b>Investigations:</b>	53
<b>Dispositions:</b>	17

## Athletic Commission

The Commission directs, manages and controls professional boxing, wrestling, sparring events, exhibitions and performances occurring in South Carolina. The Commission stresses protection of the participants of permitted events. The Commission inspects events and applies disciplinary actions whenever necessary in accordance with state and federal laws.

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<b>Administrator:</b>	Eric Thompson <a href="mailto:Eric.Thompson@llr.sc.gov">Eric.Thompson@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Commission Established:</b>	1984
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-81-10, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	20-1.1, et. seq.
<b>Commission Member Slots:</b>	8
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Commission Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	42 states, 0 jurisdictions
<b>Licensing Period:</b>	Annually, Expires December 31 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	No
<b>Total:</b>	<b>898</b>
<b>Amateur Mixed Martial Arts:</b>	124
<b>Announcer:</b>	4
<b>Judge:</b>	9
<b>Manager:</b>	1
<b>Match Maker:</b>	3
<b>Muay Thai</b>	0
<b>Off The Street Boxer:</b>	0
<b>Professional Boxer:</b>	35
<b>Professional Mixed Martial Arts:</b>	45
<b>Promoter:</b>	36
<b>Promoter's Representative:</b>	1
<b>Referee:</b>	13
<b>Second:</b>	245
<b>Trainer:</b>	63
<b>Wrestler:</b>	283
<b>Wrestling Announcer:</b>	14
<b>Wrestling Referee:</b>	22
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	8
<b>Investigations:</b>	17
<b>Dispositions:</b>	12

## Auctioneers Commission

The Commission is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Auctioneers' Law, which establishes specific standards of conduct for practitioners to protect the public. Auctioneers, apprentice auctioneers and auction firms are licensed and regulated.

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<b>Administrator:</b>	Amy Holleman <a href="mailto:amy.holleman@llr.sc.gov">amy.holleman@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Commission Established:</b>	1977
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-6-05 et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	14-1, et. seq.
<b>Commission Member Slots:</b>	5
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Commission Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	17 states, 0 jurisdictions
<b>Licensing Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires June 30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Reciprocity
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,050</b>
<b>Auctioneers:</b>	877
<b>Auction firms:</b>	170
<b>Auctioneer Apprentice:</b>	3
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	6
<b>Investigations:</b>	14
<b>Dispositions:</b>	17

## Board of Barber Examiners

The Board is responsible for licensing all barbers, barbershops, barber colleges, and instructors, and for conducting examinations of barbers and instructors. Regular inspections are made in all barbershops and barber schools. In addition, the Board investigates complaints and provides discipline when necessary.

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<b>Administrator:</b>	Theresa Richardson <a href="mailto:theresa.richardson@llr.sc.gov">theresa.richardson@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1937
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-7-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	17-1, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	5
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Bi-Monthly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	44 states, 0 jurisdictions
<b>Licensing Period:</b>	
<b>Barbers:</b>	Biennially, Expires June 30 <sup>th</sup> (odd years)
<b>Registered Hair Braiders:</b>	Biennially, Expires June 30 <sup>th</sup> (even years)
<b>Endorsement Accepted:</b>	Yes
<b>Total:</b>	<b>8,361</b>
<b>Registered Barbers:</b>	1,735
<b>Registered Barber Apprentices:</b>	55
<b>Master Hair Care:</b>	2,014
<b>Shampoo Barber Assistants:</b>	1
<b>Barber Assistant Manicurists:</b>	5
<b>Barber Shops:</b>	1,458
<b>Barber Colleges:</b>	35
<b>Barber Instructors:</b>	460
<b>Student Barbers:</b>	513
<b>Barber On-the-job Training:</b>	143
<b>Hair Braiders Registration:</b>	1,832
<b>Master Hair Care Apprentices:</b>	71
<b>90-Day Work Permit:</b>	39
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	133
<b>Investigations:</b>	138
<b>Inspections:</b>	1,814
<b>Dispositions:</b>	83

## Boiler Safety Program

The Boiler Safety Program (2005 Act 59) was enacted by the South Carolina General Assembly on May 18, 2005, requiring the S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) to promulgate regulations for safe installation and inspection of boilers. The legislation establishes certification requirements for boiler inspectors and provides for boiler inspection timeframes, criteria and reporting requirements. Beginning June 1, 2006, each boiler used, or proposed to be used in South Carolina, must be registered with LLR and inspected annually or biennially.

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<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Boilers/">http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Boilers/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Roger Lowe <a href="mailto:roger.lowe@llr.sc.gov">roger.lowe@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Program Established:</b>	2005
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	Title 41, Chapter 14
<b>Regulation:</b>	SC Regulation 71, Article 9
<b>Program Member Slots:</b>	0
<b>How appointed:</b>	Program overseen by Contractors Licensing Board
<b>Program Meetings:</b>	
<b>Number of states and territories that license same profession:</b>	50 states
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Annually
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	No
<b>Total:</b>	<b>178</b>
<b>Boiler Inspector:</b>	158
<b>Boiler Insurance Company</b>	20
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	0
<b>Investigations:</b>	0
<b>Dispositions:</b>	0

## Building Codes Council

The Building Codes Council approves modifications to codes submitted for use by municipalities and counties. The Council assures statewide consistency by adopting nationally recognized building codes. The Council also monitors the design, construction and sale of modular buildings offered for sale within South Carolina. In addition, the Council registers building code enforcement officers and administers the state accessibility statute and regulations.

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<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4814
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/bcc">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/bcc</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Roger K. Lowe <a href="mailto:roger.lowe@llr.sc.gov">roger.lowe@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Council Established:</b>	1972 – Building Codes Program 1974 – Accessibility Program 1984 – Modular Buildings Program 1997 – Code Enforcement Officers Program
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	6-8-10, et. seq. (Bldg. Code Enforcement Officers) 6-9-5, et. seq. (Building Codes) 10-5-210, et. seq. (Const. & Renov. of Pub. Bldgs.) 23-43-10, et. seq. (Modular Bldgs. Const. Act)
<b>Regulation:</b>	8-100, et. seq. (BBC Regis., Fees & Disciplinary Procedures) 8-205, et. seq. (BCC Administration) 8-700, et. seq. (Barrier Free Design Standard) 8-600, et. seq. (Modular Bldg. Const. Act) 8-1200 et.seq. (Statewide Modifications)
<b>Council Member Slots:</b>	Code Enforcement Officers Registration Program and the Modular Building Program are represented by the same 16 members
<b>How appointed:</b>	Code Enforcement Officers Registration Program and the Modular Building Program are appointed by the Governor
<b>Council Meetings:</b>	Quarterly and at the call of the Chair
<b>Number of states and territories that license same profession:</b>	36 states, jurisdictions
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	None
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,200</b>
<b>Building Inspector:</b>	20
<b>Building Official:</b>	194
<b>Commercial Inspector:</b>	144
<b>Electrical Inspector:</b>	3
<b>Limited Building Official:</b>	6
<b>Limited Commercial Inspector:</b>	1
<b>Limited Plans Examiners:</b>	1
<b>Limited Residential Inspector:</b>	0
<b>Mechanical Inspector:</b>	3
<b>Modular Manufacturer:</b>	98
<b>Modular Manufacturer Representative:</b>	162
<b>Modular Third Party:</b>	11
<b>Plans Examiner:</b>	4
<b>Plumbing Inspector:</b>	7

<b>Provisional Building Inspector:</b>	4
<b>Provisional Building Official:</b>	11
<b>Provisional Commercial Inspector:</b>	39
<b>Provisional Electrical Inspector:</b>	0
<b>Provisional Mechanical Inspector:</b>	0
<b>Provisional Plans Examiner:</b>	10
<b>Provisional Residential Inspector:</b>	61
<b>Residential Inspector:</b>	113
<b>Special Inspector:</b>	308
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	12
<b>Investigations:</b>	13
<b>Dispositions:</b>	3

## SC Perpetual Care Cemetery Board

Perpetual Care Cemeteries are regulated to assure that the trust funds held for the cemetery are administered with sound business practice and that funds are available in perpetuity for the care and maintenance of the cemetery.

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4497
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4554
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Cemetery">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Cemetery</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Amy Holleman <a href="mailto:amy.holleman@llr.sc.gov">amy.holleman@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	2003
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-8-10, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	21-1 et. seq. (State Register Vol. 37, Issue No. 6, eff 6/28/13)
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	7
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	40 states, 0 jurisdictions
<b>Licensing Period:</b>	Biennial, Expires December 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Endorsement Accepted:</b>	None
<b>Total:</b>	<b>116</b>
<b>Perpetual Care Cemetery:</b>	116
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	25
<b>Investigations:</b>	29
<b>Inspections:</b>	127
<b>Dispositions:</b>	9

## Board of Chiropractic Examiners

The Board was created to protect the health and safety of the public by establishing qualifications for entry into the profession and by disciplining those chiropractic practitioners who violate South Carolina laws governing their profession.

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<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4719
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/chiropractors">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/chiropractors</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Mack Williams <a href="mailto:Mack.Williams@llr.sc.gov">Mack.Williams@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1932
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-9-10, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	25-1, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	8
<b>How appointed:</b>	Election by district; top two candidates submitted to Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 States
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Yes
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires September 30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,746</b>
<b>Doctor of Chiropractic:</b>	1,746
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	35
<b>Investigations:</b>	64
<b>Dispositions:</b>	40

## Contractors Licensing Board

The Board's mission is to regulate the practice of general and mechanical contracting, burglar and fire alarm system businesses and fire protection sprinkler contractors. The Board investigates complaints and disciplines contractors as necessary.

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4686
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4814
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Contractors">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Contractors</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Roger K. Lowe <a href="mailto:roger.lowe@llr.sc.gov">roger.lowe@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1936
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-11-5 et. seq. (Gen. and mech. contractors) 40-79-5 et. seq. (Burglar and fire alarm contractors) 40-10-5 et. seq. (Fire sprinkler system contractors)
<b>Regulation:</b>	29-1 thru 10 et. seq. (Gen. and mech. contractors) 29-70 thru 110 (Fire sprinkler system contractors)
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	9
<b>How appointed:</b>	By Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly and at the call of the Chair
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 states, D.C. and Guam
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	
<b>General Contractor:</b>	Biennially, even years
<b>Mechanical Contractor:</b>	Biennially, odd years
<b>Burglar Alarm:</b>	Biennially
<b>Fire Alarm:</b>	Biennially
<b>Fire Sprinkler:</b>	Biennially
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	AL, GA, LA, MS, NC, OH, PA, TN, TX, UT (Limited number of classifications)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>45,403</b>
<b>Architect Construction Manager:</b>	23
<b>Architect Qualifying Party:</b>	1
<b>Engineer Construction Manager:</b>	59
<b>Engineer Qualifying Party:</b>	2
<b>General Construction Manager:</b>	450
<b>General Contractor:</b>	10,260
<b>General Qualifying Party:</b>	10,980
<b>Mechanical Construction Manager:</b>	36
<b>Mechanical Contractor:</b>	6,677
<b>Mechanical Qualifying Party:</b>	7,438
<b>Alarm Registered Employee:</b>	6,708
<b>Burglar Alarm Company:</b>	560
<b>Burglar Alarm Branch Company:</b>	34
<b>Burglar Alarm Primary Qualifying Party:</b>	634
<b>Burglar Alarm Extra Qualifying Party:</b>	62
<b>Fire Alarm Company:</b>	412
<b>Fire Alarm Branch Company:</b>	21
<b>Fire Alarm Primary Qualifying Party:</b>	453
<b>Fire Alarm Extra Qualifying Party :</b>	37

<b>Fire Sprinkler Company:</b>	226
<b>Fire Sprinkler Branch Company:</b>	20
<b>Fire Sprinkler Primary Qualifying Party:</b>	263
<b>Fire Sprinkler Extra Qualifying Party:</b>	47
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	377
<b>Investigations:</b>	478
<b>Dispositions:</b>	247

## Board of Cosmetology

The Board licenses and regulates cosmetologists, cosmetology instructors, cosmetology schools, salons, booth renters, nail technicians, and estheticians. The Board investigates complaints and disciplines when appropriate.

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<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Cosmetology">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Cosmetology</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Theresa Richardson <a href="mailto:theresa.richardson@llr.sc.gov">theresa.richardson@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1934
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-13-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	35-1, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	7
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Bi-Monthly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 states, 2 jurisdictions
<b>Licensing Period:</b>	
<b>Practitioners:</b>	Biennially, Expires March 10 <sup>th</sup> (odd years)
<b>Salons, Schools, and Renters:</b>	Biennially, Expires June 30 <sup>th</sup> (even years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Reciprocity
<b>Total:</b>	<b>42,100</b>
<b>Booth Renters:</b>	3,729
<b>Esthetician:</b>	2,528
<b>Instructor Esthetician:</b>	64
<b>Nail Technician:</b>	4,838
<b>Instructor Nail Technician:</b>	48
<b>Registered Cosmetologist:</b>	22,972
<b>Instructor Registered Cosmetologist:</b>	1,247
<b>Registered Cosmetologist Student:</b>	2
<b>Registered Esthetician Student:</b>	1
<b>Registered Nail Technician Student:</b>	54
<b>CEU Association:</b>	67
<b>Salons:</b>	6,445
<b>Schools:</b>	105
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	367
<b>Investigations:</b>	255
<b>Inspections:</b>	6,669
<b>Dispositions:</b>	138

## Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Psycho-Educational Specialists

The Board maintains quality counseling and therapeutic services in South Carolina by licensing qualified professionals. The Board provides examinations and licenses for professional counselors, marriage and family therapists, and psycho-educational specialists who have received appropriate education, experience, and have passed the required examination. The Board investigates complaints and disciplines when necessary.

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<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4719
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Counselors/">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Counselors/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Marlo Thomas-Koger <a href="mailto:marlo.thomas-koger@llr.sc.gov">marlo.thomas-koger@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1985
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-75-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	36-01, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	9
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	At Least Two (2) Times a Year
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 States
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires August 31 <sup>st</sup> (odd years)
<b>Endorsement Accepted:</b>	Endorsement
<b>Total:</b>	<b>4,281</b>
<b>Licensed Marriage &amp; Family Therapist (LMFT):</b>	314
<b>Licensed Marriage &amp; Family Therapist - Interns (LMFT-I):</b>	51
<b>Licensed Marriage &amp; Family Therapist – Supervisor (LMFT-S):</b>	41
<b>Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC):</b>	2,608
<b>Licensed Professional Counselor – Intern (LPC-I):</b>	539
<b>Licensed Professional Counselor – Supervisor (LPC-S):</b>	378
<b>Licensed Psycho-Educational Specialist (LPES):</b>	216
<b>Official Sponsor:</b>	22
<b>Permanent Sponsor:</b>	99
<b>Temporary Sponsor:</b>	13
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	84
<b>Investigations:</b>	73
<b>Dispositions:</b>	46

## Board of Dentistry

The Board oversees the examination, licensing, certification, and regulation of dentists, dental hygienists, dental technicians, and orthodontic technicians in South Carolina. The Board investigates complaints, conducts disciplinary hearing, and maintains data for the public, state and federal agencies.

