

Annual Report 2005-2006



The Honorable Mark Sanford, Governor
Adrienne R. Youmans, Director

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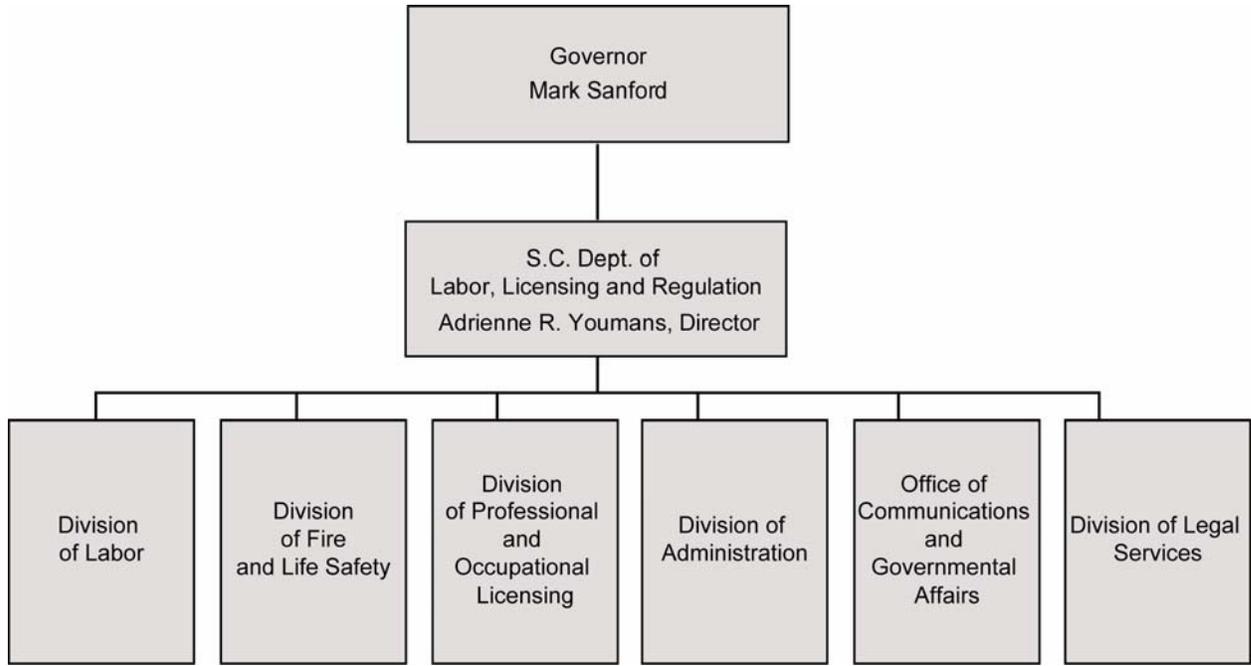
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Introduction

On Feb. 1, 1994, the South Carolina Legislature created the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) with Act 181 by combining 40 separate state agencies, including the Department of Labor, the State Fire Academy, the Office of the State Fire Marshal and 37 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.



Currently, LLR administers more than 70 programs, from OSHA enforcement to professional and occupational licensing to educating the fire service.

LLR Locations

LLR's Director, Office of Communications & Governmental Affairs, Administration, Labor, Legal Services and Professional and Occupational Licensing (POL) are located within the Kingtree Building at 110 Centerview Drive in Columbia.

Fire and Life Safety is located at the S.C. Fire Academy on Monticello Trail in Columbia.

Agency Overview

Mission

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

Our mission goes hand-in-hand with the Governor's effort to raise personal incomes of South Carolinians by creating a better environment for economic growth, delivering government services more openly and efficiently, improving quality of life, and improving our state's education. LLR accomplishes its mission by:

- Promoting an environment of growth and innovation which allows regulated businesses and professionals to operate successfully and free of overly restrictive and unwarranted regulation.
- Providing cost efficient administration and periodic review of licensing and certification programs to assure the appropriate protection of the public.
- Conducting required inspections, complaint investigations, and enforcement activities in a manner that is fair, accountable and cost effective.
- Providing businesses and industry, the fire service, our licensees and the public relevant training and education programs.

Office of the