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<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4719
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Dentistry/">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Dentistry/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Rita A. Melton, DMD, BSN, RN <a href="mailto:rita.melton@llr.sc.gov">rita.melton@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1875
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-15-10, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	39-1, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	11
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 states, 3 jurisdictions
<b>Licensing Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires April 30 <sup>th</sup> (odd years)
<b>Endorsement Accepted:</b>	Endorsement
<b>Total:</b>	<b>12,718</b>
<b>Dental Assistant:</b>	4,889
<b>Dental Hygienist:</b>	1,864
<b>Dental Hygienist (with IA):</b>	2,195
<b>Dental Instructor:</b>	18
<b>Dental Instructor Specialist:</b>	12
<b>Dental Specialist:</b>	647
<b>Dental Technician:</b>	222
<b>Dental Volunteer:</b>	30
<b>Dentist:</b>	2,692
<b>Dentistry Sedation Site:</b>	87
<b>Instructor Hygienist:</b>	1
<b>Orthodontic Technician:</b>	7
<b>Volunteer Hygienist:</b>	2
<b>Volunteer Specialist:</b>	3
<b>Portable Dental Operation:</b>	39
<b>Mobile Dental Facilities:</b>	10
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	137
<b>Investigations:</b>	180
<b>Inspections:</b>	91
<b>Dispositions:</b>	81

## Panel for Dietetics

The mission of the Panel is to protect the health and safety of the public by regulating dietetic practice in South Carolina. The Panel licenses qualified dietitians, requires licensees to meet renewal requirements, and disciplines licensees if necessary.

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4651
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4719
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Dietetics/">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Dietetics/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	April Koon <a href="mailto:april.koon@llr.sc.gov">april.koon@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Panel Established:</b>	2006
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-20-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	40-1, et. seq.
<b>Panel Member Slots:</b>	7
<b>How appointed:</b>	Appointed by the Governor
<b>Panel Meetings:</b>	Triannually
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	46
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires May 31 <sup>st</sup> (odd years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	No
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,242</b>
<b>Dietitian:</b>	1,242
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	10
<b>Investigations:</b>	10
<b>Dispositions:</b>	5

## Board of Engineers and Surveyors

The Board administers laws and regulations governing the practice of engineering and surveying in the state. The Board's primary goals are to ensure that only properly qualified and competent engineers and surveyors are licensed to practice; to promote technical competency and ethical standards consistent with the Rules of Professional Conduct applicable to engineers and surveyors; and to appropriately discipline practitioners who are found guilty of violating laws governing engineering and surveying.

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<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4427
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Engineers/">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Engineers/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Lenora Addison-Miles <a href="mailto:lenora.Miles@llr.sc.gov">lenora.Miles@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1922
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-22-2, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	49-100, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	8
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	5 Annually
<b>Number of states and territories that license same profession:</b>	50 states, 5 territories
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	
<b>Engineering and Land Surveying:</b>	Biennially, Expires June 30 <sup>th</sup> (even years)
<b>Certificate of Authorization:</b>	Biennially, Expires May 31 <sup>st</sup> (odd years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Reciprocity
<b>Total:</b>	<b>31,417</b>
<b>Engineering:</b>	17,152
<b>Engineering (Associate Professional):</b>	13
<b>Engineering (in Training):</b>	8,630
<b>Engineering (Temporary):</b>	33
<b>GIS Surveyor (in Training):</b>	1
<b>Land Surveying:</b>	998
<b>Land Surveying (in Training):</b>	183
<b>Engineering and Land Surveying:</b>	129
<b>Certificate of Authorization:</b>	3,251
<b>Certificate of Authorization (Branch):</b>	1,009
<b>Certificate of Authorization (Temporary):</b>	18
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	82
<b>Investigations:</b>	104
<b>Dispositions:</b>	68

## Environmental Certification Board

The purpose of the Board is to license qualified individuals to protect the environment for the citizens of South Carolina. These licensees include operators of water treatment plants, water distribution systems, wastewater treatment plants, well drillers and bottled water machines. If necessary, the Board will discipline individuals who do not comply with requirements.

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4430
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4424
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Environmental/">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Environmental/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Molly F. Price <a href="mailto:molly.price@llr.sc.gov">molly.price@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1966
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-23-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	51-1, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	9
<b>How appointed:</b>	By Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 states, 5 territories
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Annually, Expires June 30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Reciprocity
<b>Total:</b>	<b>9,460</b>
<b>Biological Wastewater Operator:</b>	2,301
<b>Biological Wastewater Operator Trainee:</b>	390
<b>Bottled Water Operator:</b>	32
<b>Physical/Chemical Wastewater Operator:</b>	1,540
<b>Physical/Chemical Wastewater Operator Trainee:</b>	374
<b>Water Distribution Operator:</b>	1,787
<b>Water Distribution Operator Trainee:</b>	476
<b>Water Treatment Operator:</b>	1,718
<b>Water Treatment Operator Trainee:</b>	242
<b>Well Driller:</b>	600
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	6
<b>Investigations:</b>	11
<b>Dispositions:</b>	2

## Board of Registration for Foresters

The Board administers and enforces South Carolina law governing the conduct of foresters. It evaluates qualifications, receives complaints, provides discipline to licensees and supervises applicant examinations for licensure.

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4800
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4424
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Forestry">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Forestry</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Molly F. Price <a href="mailto:molly.price@llr.sc.gov">molly.price@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1986
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	48-27-10, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	53-1 et.seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	7
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	31 states, 0 jurisdictions
<b>Licensing Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires June 30 <sup>th</sup> (odd years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Reciprocity
<b>Total:</b>	<b>698</b>
<b>Forester:</b>	698
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	3
<b>Investigations:</b>	0
<b>Dispositions:</b>	0

## Board of Funeral Service

The Board of Funeral Service regulates standards for funeral service, including embalmers and funeral directors. The Board issues funeral home permits and licenses, provides regular inspections for funeral homes, and keeps records of apprentices. The Board maintains a file of public complaints concerning licensees and the disposition of complaints.

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4497
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4554
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Funeral">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Funeral</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Amy Holleman <a href="mailto:amy.holleman@llr.sc.gov">amy.holleman@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1955
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-19-5, et.seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	57-01, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	11
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	6 Annually
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 states, 0 jurisdictions
<b>Licensing Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires June 30 <sup>th</sup> (even years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Endorsement
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2,474</b>
<b>Funeral Chapel:</b>	18
<b>Funeral Crematory:</b>	79
<b>Funeral Director:</b>	510
<b>Funeral Director Apprentice:</b>	73
<b>Funeral Director Student:</b>	8
<b>Funeral Director and Embalmer (Dual License):</b>	955
<b>Funeral Director and Embalmer Apprentice:</b>	89
<b>Funeral Director and Embalmer Student:</b>	50
<b>Funeral Embalmer:</b>	6
<b>Funeral Embalmer Apprentice:</b>	12
<b>Funeral Embalmer Student:</b>	193
<b>Funeral Establishments:</b>	378
<b>Funeral Home Additional Facility:</b>	95
<b>Retail Sales Outlet (Casket Store):</b>	8
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	80
<b>Investigations:</b>	96
<b>Inspections:</b>	596
<b>Dispositions:</b>	39

## Board of Registration for Geologists

The Board administers and enforces South Carolina law governing the conduct of geologists. It evaluates qualifications, receives complaints, provides discipline to licensees and supervises applicant examinations for licensure.

<b>Mailing Address:</b>	110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Bldg., Suite 201 PO Box 11329 Columbia, SC 29211-1329
<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4575
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4554
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Geologists">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Geologists</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Doris E Cubitt <a href="mailto:doris.cubitt@llr.sc.gov">doris.cubitt@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1986
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-77-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	131-01 et.seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	5
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	31 states, 0 jurisdictions
<b>Licensing Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires June 30 <sup>th</sup> (odd years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Both
<b>Total:</b>	<b>630</b>
<b>Professional Geologist:</b>	598
<b>Geologist In Training:</b>	32
<b>Complaints:</b>	2
<b>Investigations:</b>	4
<b>Dispositions:</b>	1

## Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners

The Board's mission is to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of South Carolina by registering and regulating landscape architects to ensure competent practitioners in the profession. The Board establishes standards of conduct, investigates complaints, and engages in disciplinary action when necessary.

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4580
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-9651
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Landscapearchitect/">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Landscapearchitect/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Molly Price <a href="mailto:molly.price@llr.sc.gov">molly.price@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1975
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-28-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	76-1 et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	7
<b>How appointed:</b>	By Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and territories that license same profession:</b>	50 states, 1 territory
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	
<b>Individual:</b>	Biennially, Expires January 31 <sup>st</sup> (odd years)
<b>Firms:</b>	Biennially, Expires January 31 <sup>st</sup> (odd years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Reciprocity
<b>Total:</b>	<b>846</b>
<b>Landscape Architect:</b>	663
<b>Landscape Firm:</b>	183
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	8
<b>Investigations:</b>	5
<b>Dispositions:</b>	8

## Board of Long Term Health Care Administrators

To develop and enforce standards for individuals who practice as nursing home administrators and community residential care facility administrators. The Board licenses qualified individuals, oversees continuing education for the profession, offers an administrator-in-training program, and investigates complaints and takes disciplinary action when required.

<b>Mailing Address:</b>	110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Bldg., Suite 306 PO Box 11329 Columbia, SC 29211-1329
<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4544
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4596
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Longtermhealthcare">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Longtermhealthcare</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	April Koon <a href="mailto:April.Koon@llr.sc.gov">April.Koon@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1971
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-35-5, et. sq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	93-50, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	10
<b>How Appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 states, 0 jurisdictions
<b>Licensing Period:</b>	Annually, Expires June 30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Reciprocity
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,210</b>
<b>Community Residential Care Facility Administrator (CRCFA):</b>	592
<b>CRCFA-in-Training:</b>	0
<b>CRCFA Provisional License:</b>	5
<b>Dual (NHA + CRCFA):</b>	166
<b>Dual Provisional License:</b>	1
<b>Nursing Home Administrator (NHA):</b>	338
<b>NHA-in-Training:</b>	54
<b>NHA-in-Training Preceptor:</b>	50
<b>NHA Provisional License:</b>	4
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	56
<b>Investigation:</b>	86
<b>Dispositions:</b>	84

## Board of Manufactured Housing

The Board enforces and coordinates federal and state laws governing the manufactured housing (mobile home) industry. The Board licenses manufacturers, retail dealerships, sales persons, contractors, installers and repairpersons. The Board investigates consumer complaints against licensees. The Board is the administrative agency for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and is required to investigate and enforce federal manufactured housing construction and safety standards.

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<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4814
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/ManufacturedHousing/">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/ManufacturedHousing/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Roger Lowe <a href="mailto:roger.lowe@llr.sc.gov">roger.lowe@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1976
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-29-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	79-1, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	10 members and 1 ex-officio member
<b>How appointed:</b>	By Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly and at the call of the Chair
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	36 states, jurisdictions
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires June 30 <sup>th</sup> (even years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	No
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,102</b>
<b>Manufactured Housing Apprentice Salesperson License:</b>	4
<b>Manufactured Housing Contractor:</b>	131
<b>Manufactured Housing Installer:</b>	26
<b>Manufactured Housing Repairer:</b>	3
<b>Manufacturer:</b>	38
<b>Manufacturer Main Office:</b>	78
<b>Retail Dealer:</b>	171
<b>Retail Dealer Main Office:</b>	324
<b>Salesperson (Multi-Lot):</b>	166
<b>Salesperson (Retail):</b>	161
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	100
<b>Investigations:</b>	106
<b>Inspections:</b>	97
<b>Dispositions:</b>	68

## Massage / Bodywork Panel

Administrative licensure is provided for qualified massage / bodywork therapists. This is LLR's first administrative licensure program with an appointed advisory panel to develop standards and regulations, and to review and determine appropriate actions for those who may be in violation of the law.

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4588
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4484
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Massagetherapy/">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Massagetherapy/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Theresa Richardson <a href="mailto:theresa.richardson@llr.sc.gov">theresa.richardson@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Panel Established:</b>	1997
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-30-10, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	77-100 et. seq.
<b>Panel Member Slots:</b>	7
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Panel Meetings:</b>	At the call of LLR
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	48 states, 0 jurisdictions
<b>Licensing Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires June 30 <sup>th</sup> (even years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Reciprocity
<b>Total:</b>	<b>5,342</b>
<b>Massage/Body Work Therapist:</b>	5,166
<b>Massage/Body Work Therapist (Provisional):</b>	153
<b>Massage Education Provider:</b>	23
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	50
<b>Investigations:</b>	66
<b>Dispositions:</b>	44

## Board of Medical Examiners

The primary mission of the Board is to protect the public and to fulfill two major functions: (1) Licensing physicians, physician assistants, respiratory care practitioners, anesthesiologist's assistants, acupuncturists and CIS; and (2) Investigating and disciplining licensees found to be engaged in misconduct as defined in the Medical Practice Act, the Physician Assistant Practice Act, the Respiratory Care Practice Act and the Anesthesiologist's Assistant Practice Act. This includes illegal, unethical or incompetent conduct.

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<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4515
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Medical/">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Medical/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Sheridon Spoon <a href="mailto:sheridon.spoon@llr.sc.gov">sheridon.spoon@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1920
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-47-5 et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	81-12 et.seq.
<b>Board Members:</b>	13 total members
<b>How appointed:</b>	7 elected members with advice and consent of Governor and Senate; 4 Governor-appointed members with advice and consent of Senate; 1 Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine elected member with advice and consent of Senate; 3 lay members - 1 appointed with advice and consent of Senate, and 2 appointed w/ advice and consent of Senate with 1 Pro tem and 1 Speaker recommendation; 1 at large - appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of Senate; 1 at large-elected member then appointed by Governor.
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 states, 11 jurisdictions
<b>Licensing Period:</b>	
<b>Physician:</b>	Biennially, Expires June 30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Physician Assistant:</b>	Biennially, Expires December 31 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Respiratory Care Practitioner:</b>	Biennially, Expires May 31 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Anesthesiologist Assistant:</b>	Biennially, Expires December 31 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	No
<b>Total:</b>	<b>26,616</b>
<b>Medical Physician (MD):</b>	18,393
<b>Osteopathic Physician (DO):</b>	1,442
<b>Academic License:</b>	21
<b>Limited License:</b>	1,494
<b>Limited License (14 days):</b>	62
<b>Physician Assistant (Board administers jurisprudence):</b>	1,758
<b>Physician Assistant Temporary License:</b>	23
<b>Respiratory Care Practitioner:</b>	2,817
<b>Acupuncturists:</b>	163
<b>Acupuncturist Temporary License:</b>	2
<b>Anesthesiologist's Assistant:</b>	31

<b>Auricular Detoxification Therapist:</b>	10
<b>Auricular Therapist:</b>	5
<b>Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist:</b>	47
<b>Registered Polysomnography Technologists:</b>	187
<b>Temporary License:</b>	50
<b>Training:</b>	7
<b>Training Permanent with Supervision:</b>	12
<b>Volunteer Limited License:</b>	92
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	750
<b>Investigations:</b>	1044
<b>Dispositions:</b>	413

## Board of Nursing

The purpose of the Board is to assure the safe and effective practice of nursing in South Carolina. The Board licenses qualified individuals as advance practice registered nurses, registered nurses or licensed practical nurses. Complaints are investigated and disciplinary action is taken whenever necessary.

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4550
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4515
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Nursing/">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Nursing/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Carol Moody, RN, MAS, NEA-BC <a href="mailto:Carol.Moody@llr.sc.gov">Carol.Moody@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1935
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-33-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	91-1, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	11
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor with advice and consent of the S.C. State Senate
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Every 2 months
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 states, 11 jurisdictions
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires April 30 <sup>th</sup> (even years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Yes
<b>Total:</b>	<b>75,569</b>
<b>Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN):</b>	6,262
<b>APRN Temporary Permit:</b>	19
<b>Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN):</b>	11,152
<b>LPN Temporary License:</b>	17
<b>Registered Nurse (RN):</b>	58,021
<b>RN Temporary License:</b>	96
<b>RN Volunteer License:</b>	2
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	690
<b>Investigations:</b>	1,614
<b>Dispositions:</b>	1,249

## Board of Occupational Therapy

The Board examines and issues licenses to qualified occupational therapists and their assistants. The Board also investigates complaints involving occupational therapists and disciplines practitioners when necessary.

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4683
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4719
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/OccupationalTherapy">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/OccupationalTherapy</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Mack Williams <a href="mailto:Mack.Williams@llr.sc.gov">Mack.Williams@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1977
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-36-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	94-02, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	7
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor with advice and consent of the S.C. Senate
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 States
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires March 15 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Endorsement
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3,521</b>
<b>Occupational Therapist:</b>	2,296
<b>Occupational Therapy Assistants:</b>	1,224
<b>Occupational Therapy Temporary License:</b>	1
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	6
<b>Investigations:</b>	11
<b>Dispositions:</b>	3

## Board of Examiners in Opticianry

The mission of the Board is to protect the health and safety of the public by regulating the practice of opticianry in South Carolina. The Board requires passing a practical examination for all opticianry applicants, issues licenses to qualified opticians and contact lens dispensers, registers apprentices, and disciplines opticians and apprentices if necessary. Licensees and apprentices are required to attend continuing education classes.

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4681
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4719
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Opticians/">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Opticians/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	April Koon <a href="mailto:april.koon@llr.sc.gov">april.koon@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1978
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-38-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	96-101, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	7
<b>How appointed:</b>	Election conducted by Board, Appointed by the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	22 States
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	
<b>Optician:</b>	Biennially, Expires October 1 <sup>st</sup> (odd years)
<b>Registered Apprentices:</b>	Annually, Expires October 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	No
<b>Total:</b>	<b>933</b>
<b>Opticians:</b>	523 (272 are dual licensed as Contact Lens Dispensers)
<b>Registered Apprentices:</b>	138
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	15
<b>Investigations:</b>	12
<b>Dispositions:</b>	6

## Board of Examiners in Optometry

The mission of the Board is to protect the health and safety of the public by regulating the practice of optometry in South Carolina. The Board issues licenses to qualified optometrists and disciplines if necessary. Licensees are required to attend continuing education classes.

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4679
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4719
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Optomtry/">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Optomtry/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	April Koon <a href="mailto:april.koon@llr.sc.gov">april.koon@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1917
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-37-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	95-1, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	7
<b>How appointed:</b>	Election conducted by Board, Appointed by Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	54
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires December 31 <sup>st</sup> (even years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Endorsement
<b>Total:</b>	<b>951</b>
<b>Optometrist:</b>	951
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	13
<b>Investigations:</b>	12
<b>Dispositions:</b>	5

## Board of Pharmacy

The Board protects the health and safety of the public by: Enforcing laws and regulations governing pharmacies; Performing routine biennial inspections of drug outlets and pharmacies; Issuing licenses to pharmacists, permits to drug outlets and pharmacies, registrations to technicians and certifications of pharmacy technicians and pharmacy interns, and administering the reciprocity process to qualified pharmacists from other states; Receiving and investigating complaints; Conducting administrative hearings against pharmacists, permit holders, technicians and interns; and Developing laws and regulations necessary in the regulation of the pharmacy profession.

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4700
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4596
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Pharmacy">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Pharmacy</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Traci Collier, Pharm D <a href="mailto:Traci.Collier@llr.sc.gov">Traci.Collier@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1876
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-43-10, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	99-15, 99-43, 99-45, 99-46
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	9
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	5 Annually
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 states, 0 jurisdictions
<b>Licensing Period:</b>	Annually
<b>Pharmacist:</b>	Expires April 30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Permits:</b>	Expires June 30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Technician Registration :</b>	Expires June 30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Reciprocity
<b>Total:</b>	<b>27,851</b>
<b>Pharmacist:</b>	7,138
<b>Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC):</b>	1,554
<b>Pharmacy Intern:</b>	1,919
<b>Pharmacy Technician:</b>	8,301
<b>State Certified Pharmacy Technician:</b>	3,822
<b>Pharmacy:</b>	1,371
<b>Electronic Prescribing Routing Company:</b>	4
<b>EMS Non-Dispensing Drugs:</b>	321
<b>Medical Gas/Legend Device:</b>	188
<b>Outsourcing Facility:</b>	2
<b>Non-Dispensing Drug Outlet:</b>	1,095
<b>Non-Resident Medical Gas/DME:</b>	319
<b>Non-Resident Outsourcing Facility:</b>	31
<b>Non-Resident Pharmacy:</b>	717
<b>Non-Resident Pharmacy (Non-Dispensing):</b>	16
<b>Non-Resident Third Party Logistics Provider:</b>	140
<b>Non-Resident Wholesaler/Distributor/Manufacturer:</b>	913
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	159
<b>Investigations:</b>	282
<b>Inspections:</b>	1,367
<b>Dispositions:</b>	142

## Board of Physical Therapy

The Board administers, coordinates and enforces regulations relating to physical therapy in South Carolina. This involves the registration of all physical therapists and physical therapist assistants. The Board evaluates qualifications of applicants and investigates persons engaged in the practice of physical therapy in order to protect the public from unauthorized and unqualified practitioners.

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<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4719
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/PhysicalTherapy/">http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/PhysicalTherapy/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Mack Williams <a href="mailto:Mack.Williams@llr.sc.gov">Mack.Williams@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1952
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-45-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	101-01, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	9
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 states, 3 jurisdictions
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires December 31 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Endorsement
<b>Total:</b>	<b>6,865</b>
<b>Physical Therapist:</b>	4,479
<b>Physical Therapist Assistant:</b>	2,386
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	22
<b>Investigations:</b>	32
<b>Dispositions:</b>	25

## Pilotage Commission

The Commission licenses qualified harbor pilots for the ports of Charleston, Georgetown and/or Little River. The Commission approves all applicants and places them into the apprenticeship program for training and qualification for licensure. The Commission takes appropriate disciplinary action when necessary. No licenses are issued through LLR.

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803)896-4598
<b>Fax:</b>	(803)896-4719
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Pilotage">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Pilotage</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Rita A. Melton, DMD, BSN, RN <a href="mailto:rita.melton@llr.sc.gov">rita.melton@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Commission Established:</b>	1872
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	54-15-10, et.seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	136-001, et.seq.
<b>Commission Member Slots:</b>	16
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Commission Meetings:</b>	Monthly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	26 states, 0 jurisdictions
<b>Licensing Period:</b>	N/A
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	No
<b>Total:</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Pilotage:</b>	26
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	0
<b>Investigations:</b>	0
<b>Dispositions:</b>	0

## Board of Podiatry

This Board issues licenses to qualified practitioners in podiatric medicine who have received proper training and education in the field. The Board investigates consumer complaints and provides discipline if necessary.

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<b>Telephone:</b>	803-896-4500
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4515
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Podiatry/">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Podiatry/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Sheridon Spoon <a href="mailto:sheridon.spoon@llr.sc.gov">sheridon.spoon@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1935
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-51-10, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	134-10, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	5
<b>How appointed:</b>	Appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, one of whom must be a lay member from the State at large, one of whom must be a podiatrist from the State at large who shall serve as chairman, and three of whom must be podiatrists, one from each of the three districts elections
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Biannually
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 States
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires December 31 <sup>st</sup> (odd years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	No
<b>Total:</b>	<b>198</b>
<b>Podiatrist:</b>	198
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	5
<b>Investigations:</b>	12
<b>Dispositions:</b>	7

## Board of Psychology

The Board regulates practitioners of psychology, accepts applications and conducts examinations for candidates to practice psychology in South Carolina. The Board has adopted a code of ethics governing licensed psychologists. The Board investigates complaints and provides discipline.

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4664
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4719
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Psychology/">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Psychology/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Marlo Thomas-Koger <a href="mailto:marlo.thomas-koger@llr.sc.gov">marlo.thomas-koger@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1968
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-55-20, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	Chapter 100
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	8
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	At least biannually
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 States
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires November 30 <sup>th</sup> (odd years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Endorsement
<b>Total:</b>	<b>844</b>
<b>Psychologist:</b>	812
<b>Temporary Permit:</b>	32
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	23
<b>Investigations:</b>	14
<b>Dispositions:</b>	6

## Real Estate Appraisers Board

The Board establishes qualifications for appraiser certification and licensure, administers examinations, investigates complaints, provides discipline, and regulates all other matters pertaining to the conduct and activities of real estate appraisers.

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4630
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4427
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/REAB/">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/REAB/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Laura Smith <a href="mailto:laura.smith@llr.sc.gov">laura.smith@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1991
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-60-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	137-100, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	8 (4 appraiser members, 1 real estate member, 1 financial member, 1 AMC member, and 1 public member)
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 states, jurisdictions
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires June 30 <sup>th</sup> (even years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Endorsement
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2,675</b>
<b>Apprentice Appraiser:</b>	235
<b>Certified General Appraiser:</b>	1,020
<b>Certified General Mass Appraiser:</b>	31
<b>Certified Residential Appraiser:</b>	1,002
<b>Certified Residential Mass Appraiser:</b>	67
<b>Licensed Appraiser:</b>	146
<b>Licensed Mass Appraiser:</b>	48
<b>Appraisal Management Company</b>	126
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	69
<b>Investigations:</b>	101
<b>Dispositions:</b>	53

## Real Estate Commission

As a regulatory office, the Commission establishes qualifications for licensure to practice real estate, ensures licensee compliance, disciplines licensees for violations of the law, and recommends legislation, which protects the public without stifling innovation and growth within the real estate industry.

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4400
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4427
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/REC">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/REC</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Roderick Atkinson <a href="mailto:roderick.atkinson@llr.sc.gov">roderick.atkinson@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Commission Established:</b>	1956
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-57-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	105-2, et. seq.
<b>Commission Member Slots:</b>	10
<b>How appointed:</b>	House and Senate members elect one person from each congressional district; Governor appoints two public members; Commission elects one at-large member.
<b>Commission Meetings:</b>	10 Annually
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 states
<b>Real Estate Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires June 30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted: (GA & W VA); Other states must take S.C. licensing exam.
<b>Total:</b>	<b>55,630</b>
<b>Broker:</b>	5,179
<b>Broker In Charge:</b>	7,632
<b>Property Manager:</b>	1,622
<b>Property Manager In Charge:</b>	1,279
<b>Salesman:</b>	26,892
<b>Inactive Broker</b>	303
<b>Inactive Property Manager</b>	170
<b>Inactive Salesman</b>	1,157
<b>Timeshare Registrant:</b>	313
<b>Office (Real Estate or Property Management):</b>	11,083
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	591
<b>Investigations:</b>	550
<b>Inspections:</b>	70
<b>Dispositions:</b>	271

## Residential Builders Commission

The Commission licenses all residential builders and registers all specialty contractors in residential construction doing business in the state. Additionally, the Commission receives and investigates complaints from homeowners who are having problems with builders or specialty contractors.

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4696
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4814
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/ResidentialBuilders">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/ResidentialBuilders</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Janet Baumberger <a href="mailto:janet.baumberger@llr.sc.gov">janet.baumberger@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Commission Established:</b>	1974
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-59-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	106-1, et. seq.
<b>Commission Member Slots:</b>	8
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Commission Meetings:</b>	Monthly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	42 states
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires June 30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Reciprocity
<b>Total:</b>	<b>23,009</b>
<b>Certificate of Authorization:</b>	251
<b>Electrical:</b>	1,395
<b>Emergency License and Registration:</b>	1
<b>Home Builders:</b>	7,219
<b>Home Builders Inspector:</b>	1,381
<b>HVAC Heating and Air:</b>	788
<b>Non-Mechanical:</b>	29
<b>Non-Mechanical (Exam Waiver):</b>	454
<b>Plumbing:</b>	964
<b>Specialty (Handyman):</b>	10,522
<b>Volunteer Registration:</b>	5
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	765
<b>Investigations:</b>	1035
<b>Dispositions:</b>	751

## Board of Social Work Examiners

The Board reviews applicant credentials and licenses social workers that practice in the state. The Board currently licenses five levels of social workers. The Board investigates complaints against licensees and disciplines licensees when it is determined to be necessary.

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4664
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4719
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/SocialWorkers/">http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/SocialWorkers/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Marlo Thomas-Koger <a href="mailto:marlo.thomas-koger@llr.sc.gov">marlo.thomas-koger@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1968
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-63-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	Chapter 110
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	7
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor with S.C. Senate confirmation
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	At least quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 States
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires December 31 <sup>st</sup> (even years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Reciprocity
<b>Total:</b>	<b>5,715</b>
<b>Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker (LBSW):</b>	759
<b>Licensed Independent Social Worker – Advanced Practice (LISW-AP):</b>	15
<b>Licensed Independent Social Worker – Clinical Practice (LISW-CP):</b>	1,933
<b>Licensed Independent Social Worker - CP &amp; AP (Dual):</b>	72
<b>Licensed Masters Social Worker (LMSW):</b>	2,874
<b>Approved Continuing Education Sponsor:</b>	62
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	41
<b>Investigations:</b>	41
<b>Dispositions:</b>	26

## Soil Classifiers Advisory Council

The Council's mission is to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of South Carolina by registering and regulating soil classifiers to ensure competent practitioners in the profession. The Council establishes standards of conduct, investigates complaints, and engages in disciplinary action when necessary.

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<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-9651
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Soil/">http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Soil/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Molly Price <a href="mailto:molly.price@llr.sc.gov">molly.price@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Council Established:</b>	1976
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-65-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	108-1 et. seq.
<b>Council Member Slots:</b>	5
<b>How appointed:</b>	By Agency
<b>Council Meetings:</b>	Biannually
<b>Number of states and territories that license same profession:</b>	35 states
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires January 31 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	No
<b>Total:</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Professional Soil Classifier:</b>	46
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	0
<b>Investigations:</b>	0
<b>Dispositions:</b>	0

## Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

This Board's primary responsibility is to protect the public through the regulation of professionals who practice Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology. The Board investigates complaints and disciplines when necessary.

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<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Speech/">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Speech/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Mack Williams <a href="mailto:Mack.Williams@llr.sc.gov">Mack.Williams@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1974
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-67-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	115-1, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	5
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor with advice and consent of the S.C. Senate
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 States
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires March 31 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Endorsement
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3,043</b>
<b>Audiologist:</b>	261
<b>Speech-Language Pathologist:</b>	2,582
<b>Speech-Language Pathologist – Assistant:</b>	104
<b>Speech-Language Pathologist – Intern:</b>	96
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	12
<b>Investigations:</b>	22
<b>Dispositions:</b>	14

## Board of Veterinary Examiners

The Board of Veterinary Examiners aims to protect citizens by ensuring that only qualified and competent veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and animal health technicians operate in South Carolina. The Board establishes requirements for practitioners and enforces those requirements. The Board investigates complaints and disciplines when necessary.

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4598
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<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Veterinary/">www.llr.sc.gov/POL/Veterinary/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Rita A. Melton, DMD, BSN, RN <a href="mailto:rita.melton@llr.sc.gov">rita.melton@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1920
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	40-69-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	120-1, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	10
<b>How appointed:</b>	Election by district; Top two candidates submitted to Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 States
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires March 31 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Endorsement
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2,605</b>
<b>Mobile Clinics:</b>	93
<b>Veterinarian:</b>	1,943
<b>Veterinary Intern:</b>	43
<b>Veterinary Technician:</b>	526
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	78
<b>Investigations:</b>	125
<b>Inspections:</b>	82
<b>Dispositions:</b>	87

## Division of Fire and Life Safety

### State Fire Marshal/ LLR Deputy Director:

**Jonathan Jones**

The Division of Fire and Life Safety's (DFLS) mission is to be the State's focal point for service and support to save life and property. The Division consists of the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), the South Carolina Fire Academy (SCFA), and the S.C. Emergency Response Task Force (SCERTF).

Chief Jonathan Jones, the State Fire Marshal, was appointed by Gov. Henry McMaster effective March 8, 2017. Chief Jones is also appointed by the Governor to serve on the State Emergency Response Commission. By S.C. Code of Laws, the State Fire Marshal also serves as the following: ex-officio member on the S.C. Manufactured Housing Board, chairman of the Firefighters Mobilization Oversight Committee, consultant to the Board of Pyrotechnic Safety, and staff support to the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board. This past fiscal year, Chief Jones was also appointed to serve on the Governor's Opioid Emergency Response Team and SLED's State Homeland Security Advisory Council.



The Office of State Fire Marshal is comprised of Community Risk Reduction, Code Enforcement, Engineering Services, and Licensing and Permitting. Assistant State Fire Marshal Nathan Ellis manages these four sections.

The Fire Academy, per S.C. Code of Laws (23-10-10), is operated for the express purpose of educating and training the state's paid, volunteer, and industrial fire service personnel. The Fire Academy also provides leadership, guidance, and services to help the fire service carry out its responsibilities at the local level. Chief Dennis Ray serves as its superintendent.

The role of the S.C. Emergency Response Task Force (SCERTF) is to assist local, regional, and state governments in times of need. The Task Force assists by providing subject matter experts, guidance, and on-scene professional resources during disasters or emergencies that overwhelm local resources. The Task Force provides responses to all phases of firefighting, structural collapse, helicopter rescue, water rescue, and hazardous materials incidents. This response can range from sending subject matter experts to providing hundreds of firefighters to assist in a large-scale disaster. In addition, the SCERTF supports LLR's role in emergency support functions within the State Emergency Response Plans and day-to-day operations. Lastly, per S.C. Code of Laws (23-49-10), the South Carolina Firefighter Mobilization serves as a statewide mutual aid assistance agreement utilizing the state's 46 counties. The system allows for firefighting and rescue resources to be effectively and efficiently moved throughout the state to assist during local, regional, and statewide disasters or emergencies. Chief Ken Kerber, Assistant State Fire Marshal, manages the ERTF.

A new management position, created in 2017, serves as a liaison between LLR Administration and State Fire. The Division Finance and Procurement Manager, George Stapleton, directs and executes the procurement, finance and administrative transactions for entities within the Division of Fire and Life Safety. This includes annual budget, capital improvement projects, and fleet management.

To address emotional, spiritual, and behavioral health needs of employees, recruits, students, and guests, State Fire now utilizes a chaplain. As a Master Chaplain, Chris Wade works with all three divisions of State Fire as well as assists with the ARFF and CRR programs. He is also tasked with organizing and teaching chaplains around the state the particulars of being a Fire Chaplain.

In the fall of 2017, the Emergency Management Section was formally created and coupled with the EMS Section. The Emergency Management (EM) Section, managed by Tim Wojcik, is charged with serving as the liaison between LLR/State Fire and the South Carolina Emergency Management Division. The EM Section coordinates State Emergency Operations Center functions for LLR/State Fire, which includes the training and coordination of 30 employees to serve in times of disaster.

**Legislative Audit:** At the request of the General Assembly, the S.C. Legislative Audit Council conducted an audit of State Fire in February 2017. The audit concluded, after more than 10 months of interviews, documentation requests, responses, tours, and demonstrations. The audit considered its general period of review from FY 2012-2013 through FY 2015-2016.

The audit contained the following objectives:

- Review of the adequacy of facilities and training props at the Academy.
- Determine if lines of communication are working within the DFLS and with fire service personnel.
- Review the role of Urban Search and Rescue, the S.C. Firefighter Mobilization Oversight Committee, and the S.C. Fire

Academy Advisory Committee and determine the effectiveness of the use of each.

- Determine if Academy training and certification meets the needs of fire service personnel throughout the state.
- Review human resource management practices to determine compliance with State law, State and Agency policies, and its effectiveness at attracting and retaining qualified instructors/ staff.
- Review the enforcement authority of DFLS and its role in enforcing regulations.
- Review controls for securing confidential information.
- Perform a follow-up review of the implementation of the recommendations of the 2010 LAC audit of the OSFM.

After a comprehensive examination of the LAC’s primary objectives above, the LAC report produced 79 recommendations for improvement and increased effectiveness. Of those recommendations, 64 are directed toward LLR/State Fire. As of August 2018, 26 have been fully implemented, 14 partially implemented, and 23 of the recommendations are in progress.



In a 10-page response, LLR Director Emily Farr noted the audit was a beneficial and helpful experience. She also took the opportunity to respond to certain portions of the report warranting more in-depth discussion and explanation.

**Social Media:** To increase exposure, highlight multiple accounts, and share real-time news, the Division utilizes two types of social media platforms - Twitter and Facebook. To build a community of dedicated followers, these accounts highlight job openings, current events, course offerings, and safety tips. During the eight-week recruit school, they also display weekly training photographs and videos (GIFs).

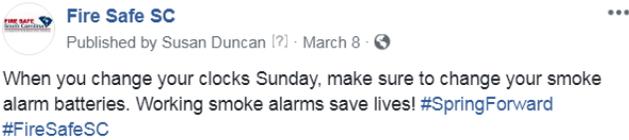
The “SC State Fire” Twitter account currently has 2,265 followers, which is a 33 percent increase from the previous fiscal year. The majority of followers are fire departments, chiefs, firefighters, media outlets, concerned citizens, and other state agencies. The Twitter account also allows the Division to follow more than 260 Twitter accounts consisting of fire departments, state, and federal agencies as well as media outlets.

The @FireSafeSC Twitter account experienced a 260 percent increase in followers, and its most popular tweet was a request to help spread the word about an upcoming national conference.

A “South Carolina State Fire” Facebook page was published in 2016. FY 2018 ended with 5,257 followers (41 percent increase). The most popular SC State Fire Facebook post was published August 29, 2017. It highlighted the Division’s assistance in Texas following Hurricane Harvey and reached more than 26,000 users.

The most popular SC Fire Academy Facebook post was published June 9, 2017. It helped the Division advertise an employment opportunity at the Academy and reached 4,299 users.

The most popular Fire Safe SC Facebook post was a Daylight Savings Time “Change your clock, change your battery” safety reminder. It was posted March 8, 2018, and reached 11,419 users. Using Twitter, the same safety reminder tweet had more than 35,000 impressions and 73 retweets.



Social Media Platform	Year Created	Number of Followers	FY Percentage Increase	Most Popular Tweet/ Post Reached
Twitter @SCStateFire	2015	2,265	33%	35,713 impressions
Twitter @FireSafeSC	2017	315	212%	3,188 impressions
Facebook @SCStateFire	2016	5,257	41%	26.6K users
Facebook @SCFireAcademy	2017	850	188%	4,299 users
Facebook @FireSafeSC	2017	664	260%	11.4K users

**Fire Portal:** In order to provide fire department personnel with a streamlined registration system, a user-friendly online database known as the “Fire Portal” currently houses more than 18,900 firefighters in the system compared to 18,500 firefighters in FY 2017). This “one stop shop” allows fire chiefs (and assigned administrators) to electronically submit SLED background checks, file mandatory reports (quarterly inspections and annual fire equipment certificate), update rosters, and revise Firefighter Mobilization records. The Fire Portal is also a tool for fire department training officers as they are able to approve/register firefighters for classes, run selected performance reports, and view a complete training schedule. Once an email is provided for login access, an individual firefighter is able to view available courses, sign up for a class, and view a current Academy transcript.

Fire Portal Usage		
Year	Individual Users	Number of Fire Departments
2018	11,548	469
2017	9,703	473
2016	7,500	470
2015	5,100	469

This chart shows, in four years since its inception, the number of users more than doubled. The number of fire departments has decreased due to fire departments consolidating and utilizing one Fire Department Identification (FDID) number.

## Office of State Fire Marshal

### **Assistant State Fire Marshal:**

**Nathan Ellis**

The Office of State Fire Marshal, per S.C. Code of Laws (23-9-10), has regulatory responsibility to ensure compliance with state fire safety regulations. This is accomplished through inspection activities by deputy state fire marshals in the field, code consultation, and plans review services provided by the Engineering Services section.

**Firefighter Registration:** S.C. State Fire, per S.C. Code of Laws (40-80-10), is also responsible for the registration of South Carolina firefighters. By law, firefighters employed on or after July 1, 2001, must register and complete a name-based criminal records check. To accomplish this task, fire department personnel utilize the online Fire Portal.

Number of Criminal Background Checks	
FY 2018	3,114
FY 2017	2,837
FY 2016	2,959

In FY 2018, the Office requested and processed 3,114 State Law Enforcement Division background checks. In comparison, 2,837 background checks were performed in FY 2017. This indicates a 10 percent increase in recruitment from the previous year.

**Reporting Local Inspections:** Quarterly inspections are conducted by local fire departments, and the total numbers are reported via the online Fire Portal. These quarterly reports, per S.C. Code of Laws (23-9-310), are due Dec. 31 (of previous year), March 31, June 30, and September 30 of current year. During the 2018 reporting period, the total number of occupancies inspected was 114,405 (compared to 115,275 in FY 2017). Local inspectors also indicated 102,212 violations were discovered and 78,651 (76.9 percent) were corrected.

Specifically, in FY 2018, the types of inspections included:

Local Inspection Types	Number of Inspections
Assembly	16,479
Business	49,023
Educational	2,368
Hazardous	550
Industrial	3,055
Institutional	1,632
Mercantile	18,581
Residential	17,241
Storage	6,901
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>114,405</b>

**Annual Fire Equipment Report Statistics:** Per S.C. Code of Laws (23-9-310), in order to receive One Percent funding, a qualified fire department must submit an annual fire equipment certificate. This information is submitted via the online Fire Portal and has four separate categories: Fire department information (address, population coverage, water source, etc.); S.C. Firefighters’ Association membership verification and other data (fund balance); firefighter information (updated roster); and apparatus information.

In FY 2018, more than \$807 million (estimated) in equipment was reported. This is in comparison to \$753 million (estimated) in FY 2017.

Specifically, the following types of equipment were reported:

Equipment Type	Total Number	Total Estimated Value
Aerial/Ladder/Platform	256	\$144,083,217.76
Ambulance	91	\$10,598,935.00
ATV/UTV	90	\$1,157,566.00
Boat	124	\$4,195,917.40
Breathing Air Truck	56	\$6,320,392.00
Brush Truck	595	\$22,469,866.92
Engine (Structural)	1,888	\$440,181,091.25
Rescue	382	\$58,901,106.43
Staff Vehicle 4WD	388	\$11,649,023.56
Crew Transport	51	\$1,119,080.00
Tanker/Tender	625	\$84,490,736.56
Rehab Truck	28	\$1,756,107.00
Mobile Command/ Communications Post	64	\$3,083,196.00
Other	342	\$17,875,869.90
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED:</b>		<b>\$807,882,105.78</b>

**One Percent Fund:** This fund, which is commonly referred to as “One-Percent Money,” is a one-percent tax collected on fire insurance premiums written in the state. To obtain these funds, fire departments must submit quarterly inspection reports and annual fire equipment certificates to this Office. In 1907, the S.C. General Assembly passed the Firemen’s Insurance and Inspection Fund Act (see S.C. Code of Laws 23-9-310) for “the betterment and maintenance of skilled and efficient fire departments within the county.” After reports are received and verified, the qualifying information is provided to applicable county treasurers. The money is then distributed by each county treasurer to qualified fire departments based on the percentage of the total assessed value of the county that constitutes the fire department’s response or coverage area. By law, fire departments must spend one-percent money in one of three categories: retirement and insurance, training and education, or recruitment and retention.

**V-SAFE:** In 2007, the Volunteer Strategic Assistance and Fire Equipment (V-SAFE) program was established by the General Assembly (23-9-25) to assist volunteer and combination fire departments with firefighting and safety-related equipment purchases for the purpose of protecting local communities and regional response areas from incidents of fire, hazardous materials and terrorism, and to provide for the safety of volunteer firefighters. The program allows chartered volunteer fire departments (with a staffing level that is at least 50 percent volunteer) to apply for grants of not more than \$30,000. Funds may be spent on, among other things, fire suppression equipment, protective clothing and equipment, new and used fire apparatus, and training.



After the initial \$3 million appropriation in 2007, the General Assembly did not fund the V-SAFE program until FY 2015-16. Act 285 of 2016 allocated \$500,000 for the program for FY 2016-17. A permanent source of funding was established by Act 273 of 2016. Effective July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2030, a dedicated stream of revenue from insurance premium taxes will be used to fund the program at a conservative estimate of \$750,000 per year.

The V-SAFE peer review panel, consisting of nine voting members established by statute, reviews grant applications and determines awards. Grants may not be awarded to a department more than once every three years. Recipients must submit a performance report every six months until the grant is closed and provide how the funds were used and the benefits realized from the award.

In FY 2018, the Panel received 210 grant requests totaling more than \$5 million. Panel members awarded 33 fire departments from 12 counties a total of \$882,644.34. The average amount requested was \$25,689.51. The majority of grants awarded were for personal protective equipment, totaling almost \$450,000; followed by rescue equipment (\$149,000), fire hose and hose appliances (117,000) and self-contained breathing apparatus (\$76,000). Grants were also awarded for thermal imaging cameras, firefighting tools, gear washers and dryers, communication equipment, and fire apparatus components.

Tax Year	Rescue	HazMat
2017	678	57
2016	471	81
2015	687	93
2014	559	85
2013	833	111

**Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP):** Per S.C. Code of Laws (23-9-190), this Office compiles Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP) certification team reports for “Qualified Rescue Squads” and “HazMat Teams” and submits them to the S.C. Department of Revenue. In FY 2017, the OSFM reported the following number of members:

**State Agency Partnerships:** To provide needed assistance, the Division also partners with other state agencies. These include:

State Agency Partnerships	
Department of Administration	Inspection of existing state buildings
Department of Commerce	Consultation with new business enterprises
Department of Corrections	Assistance to inspect prisons/detention centers; provides inmate labor. Conduct sprinkler plan reviews.
Department of Disabilities and Special Needs	Conduct sprinkler plan reviews and inspection of licensed facilities. Creation of home fire safety training to its employees.
South Carolina Educational Television	Home fire and life safety program project for third-grade teachers.
Department of Education’s Office of School Facilities	Provide inspections for new construction and public school renovations. Conduct sprinkler plan reviews.
State Engineer’s Office	Conduct sprinkler plan reviews.
EdVenture Museum	Provide personnel and program support.
Emergency Management Division	Assist with development of State Emergency Operation Plan.
Department of Health and Environmental Control	Collaborate with HazMat mitigation and a pediatric disaster management project. Conduct sprinkler plan reviews.
Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office	Creation of a GIS-layer, which will assist statewide emergency efforts.
Department of Social Services	Inspection of foster homes. Conduct sprinkler plan reviews.

## Community Risk Reduction

### Section Chief:

**Josh Fulbright**

The Office of State Fire Marshal is responsible for programs designed to educate and enhance public awareness of fire safety and community risk reduction efforts. The Community Risk Reduction (CRR) team manages the Fire Marshal's initiatives surrounding community risk reduction and data management. This section also continues to coordinate the Community Loss Education and Response (CLEAR) Team.

Major program areas include:

- Public Fire and Life Safety Education Delivery
- Data Collection and Management
- Fire Incident Research and Analysis
- Major Incident Support
- Fire Safe South Carolina: A Community Risk Reduction Program
- Fire Safe South Carolina Smoke Alarm Program
- Quarterly Fire and Life Safety Educator Training

The Division and EdVenture Children's Museum continue their partnership to provide fire and life safety programs for school and family audiences. This arrangement allows LLR to provide personnel and program support for Dalmatian Station and Home Safe Home (a fire safety exhibit) within EdVenture. State Fire staff members are responsible for program development, delivery, and outreach activities. In FY 2018, risk reduction messages were shared with 6,032 adults and 7,592 children during direct delivery of Community Risk Reduction programs. This combined total reflects a 79 percent increase since last fiscal year and is a result of staff being scheduled to work during high traffic days.

For example, "Little Sparks" is an interactive program designed for children up to 7 years old that teaches how to recognize and respond to the most common causes of residential fires. Another program, "Burning Questions" teaches children 8 years old and older the chemistry of fire. The program uses six scientific experiments to demonstrate the properties of fire. Staff provided training to hundreds of children during the summer break.

### **CLEAR Team**

Every reported fatal fire in South Carolina is researched by a State Fire CLEAR team member. The CLEAR team is comprised of several duty chiefs (weekly rotation), as well as a statistical research analyst, community risk reduction curriculum specialist, voluntary researchers, and the State Fire Marshal. Aggregate information is shared monthly with the team and other stakeholders to help with development of programs to better address South Carolina's fire fatality problem. The CLEAR team trains bi-monthly to ensure the most up-to-date research techniques are used to professionally, cooperatively, and compassionately respond to scenes. In April 2018, the CLEAR Team's success with targeted messaging and reducing risk in affected communities was shared at the national Vision 20/20 annual summit in Reston, Virginia.

### **Fire and Life Safety Educator Quarterly Training**

CRR conducts Fire and Life Safety Educator Quarterly training sessions to provide ongoing, high-quality training to community risk reduction, fire, and life safety educators. These six-hour sessions are interactive and include subject matter experts from other disciplines. Each session provides attendees with continuing education credits that meet the job performance requirements of NFPA 1035 that, in turn, assists their fire departments with earning maximum ISO scale credit in the CRR category. In FY 2018, CRR trained 146 quarterly attendees.

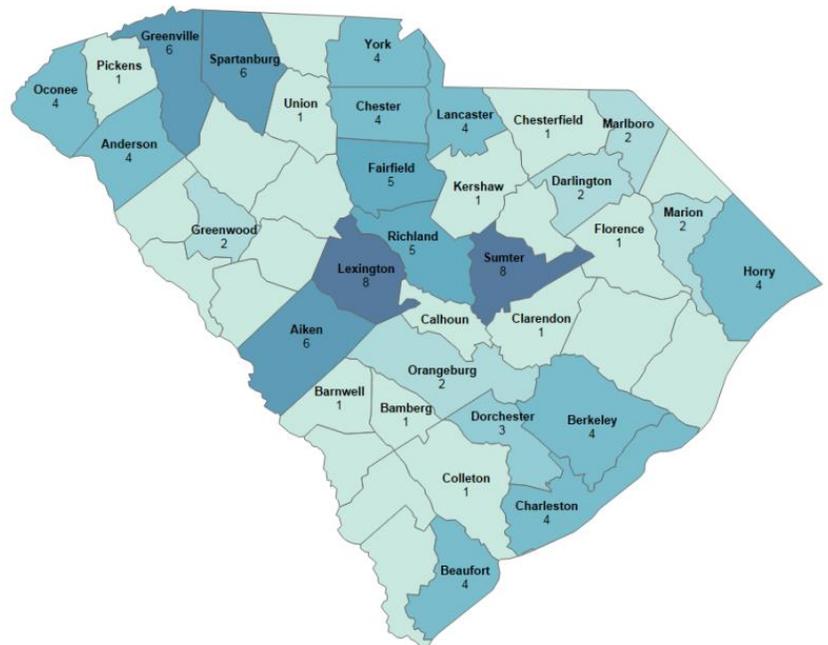
### **Fire Fatalities**

State law requires the Fire Marshal's Office to collect and analyze data on fire fatalities. In FY 2018 (chart below), there was an increase in the number of fire deaths (106) compared to the previous year (67). This increase likely can be attributed to more accurate reporting by fire departments. The average age was 55 years, and the majority of the fire victims (66 percent) were older than 50. Additionally, January 2017 was the deadliest fire fatality month with 13 victims, compared to two fire fatalities in November 2016.

South Carolina Fire Fatalities				
	FY 2018	FY 2017	FY 2016	FY 2015
<b>Number of Fire Fatalities</b>	90	106	67	93
<b>Average Age</b>	53 years	55 years	55 years	52 years
<b>Percent older than 50 years</b>	67 percent (60 victims)	66 percent (70 victims)	67 percent (45 victims)	60 percent (56 victims)
<b>Percent between 20-50 years</b>	20 percent (18 victims)	22 percent (23 victims)	21 percent (14 victims)	27 percent (25 victims)
<b>Percent younger than 20</b>	13 percent (12 victims)	12 percent (13 victims)	12 percent (8 victims)	12 percent (11 victims)
<b>Percent Male</b>	56 percent	66 percent	60 percent	66 percent
<b>Number of Fatal Fire Incidents</b>	77	89	60	76
<b>Number of Multiple Fire Fatalities</b>	9 incidents	13 incidents	7 incidents	15 incidents
<b>Highest Fire Fatalities by Month</b>	January 2018 (23 victims)	January 2017 (13 victims)	October 2015 (13 victims)	December 2014 (18 victims)
<b>Lowest Fire Fatalities by Month</b>	June 2018 (2 victims)	November 2016 (2 victims)	September 2015 (2 victims)	September 2014 (1 victim)
<b>Number of Residential Fires</b>	67	78	55	78

Data collection is accomplished through the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) and used by South Carolina fire departments. After a fire department responds to an incident, a statistical report is completed. These statistics are analyzed by county, cause, presence of a smoke alarm, age of fire death victim, and type of structure. This statistical information represents information provided by 434 participating fire departments (four percent increase since last fiscal year) through the Fire Incident Reporting System.

The map below reflects FY 2018 fire fatalities by county. Lexington County had the highest total of fire fatalities at nine. Additionally, 31 counties had at least one fire fatality.



#### FY 2018 Fire Fatalities by County

Data management programs continue to expand beyond simple maintenance of National Fire Incident Reporting Systems (NFIRS). Data management also is involved in fire service-related research. CRR is assisting fire departments with data analysis, GIS mapping,

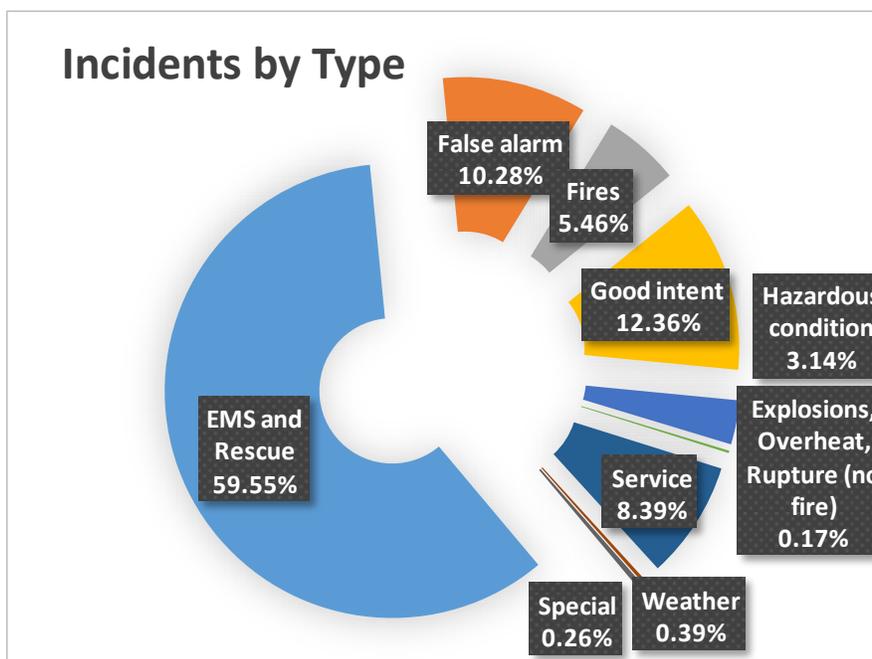
and quality control.

In FY 2018, CRR impacted numerous fire departments through training, analysis requests, and helping build NFIRS programs in local departments where there previously were none. Local standard operating guidelines were implemented to provide local departments a baseline of how, when, and what to report to the State NFIRS Program.

There were 356,456 incidents reported accounting for a property loss of more than \$133 million. The chart below reflects a percentage of total incidents by call type. For example, EMS (medical) incidents are almost 60 percent of calls, and another 10 percent are false alarms. Five percent of incidents were fires, and these incidents accounted for more than \$176.9 million in damages to property and contents. Of this amount, nearly \$3.2 million is attributed to intentionally ignited fires. Significant fires with property loss estimates greater than \$1 million have an impact on communities and local economies.

The chart below reflects the significant FY 2018 fires listed by the date of the incident, city, property type, and dollar loss.

NFIRS Submitted Reports Statistics	
No. of reports submitted	11.6 percent increase
Reported at least once	434 departments (3 percent increase)
Active use of NFIRS	71 percent of participating fire departments



Date	City	Property Type	Dollar Loss in Millions
July 19, 2017	Georgetown	Utility or distribution system, other	2
August 20, 2017	Myrtle Beach	Doctor, dentist or oral surgeon office	1.3
August 31, 2017	North Myrtle Beach	Warehouse	2.4
September 11, 2017	Edisto Beach	1 or 2 family dwelling	3.7
September 16, 2017	Florence	Multifamily dwelling	1.2
September 29, 2017	Sandy Springs	Residential, other	1.6
October 1, 2017	Mt. Pleasant	1 or 2 family dwelling	1.1
October 11, 2017	Camden	1 or 2 family dwelling	1.1
November 10, 2017	Pawleys Island	1 or 2 family dwelling	1.0
December 12, 2017	Columbia	Residential, other	1.4
January 19, 2018	Sumter	Warehouse	1.9
February 13, 2018	Sumter	Multifamily dwelling	2.5
February 18, 2018	Orangeburg	Manufacturing, processing	1.0
February 19, 2018	Bennettsville	Manufacturing, processing	15.0
February 27, 2018	Cottageville	Public or government, other	1.5
March 1, 2018	Kershaw	High school, junior high school, or middle school	1.4
March 9, 2018	Greenville	Multifamily dwelling	1.1
March 15, 2018	Indian Land	1 or 2 family dwelling	1.7
April 22, 2018	Mt. Pleasant	Church, mosque, synagogue, temple, chapel	8.0
June 26, 2018	Highland	1 or 2 family dwelling	1.1

### NFIC Conference

In November 2017, the National Fire Information Council held its annual conference at the Academy. Fire data analysts, community risk reduction specialists, and NFIRS program managers from many departments and states came together to discuss ways to “pop the information bubble.” This conference was a success as departments were encouraged to report more accurately and frequently, and to use their data for community risk reduction projects.

### Data Projects

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office is partnering with S.C. State Fire to create a GIS-layer that will assist statewide emergency efforts as well as State Fire’s community risk reduction section. Expected to be completed in FY 2019, this map will allow fire district boundaries to be layered over county boundaries and address points to create dynamic maps that can assist citizens for years.

South Carolina State NFIRS is expanding its reach to serve more fire departments. In progress is an updated “Gradebook,” which will allow public and fire departments to dynamically see recent reporting data and its quality. NFIRS classes will be delivered through the Academy so more departments may receive data quality and basic report training. Additionally, the NFIRS Training Online course through SCFA Online is expected to give departments a 24/7 resource on how to complete the more difficult aspects of reporting. Addressing the diverse needs of adult learners has improved the amount and quality of reporting that arrives at the USFA.

Risk maps based on human, socioeconomic, and housing factors were created for Fire Safe SC to assist fire departments in determining the highest-risk areas in their respective counties. These maps were created in ArcGIS using an innovative matrix that reflects what is known about high-fatality count areas and high-response areas, despite not using either data set in the algorithm.

### Fire Prevention Grants and Partnerships

In order to improve lifesaving educational initiatives across South Carolina, this section has spearheaded multiple partnerships.

Additionally, multiple grant opportunities have made it possible to improve the impact of the following lifesaving efforts:

- The South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN) contracts with State Fire to deliver **annual home fire safety training** to its employees across the state. This training has been revised, and a project to move this training to the South Carolina Fire Academy Online Training platform began. The project is expected to be completed and be available in fiscal year 2019. With its completion, not only will DDSN employees benefit, fire departments and the public will benefit, as this training will be marketed to all.
- State Fire, in partnership with South Carolina Educational Television (ETV), is in the final phases of a project to place a **home fire and life safety program** into third-grade teachers' hands. This will be accomplished through a repository of lesson plans stored on the ETV website. Teachers from across South Carolina regularly access this database of lesson plans in order to deliver health and safety programming for school-aged children based on the 2017 South Carolina Standards for Health and Safety Education. This guiding standard is produced by the State Department of Education. The project is anticipated to be completed and "go live" in early fiscal year 2018.
- State Fire is a partner with the American Red Cross' **Home Fire Preparedness Campaign**. One of the major goals of this relationship was to install 50,000 smoke alarms in homes across South Carolina from 2015-2017. Records indicate 51,714 smoke alarms were installed during this period. State Fire is a partner with Red Cross professionals in our region and continues to provide technical expertise in the area of education and logistics. In FY 2018, there were 3,610 homes made safer as a result of this partnership with 10,907 smoke alarms and 92 deaf/hard of hearing alarms installed, and 438 smoke alarm batteries replaced.
- The **Fire Safe South Carolina Alarm Program** has partnered with multiple entities to bring smoke, carbon monoxide, and deaf/hard of hearing specialty smoke alarm resources into South Carolina. These resources are provided to local fire departments where firefighters visit the homes they protect to educate residents about reducing the impact of fires while assuring the residents have adequate alarm technology in their home. During FY 2018, the Fire Safe South Carolina Alarm program received 6,855 smoke alarms, 200 carbon monoxide alarms, and 200 deaf/hard of hearing specialty smoke alarms. During the same period, 3,936 smoke alarms, 261 carbon monoxide alarms, and 104 deaf/hard of hearing specialty smoke alarms were disbursed to local fire departments. To ensure access of our joint efforts statewide, tracking of alarm installations was moved to the American Red Cross database. This partnership will allow both organizations the ability to see progress, avoid duplication, and plan alarm replacements in the decades to come. The partnership also allows local fire departments to track and account for their personal resources, facilitating a framework for statewide installation information should all departments transfer their tracking to this platform.
- State Fire is partnering with **Charleston County's Hoarding Task Force and the Riley Center for Livable Communities** at the College of Charleston to combat one of the most prevalent risk factors in regards to fire fatalities. By providing the Task Force with data analysis, research efforts, and general support, the county has made great strides toward combating this issue.
- State Fire continues to partner with **Vision 20/20**, our national community risk reduction partner. Through grant funds, Vision 20/20 has provided thousands of alarm resources to South Carolina residents over the past few years. During FY 2018, State Fire was deemed no longer in need of our assigned State Technical Advisor for community risk reduction and Chief Fulbright was appointed and assigned as a State Technical Advisor to Alabama. Vision 20/20 facilitated a trip to Alabama to initiate this relationship.
- State Fire was invited to serve as a peer reviewer for the **Fire Prevention and Safety Grant** in Anniston, AL. This opportunity, and future invitations, provide valuable insight for upcoming grant preparations.
- State Fire was invited by the **Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation of California** to participate in a FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Study into the behavioral science behind fire safety messages. State Fire assisted in evaluating nationwide survey results of findings relating to current fire safety message practices and providing input into proposed future practices.

#### **Fire Safe South Carolina: A Community Risk Reduction Program**

Increasing industry concerns and unique demands require innovative responses. Fire Safe South Carolina seeks to reduce fire-related injuries, promote consistent messaging, increase data quality, and provide valuable resources. The mission of Fire Safe South Carolina is *to unite fire service organizations to engage influential community stakeholders; together, we will support local fire departments to serve their citizens through strategic community risk reduction programs*. Organizational partners include the S.C. Firefighters' Association, the S.C. Fire Chiefs' Association, and the S.C. State Fire Marshals' Association.

Launched in June 2017, Fire Safe South Carolina has been presented at various fire service association conferences and other venues. In FY 2018, 30 county meetings (out of 46 counties) have been held with more than 800 in attendance. Staff continues to review current efforts, forge new relationships, and establish focus. In FY 2019, staff will complete the remaining county meetings

and work with local fire departments to develop community risk reduction plans for their jurisdictions. Further, full-time, temporary positions tasked with program management will be dissolved and approved full-time, permanent positions will be hired for program sustainability.

Current full-time, temporary staff members are tasked as lead contacts. Each staff member is responsible for 23 counties and serves as point of contact for 260 districts. Staff will engage, facilitate, and track the progress of districts on their journey in becoming designated as a Fire Safe South Carolina Fire District.

In maintaining relationships and supporting the South Carolina fire service, other state and national organizations have partnered with us in new and unique ways to promote our common goals. These groups include: American Red Cross, Department of Education, S.C. Baptist Convention, Department of Health and Environmental Control, Vision 20/20, ETV, Children’s Trust of South Carolina, and the S.C. Lieutenant Governor’s Office on Aging. The Office on Aging partnership has resulted in 165 referrals for home safety visits and installation of 144 smoke alarms and one hard of hearing alarm.

Other unique partners include Jason Hurdich, the popular certified deaf interpreter, who allowed Fire Safe SC to live stream his hard of hearing alarm install via Facebook Live and the Charleston County School of the Arts where 16 deaf/hard of hearing alarms were installed with coordination by seven local departments.

With increased interest across the state has come additional requests and welcomed demands for resources. These partnerships continue to be maintained and new ones fostered, with groups who have the ability to influence the fire problem.

With statewide and national support, Fire Safe South Carolina stands to be a sustainable community risk reduction venture. A web presence has grown around Fire Safe South Carolina, with a website, [www.firesafe.sc.gov](http://www.firesafe.sc.gov), and social media, Twitter and Facebook, @FireSafeSC.

**FY 2018 Staff Related Information**

<b>Staff Positions</b>	<b>8</b>
Community Risk Reduction Program Manager	1
Statistical Research Analyst	1
Curriculum Coordinator	1
Community Risk Reduction Program Assistants (Temp/FT)	2
Community Risk Reduction Program Assistants (Temp/PT)	3

## Office of the State Fire Marshal – Code Enforcement & Fire Marshal Training

### Section Chief:

**Shawn Stickle**

This section performs fire and life safety inspections for state buildings, public schools, fire equipment dealers, outdoor and indoor firework displays, Consumer Retail Firework Sales, Liquefied Petroleum Gas, explosive magazines, contractual obligations, and local requests for assistance. It also provides fire marshal training and certification to employees of local and state governments who perform fire inspection duties certified in accordance with S.C. Code of Laws 23-9-30.

### Fire and Life Safety Inspection Statistical Information

Inspection Statistic	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Inspections Per Deputy SFM (average)	840	873	855	766	764
Inspections Completed by Deputy SFMs	10,923	11,355	11,118	10,728	10,697
Total Violations Cited	5,265	7,875	8,521	7,253	8,049

The Code Enforcement Section focuses on conducting fire and life safety inspections throughout the state in various occupancies and conducting specialized inspections related to facilities obtaining state licenses or permits from the Office of State Fire Marshal and other state agencies. In FY 2018, deputies efficiently scheduled a growing number of foster home inspections (6,073) through a modification of the online request and scheduling system. These inspections are 57 percent of their workload. The OSFM continues to work with the Department of Social Services to improve the service provided to foster and adoptive families across the State.

FY 2018 Total Inspections per County (Top Five)	
County	No. of Inspections
Richland	1,165
Greenville	1,120
Spartanburg	620
Charleston	588
Lexington	572

During FY 2018, there were 51 fire marshal-related courses delivered to 1,781 students, composed of design professionals, fire, and building officials. These courses are delivered at the Academy, and regionally throughout the state, and provide required continuing education hours and a mechanism to improve statewide consistency of code interpretation and enforcement. In an effort to better prepare fire inspector candidates to pass the national exams, a new course was piloted in FY 2018. After two offerings, course reviews for the *Fire Inspector 1 Test Prep Class* demonstrate the course is successful in preparing students for the national exams. There are 718 active certified fire marshals performing inspections in their local jurisdictions.

### FY 2018 Fire Marshal Training and Certification

Fire Marshal Training and Certification	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
ICC Fire Marshal Training Attendees	75	76	44	66	116
State Fire Code of Regulations Class Attendees					127
Fire Marshal Quarterly Training Courses	24	33	32	34	24
Quarterly Fire Marshal Training Attendees	1,194	1,375	1,347	1,031	1200
Number of Certified Fire Marshals	620	655	666	698	718

### FY 2018 Statistical Staff-Related Information

Staff Positions	Number of Personnel (16)
Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal	1
Senior Deputy State Fire Marshals	4
Deputy State Fire Marshals	11

## Engineering Services

### Section Chief:

**David Blackwell, P.E.**

This section provides technical assistance and consultation services to design professionals, state officials, local building and fire officials, contractors, builders, building owners, and the public. Staff is responsible for plan reviews of: buildings, fire sprinkler systems, fire alarm systems, aboveground storage tank (AST) motor vehicle fuel storage and dispensing systems at retail service stations, Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LP Gas) storage tank installations, and other reviews, as necessary, to assist design professionals, other state and local Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJs), and resident fire marshals. Staff also assists other LLR divisions with special projects, research, and development of future regulations and state statutes.

### FY 2018 Staff Related Information

Staff Positions:	Number of Personnel (6)
Chief Engineer	1
Engineer	1
Engineering Associates	3
Administrative Assistant	1

### FY 2010 – FY 2017 Statistical Information

TYPE OF PLAN REVIEW	Fiscal Year/Number of Plan Review Projects*							
	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17
Building fire & life safety	14	12	6	6	6	7	10	11
Fire alarm system	2	6	5	4	1	1	0	2
AST fuel storage/dispensing systems	0	1	3	3	0	1	1	0
Alternate extinguishing system	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0
LP-gas system	5	30	35	12	11	9	7	4
Fire protection sprinkler system – aboveground	492	574	641	646	602	648	699	791
Fire protection sprinkler system – underground	128	121	144	172	149	128	258	290
Hydrogen facility	0	2	0	0	3	1	3	5
<b>Total number of plan review projects</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>1,103</b>

The total number of plan review projects increased 72 percent since FY 2010 to include 125 more projects (13 percent increase since FY 2016).

New equipment, process refinements, and other methods have been implemented to accommodate this increased workload.

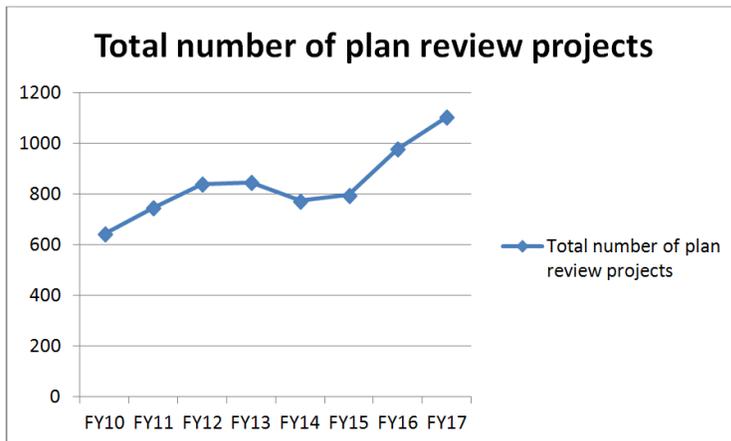
### Developments, Activities, and Select Accomplishments:

In FY 2017, new equipment was acquired to improve processing of plans. A large-format scanner was purchased so large-size drawings could be scanned into an electronic format for ease of storage and communication.

The chief engineer continues to serve on the S.C. Building Codes Council. To improve electronic submission forms and communications, he also worked with various LLR and OSFM employees. Staff continues to participate in a State Design Professionals Group and discuss matters of common interest to State employees in the design and construction industry, including legislation, laws, regulations, codes, standards, and interpretations.

The chief engineer, along with other staff:

- Participates in the Building Codes Council and International Code Council code development processes.
- Continues to assist the State Department of Education on various matters related to fire and life safety in public schools.
- Continues to grow and develop in their positions benefitting from multiple formal training and educational opportunities.



Staff continues to participate in Board meetings and, when appropriate, provide Boards with relevant information and address matters of concern.

Lastly, to improve plan review services, staff continues to identify and investigate multiple technology, process, policy, communication, and educational solutions. Some of these technological solutions are planned to be purchased, researched, developed, and/or implemented in FY 2018 to improve: the electronic storage and communication of plan review documentation and results; data collection, analysis, and reporting; and instructional/educational services for customers.

### Licensing and Permitting (L&P)

This section is tasked with: the licensing and permitting responsibilities statewide for public fireworks displays; proximate audience fireworks displays; individual pyrotechnic operators and trainees; the storage, use, sale, and manufacturing of explosives; individual blaster employees; and fire equipment dealers and employees. It also evaluates cigarette manufacturers' certifications and issues approvals.

#### FY 2018 Staff Related Information

Staff Positions	Number of Personnel
<b>Chief of Licensing and Permitting</b>	1
<b>Administrative Assistants</b>	1 (one assistant retired Jan. 2, 2018 and was not replaced). Administrative functions were reorganized within the section.
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	141 Monticello Trail, Columbia, SC 29203
<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-9813
<b>Section Chief:</b>	Ray Hoshall Ray.Hoshall@llr.sc.gov

The L&P Section verifies each blaster is certified to engage in the sale, use, or storage of explosives. Additionally, blasting permits are obtained before anyone is authorized to perform any blasting or to use any explosives for demolishing a structure, blasting out rock, earth or any other substance or material. Permits are issued for permanent and mobile explosive magazines. Licenses for the sale of explosives also are issued.

<b>Explosives Control Act / Blasters</b>	
<b>Website:</b>	http://www.scfiremarshal.llronline.com
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	23-36-10, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	71-8302, et. seq.
<b>Licensure Information:</b>	
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Annually 12/31
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	No
<b>Licensee Population Trend:</b>	Stable
<b>Type of Exam:</b>	State exam on S.C. statutes, rules and regulations and NFPA Codes
<b>Statistical Information FY 2018</b>	
<b>Licensee Category:</b>	
Blasters Licensed (individuals performing blasting operations)	137
Blasting Permits Issued (specific location permits to blast)	168
Explosive Magazine Permits Issued (storage of explosive materials)	274
Explosive Dealers (sellers of explosive materials)	9

The L&P Section verifies firms and personnel in the portable fire extinguishers and pre-engineered fire protection systems business are properly trained. For example, since water spreads most commercial kitchen fires instead of extinguishing them, wet chemical systems are used to provide protection against hot grease and prevent fire from spreading. These wet chemical systems must be properly installed by a licensed company and permitted employee.

<b>Fire Equipment Dealer Licensure</b>	
<b>Website:</b>	http://www.scfiremarshal.llronline.com
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	23-9-45
<b>Regulation:</b>	71-8303 et seq.
<b>Licensure Information:</b>	
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	No
<b>Licensee Population Trend:</b>	Increasing
<b>Type of Exam:</b>	State exam on S.C. statutes, rules and regulations and NFPA Codes
<b>Statistical Information FY 2018</b>	
<b>Licensee Category:</b>	
Fire Equipment Company Licenses	156 (Currently Licensed)
Fire Equipment Employee Permits	773 (Currently Permitted)

To reduce the likelihood of cigarettes becoming an ignition source for upholstered furniture, mattresses, and bedding, cigarettes sold in South Carolina must meet certain criteria. As each cigarette package must be properly marked "FSC," this Section evaluates manufacturers' certifications and issues approvals.

<b>Reduced Cigarette Ignition Propensity Standards and Firefighter Protection</b>	
<b>Website:</b>	http://www.scfiremarshal.llronline.com
<b>S.C. Code of Laws:</b>	23-51-10, et. seq.
<b>Licensure Information:</b>	
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Triennially , beginning in 2010
<b>Manufacturers Holding S.C. FSC Certification</b>	33
<b>Brand Styles of Cigarettes Certified</b>	1,254

Fireworks displays are a part of the South Carolina historical culture. Public displays, both indoor and outdoor, occur throughout the year with heavy concentrations during July 4th and New Year’s Eve celebrations. Special effects fireworks are commonly used in the entertainment industry (i.e. concerts, football games, theatrical performances, and motion picture production). This section is tasked with promoting safety of the public and the environment by the effective regulation of this profession. Once a Display Permit is issued, a copy is sent to the Senior Deputy State Fire Marshal for the specific area for scheduling on-site inspections, where necessary.

During FY 2018, the Licensing and Permitting Section held a roundtable meeting with pyrotechnic operators and fire department representatives to discuss the permitting and inspection processes for public displays of fireworks. As a result, the licensing and permitting process has been adapted to better serve the industry, and the inspection process is more effectively communicated.

To better suit operational periods of the industry, and after meeting with industry stakeholders, the renewal period for public display fireworks operators has changed from April 1 – March 31 to September 1 – August 31 biennially. To encourage more of the industry to license their helpers/assistants, the fee for a “Trainee/Assistant” license has been reduced from \$100 to \$25 biennially.

<b>Licensure Information:</b>	
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Operators: Biennially (even years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	No
<b>Licensee Population Trend:</b>	Increasing
<b>Type of Exam:</b>	State exam on S.C. statutes, rules and regulations and NFPA Codes
<b>Statistical Information FY 2018</b>	
<b>Licensee Category:</b>	
<b>Professional Fireworks Related</b>	
Pyrotechnic Operators Licensed	150 (Currently licensed)
Pyrotechnic Trainee Operators Licensed	105 (Currently licensed)
Public Fireworks Display Permits Issued	254
Proximate Audience Fireworks Display Permits Issued	33

## **State Fire Academy**

### **Superintendent:**

**Dennis Ray**

The Fire Academy’s mission, per S.C. Code of Laws 23-10-10, is to provide statewide training for South Carolina fire service personnel: paid, volunteer, airport crash rescue firefighters, industrial fire brigade, rescue, and other emergency response personnel. Through more than 200 different courses, and the ability to customize programs, the South Carolina Fire Academy provides basic and advanced training for firefighters, fire officers, instructors, and fire department support functions, which include public fire education, fire prevention, inspections, and fire investigations.

The Academy offers training to in-state firefighters, out-of-state firefighters, non-member “Open Enrollment” students, Boy Scouts of America “Explorer, Learning for Life,” and Junior Firefighter programs for students 16 and 17 years old. The Academy also provides training to local EMS, police, emergency management, and rescue squad personnel.

Academy training is based upon the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards and SC OSHA regulations. The Academy also focuses its programs on the Fallen Firefighters Foundation’s 16 Life Safety initiatives and its “Everyone Goes Home” program. The “Everyone Goes Home” program focuses on firefighter safety and reducing the number of line-of-duty deaths and injuries.

The South Carolina Fire Academy is accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) in 20 fire service occupational levels, and by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (Pro Board) in 19 levels of Fire Service Professional Qualifications.

Accreditation to these professional levels reinforces the diligence of Academy staff, training programs, and testing process that represents the learning and mastery of each successfully completed student in any of the program levels. Accreditation ensures uniformity of statewide fire education, and allows students trained and tested at the Academy more mobility to/from other accredited states.

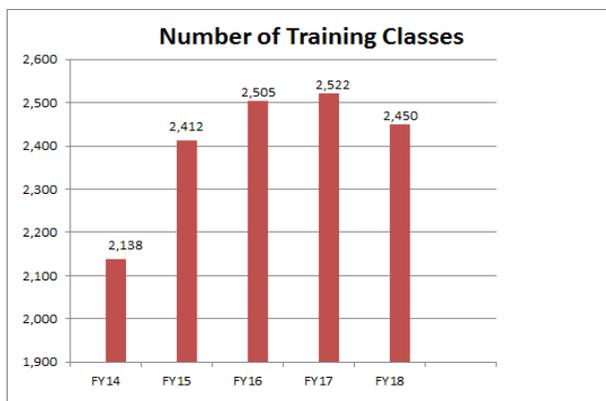


Throughout the year, the Academy provides a minimum of four on-site firefighter recruit programs. The number of programs conducted are based on department and student demand. The eight-week program requires each recruit to reside at the Academy by lodging in an on-site fire station and adhere to a strict instruction schedule. If successful, each recruit achieves nine Academy certificates, including National Accredited Firefighter I and II.

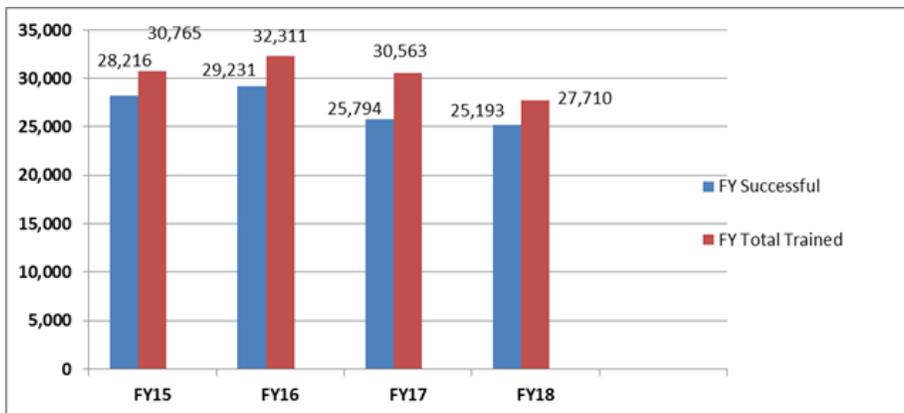


South Carolina has nearly 500 fire departments with more than 18,500 firefighters. In FY 2018, across the state, the Academy operated and provided 339 days of training. The Columbia site was open 279 days during this same time period (compared to the state employee work year of 248 days). The charts listed here reflect a five-year perspective of the total number of training programs (courses) provided and students attending and completing the courses. For FY 2018, the Academy provided 2,450 requested training programs for 27,710 students registered, and 25,193 successfully completed students.

Although this is a nine percent decrease in the number of students from previous years, it can partially be contributed to Hurricane Irma and a winter storm. State offices were closed Monday, September 11, 2017, in more than half of the state’s counties (26) for Hurricane Irma. As such, the Academy’s Columbia office (and several regional offices) could not provide scheduled training. The January 3, 2018, winter storm dumped nearly five inches of snow in the Lowcountry impacting scheduled training for more than a week.



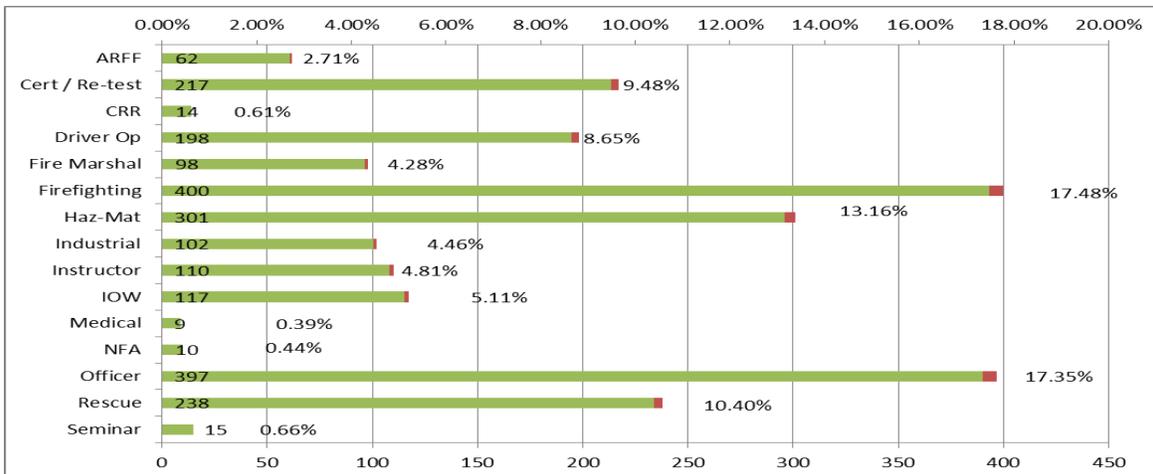
The table below represents a five-year perspective for the total number of registered and completed students during FY 2018.



To meet the needs of those unable to commit to a traditional classroom environment, and to provide an alternative training environment, more than 8,400 students (completed) online independent learning, hybrid, and blended learning programs. The “online classroom” is designed to provide knowledge to the students who take these programs. However, open enrollment “seminar” online program numbers are not captured as “completed students.” As such, many of these students are not counted in above chart.

This chart reflects the percentage of types of training courses provided to the state’s fire service members. For example, in FY

2018, "Firefighting" related training totaled 17.48 percent and "Officer" related training totaled 17.35 percent of classes requested.



The South Carolina Fire Academy is comprised of the following areas of operations and support:

### Regional Training

#### Program Administrator:

**Lenny Busby**

Regional training is key to the delivery of Academy courses to fire service customers. A majority of courses are conducted in the regions at local fire departments. Five regional offices are located throughout the state, and staff works continuously to promote and provide training programs and services to fire service customers. In FY 2018, staff attended 756 fire department meetings. This is a 72 percent increase from last fiscal year.

Number/Types of Employees	
FT/PT staff	Instructors
9 Full Time 4 Part Time	154 Part Time

Additionally, these offices:

- Trained 18,911 successful students in 1,767 provided programs. This is a 28 percent increase in the number of students and 27 percent increase in the programs from last fiscal year.
- Reduce the number of canceled programs through marketing, communication, and the addition of in-house instructors to meet fire customer needs.

Regional Training Courses						
Courses	Region 1 Greenville	Region 2 York	Region 4 Florence	Region 5 Charleston	Region 6 Midlands	Totals
Catalog	185	134	75	13	57	464
Request	124	65	180	130	38	537
In House	100	60	177	274	35	646
CTC	53	42	11	0	14	120
<b>Total</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>1,767</b>

- Provided an average of 82 retests (per month).
- Continued to work in support of online, alternative delivery programs and high school programs to increase student occupancy and customer support.
- Trained 447 high school students at 28 schools to increase student occupancy and attract new fire service members.

## Resident Training

### Program Supervisor:

**Lenny Busby**

Resident training is responsible for training activity on the Academy's main campus, and industrial marketing, industrial programs, technical level hazardous material, rescue programs and aircraft rescue firefighting (ARFF) courses. Resident staff provided 508 programs for 8,106 students. Since last fiscal year, this is a 12 percent increase in the number of programs and 17 percent increase in students.

Number/Types of Employees	
Full-Time	Part-Time
6	2

Specifically, in FY 2018, the Academy:

- Continued support of the State Industry Emergency Brigade Working Group.
- Continued training with large industrial customers.
- Continued securing contracts with new industrial customers (Swiss Krono, Barnwell, and International Paper, Georgetown).
- Conducted two out-of-state, weeklong training courses (Ohio for PotashCorp (Industrial) and in Maryland (HazMat Training)).
- Purchased six new sets of firefighting protective clothing for student use.
- Secured \$20,662 HMEP grant for HazMat and Rescue courses.
- Partnered with ALERRT (Active Shooter Program). Trained three State Fire instructors to teach the program in the Southeast.
- Assisted the S.C. Firefighters' Association with the S.C. Annual Fire-Rescue Conference, held in Columbia, by providing audio Visual equipment, setting up of training programs, and hosting two H.O.T classes on the State Fire training grounds.
- Hosted the Boy Scouts Camporee for more than 400 Boy Scouts.
- Hosted the Emergency Response Competition for one of the world's largest fertilizer companies (PotashCorp).
- Supported field programs delivering support trailers and equipment 282 times across the state totaling 53,842 truck miles.

## Curriculum

### Section Chief:

**Bonita Watters**

Curriculum encompasses Development and Production. The section develops accredited and non-accredited curriculum to include; all instructor and student materials, audio-visual materials, and online training required for statewide delivery. In addition, the section provides technical support to students, instructors, on-site classrooms and auditorium, as well as, all in-house print materials and acquires and distributes purchased text.

In FY 2018, this section:

- Revised, piloted, updated current instructors, and released the following classes: 1136 FLAG, 1139 Firefighter Survival/RtR, 1140 Rescuing Our Own, 1161 Support Ground Operations (replaced 1160 Truck Company Operations), and 3203 Basic Fire Investigation (replaced 3213 Fire Investigation).
- Revised and began pilots for the following courses, which will be finalized and released next year: 2103 Fire Officer III, 2727/1427 Hazardous Materials Awareness (face-to-face and online) and 2728/1429 Hazardous Materials Operations (these courses were updated to the new NFPA 1072 standard as required for maintaining accreditation).
- Completed a special project to revise current Fire Officer courses based on feedback from students.
- Began completing Lesson Plans and PowerPoints for Instructor Orientation Workshops (IOWS). IOW Lesson Plans were created for 1139, 1140 and 1161. Assisted OSFM with Lesson Plans for NFIRS.
- Assisted in the successful promotion and delivery of five (2-day) NFA Direct Delivery Courses, two (6-day) NFA Direct Delivery courses, and one (10-day) NFA course.

## Online Training

Online training is a popular, self-paced, and convenient option for Academy students. Several courses were created specifically for the South Carolina fire service. There are currently six defined online categories including 10 (free) open enrollment courses (no registration), which include a newly released "Functional Fitness for Public Safety" course. The online course website is <http://scfaonlinetraining.org>.

Staff provided more than 8,400 students (chart below) with open, hybrid, or blended-learning training using the online format. This is an 11 percent increase in students from last fiscal year.

Month/Year	Open	Hybrid	Total
July 2017	347	55	402
August 2017	301	235	536
September 2017	315	387	702
October 2017	319	423	742
November 2017	334	448	782
December 2017	231	438	669
January 2018	520	395	915
February 2018	325	448	773
March 2018	347	475	822
April 2018	264	493	757
May 2018	512	453	965
June 2018	336	18	354
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4,151</b>	<b>4,268</b>	<b>8,419</b>
<i>Hazmat Awareness, Hybrid courses are reflected in training courses and student numbers</i>			

Resident Training Courses					Resident Training Students			
Courses	Municipal	Grant	Industry	TOTAL	Municipal	Grant	Industry	TOTAL
Catalog	209	3	0	<b>212</b>	3,301	33	0	<b>3,334</b>
Industry	0	1	89	<b>90</b>	0	0	1,103	<b>1,103</b>
Request	159	0	0	<b>159</b>	2,956	0	0	<b>2,956</b>
In-House	47	0	0	<b>47</b>	713	0	0	<b>713</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>6,970</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1,103</b>	<b>8,106</b>

## Accreditation, Testing, and Certification

### Section Chief:

**Doug Spinks**

Accreditation and Testing is responsible for managing the Fire Academy's IFSAC (International Fire Service and Accreditation Congress) and Pro Board (National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications) Certification and Accreditation programs for the 20 areas of curriculum offered for national certification. In FY 2018, there was a 62 percent pass rate on IFSAC exams. This section also manages the Equivalency and Reciprocity Review Program.

This Section also:

- Issued 2,569 IFSAC seals (11 percent decrease from previous fiscal year).
- Issued 289 Pro Board certificates (16 percent decrease).
- Awarded 182 students with 674 levels of reciprocity and 722 students with 1,892 levels of equivalency. In comparison, last fiscal year the Academy awarded 108 students with 520 levels of reciprocity and 512 students with 1,226 levels of equivalencies.
- Added Basic Fire Investigator I and Fire Officer III to levels of accreditation for IFSAC and Pro Board.
- Managed the FEMA National Fire Academy State Training Grant, which provided \$20,000 to facilitate 24 NFA Officer and Community Risk Reduction course offerings. (Re-applied for FY 2018-2019, and approval is pending.)
- Acquired new scanners to increase scanning/grading capability within the regions.

## Emergency Medical Services Training (EMS)

### Section Chief:

**Tim Wojcik**

In FY 2018, the EMS Training Section filled the full-time program coordinator vacancy and continued to function under the Fire Academy. In FY 2018, the pilot Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B) program began, hosted by the Hartsville Fire Department. An “ACI” model of instruction was also approved, which will allow many more EMT courses to be held in FY 2019.

The EMS Section continues to coordinate CPR and First Aid classes for the Academy recruit program. In FY 2018, 206 students were trained in CPR, First Aid, or Blood Borne Pathogens, representing a 21 percent increase from the previous year. The section also is involved in multiple EMS-related committees. The EMS Programs Working Group continues to advise and support the development of EMS training programs. It has representation from the S.C. Firefighters’ Association, EMS Association, EMS Educators Association, Private Ambulance Providers Association, and the Carolinas Hospital System.

Number/Types of Employees	
Full Time	Part Time
2	13

As mentioned earlier, in the fall of 2017, the Emergency Management (EM) Section was formally created and coupled with the EMS Section. This Section is charged with serving as the liaison between LLR/State Fire and the South Carolina Emergency Management Division. The EM Section coordinates State Emergency Operations Center functions for LLR/State Fire, which includes the training and coordination of 30 employees to serve in times of disaster.

In FY 2018, the EM Section attended 51 meetings, and participated in four disaster seminars and two exercises. The EM Section responded to Tropical Storm Irma (September 11, 2017). While South Carolina avoided Irma’s eye, the storm caused severe flooding and tropical storm-force winds that left hundreds of thousands without power. Edisto Beach and seven barrier islands were also under an evacuation order. Additionally, staff assisted after a Feb. 4, 2018, passenger train derailment in Lexington County, which killed two and injured more than 100 passengers. There were also several lower impact events including the August 21, 2017, total solar eclipse.

## Administration

### Program Supervisor:

**Sherri Bush**

Administration performs Resident and Regional registrations, course confirmations, resident course billing, dorm and meal coordination, transcript updates, and issues a certificate for each student completing a Fire Academy course (except IFSAC / Pro Board certifications). It also provides database updates and maintenance in conjunction with DOTS.

In FY 2018, this section:

- Processed 1,428 course packages for classes and testing.
- Registered, created, and mailed 15,307 certificates (successfully completed students).
- Maintained a schedule of resident activity, including 6,954 municipal students and 1,080 industrial students.
- Provided site reservation and support for meetings and seminars for non-fire site use.

The chart below reflects the FY 2018 Administration Activity Report:

MONTH	PACKAGES	STUDENTS	CERTIFICATES	LETTERS	NO SHOWS	TRANSCRIPTS
July	105	1,267	1,185	234	15	9
August	108	1,333	1,177	276	18	2
September	80	1,008	854	271	29	5
October	150	2,054	1,888	315	39	18
November	134	1,742	1,617	342	36	5
December	78	1,052	912	172	18	5
January	57	685	115	127	6	3
February	108	1,350	1,271	275	12	8
March	176	2,337	2,160	493	45	16
April	116	2,165	1,326	307	16	8
May	138	1,880	1,305	264	19	5
June	178	1,626	1,497	334	30	9
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,428</b>	<b>17,812</b>	<b>15,307</b>	<b>3,410</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>93</b>

## Facilities Maintenance

### Section Chief:

**Lenny Busby, Acting**

The facilities maintenance team provides maintenance and janitorial services for the 208-acre site. This includes buildings, systems, props, support equipment, trailers and vehicles. The online Fire Academy Maintenance Request System was revised and put in service in May 2018 to provide better accountability and cost tracking. More than 50 maintenance requests have been submitted using the new system.

Number/Types of Employees	
Full-Time	Part-Time
5	1

In FY 2018, this section:

- Improved visual appearance of the campus by adding sod, replacing bed coverings, and removing dead shrubbery and trees.
- Installed new campus building identification signs.
- Assisted Administration with purging files in compliance with state retention policy.
- Painted the interior of the Fire Administration office building.
- Updated AV equipment in the Denny Auditorium, which included renovation of the stage for a more modern appearance.
- Replaced HVAC units in Denny Auditorium, Administration building, classroom 101 and the cafeteria.
- Completely renovated the Print Shop to accommodate new printers.
- Completed fire sprinkler and water back flow tests (no issues reported).
- Completed quarterly air tests on SCBA filling compressors (no issues reported).
- Completed the sewer line CIP project. Replaced four air relief vents, and the line is in working order.
- Supported ongoing general daily maintenance duties to maintain the buildings and grounds, with an emphasis on customer and employee safety.
- Supported ongoing CIP projects for the fire station, dormitory and fire training tower.

## Training Props

The following training props/areas (organized by the year of construction) are utilized at the Academy.

Type of Prop/ Building Number	Year Constructed	Size/ Type
Flammable Liquids Area includes vertical tank and large pit props	1995	Training Area
ARFF (Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting) Area - Simulated Aircraft Fire Trainer (SAFT) interior simulator and a Fuel Spill Burn Trainer (FSBT)	1995	Training Area
Training Drill Tower (Building 12)	1995	10,476 square feet, 5-story drill tower
LP Burn Building (Building 13)	1995	4,160 square feet, two-story
Class "A" (concrete) Burn Building (Building 14)	1995	1,995 square feet, two-story
Hazardous Materials Training Area	1995	Training area
Fire Extinguisher Training Area	1995	Training area
LP Gas Training Area	1995	Training area
Pumper Testing Pit	1995	Pit
Rescue Training Area	1995	Training Area
Flammable Liquids Area - cracking tower and real car props	1996	Training Area
Confined Space	2003	Training prop
Rail Car Hazmat	2004	Training prop
Large Area Search Building (Building 19)	2005	4,723 square feet
ARFF Piercing Prop	2006	Training Prop
Class "A" (Metal) Burn Building (Building 23)	2008	2,392 square feet large area, two-story
Fire Investigation Training Containers	2010	Land/Sea-type shipping containers
Residential Search House	2013	Wood-frame building

## Cafeteria, Dormitory, and Retail Store

### Hospitality Manager:

**Stanley Williams**

Feeding and lodging is part of the package the Academy provides to on-site customers. The cafeteria staff furnishes meals and dormitory rooms to support site operations and operates the Academy’s retail store.

The SCFA dormitory rooms are semi-private with two students assigned to each room. Each room has bathroom facilities, a television, and alarm clock radios. Single-occupancy rooms may be offered on a space available basis for an additional fee. A weight room, laundry room, and break room is available for students. Staff also assisted with booth/store management during the annual S.C. Firefighters’ convention in Columbia.

In FY 2018, this Section:

### Cafeteria:

- Created a continuous six-week cycle menu.
- Offered new products to customers resulting in \$43,454 in revenue sales.
- Served 17,994 meals to students, staff, and walk-in customers and inmates.
- Continue to market new products to meet customer demands.
- Provided catering service to support meeting for customers using our facilities.

### Dormitory

- Provided 4,281 dormitory rooms for 5,573 students.
- Washed 9,160 pieces of dormitory linen from student stay overs and check outs.

## SC Emergency Response Task Force: Firefighter Mobilization and Urban Search and Rescue

### Assistant State Fire Marshal:

**Ken Kerber**

The SC Emergency Response Task Force (ERTF) continues to provide initial and long-term responses to natural and man-made disasters. The program’s primary focus is to provide immediate resources to local and regional fire service agencies. ERTF continues into its 10th year of partnering with the S.C. National Guard to offer a statewide helicopter rescue program (SC-HART).

### Hurricane Harvey: August-September 2017

On August 27, 2017, due to the severe flooding, SC-HART was called to respond to the State of Texas to assist in search and rescue efforts. This was the first out-of-state HART deployment. With the [support of Governor Henry McMaster](#)’s office, two UH-60 Black Hawk Army helicopters were deployed, along with rescue swimmers from State Fire’s Emergency Task Force. Both available teams were deployed along with a ground team, which totaled eight soldiers and nine rescue swimmers. Operations were carried out in Beaumont, Port Arthur, Liberty, West Houston,

Number and Types of Employees	
Full-Time	Part-Time
3	2

and surrounding areas. As a result, SC-HART tracked 47 missions, including an elderly victim who was not mobile, cut off with no road access, and needed to get to a higher level of care as well as an eight-member family in need of medical attention.

In an Aug. 29, 2017, South Carolina Radio Network story, Gov. Henry McMaster said: “The magnitude of flooding and damage that Hurricane Harvey has brought to Texas is truly heartbreaking, but the heroic action and sacrifice by thousands of volunteers and first responders give inspiration to the nation.” The team, pictured here, returned September 4 to prepare for Hurricane Irma, predicted to hit the Carolinas later that week.



In May 2018, the HART crew again traveled to Texas and attended a Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX) in Austin with many of the same agencies that participated in the missions during Hurricane Harvey. The exercise was to re-play and practice missions from Harvey using lessons learned during the actual event.

### Operational Readiness Exercise

In April 2018, to test and evaluate the readiness and performance of the South Carolina Urban Search and Rescue Task Force, the SC-TF1 performed an Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) – the first in three years. A convoy made up of more than 90 percent of USAR equipment was moved from the South Carolina Fire Academy to Mullins/Marion. A complete self-sustaining Base of Operations was set up in a large pasture in the middle of Diamond E Farm.

Multiple scripted emergency response events were performed during a three-day period. These included a collapsed building with entrapped victims in Marion, swift water search and rescue scenarios in the Florence area, rope rescue scenarios in the Horry County area, and wide-area search missions in the Mullins area. More than 60 Task Force members participated, along with members of local fire departments.

### Firefighter Mobilization

Per S.C. Code of Laws (23-49-10), this statewide mutual aid assistance agreement can be utilized by the state’s 46 counties. The system allows for firefighting and rescue resources to be effectively and efficiently moved throughout the state to assist during local, regional, and statewide disasters or emergencies.



There was one major mobilization in June 2018. Fountain Inn Fire Department submitted a request for additional firefighters who were needed for a well-involved commercial structure fire. At the time, they had 50 firefighters on scene during an “all hands working” incident. Firefighter Mobilization sent 24 firefighters from eight departments in four counties. Units were en route in less than 43 minutes from the request. An additional 14 firefighters from Laurens County were placed on "standby."



There were also a number of potential and stand-by mobilization efforts, including a large scrap yard fire in Orangeburg County.

### Continued Partnerships

In FY 2018, partnerships continued and evolved to further strengthen the ERTF. These include:

- **State Guard Battalion One** and ERTF are working toward integrating its personnel into the Task Force. ERTF seeks to build greater cooperation with the State’s five regional Collapse Search and Rescue Teams through joint training, joint exercises, and coordination/sharing of personnel and equipment.
- The **Republic of Columbia Army** twice visited the Fire Academy during quarterly HART training. The SC National Guard Army Aviation, SC- HART, and the Republic of Columbia continue to build a partnership to learn and share rescue techniques.

### Training and Event Participation

The Task Force continued to train in each quarter of FY 2018. To focus on rescue and team basics, Task Force leaders continued a “Core Competency” initiative. More than 17,250 man-hours were spent on this initiative during FY 2018. These hours were accrued during seven incidents, 13 different exercises, and 16 training events.

One such training event, known as the Patriot South 18, occurred in Mississippi. This three-day event involved nearly 2,000 military and civilian personnel from federal, state, and local entities. Sponsored by the National Guard Bureau and accredited by the Joint National Training Capability, each training activity was carefully planned to mimic an actual emergency event that had occurred during the past year. As a result, multiple agencies learned how to work with each other and how to best respond to events. Specifically, using a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter, SC-HART members simulated rescuing survivors from rooftops.

### Inventory

The Task Force began a comprehensive inventory process, which will take nine months to complete. All equipment is being entered into the SLED-provided D4H software program. From a budgeting perspective, this detailed program will serve as an excellent tool to assist with maintenance, accountability, and future purchases.

### Staffing

Chad Beam was hired to serve as Program Coordinator. The team also includes two part-time logistics/administrative coordinators. Additionally, six temporary employees were hired and tasked with completing the inventory project.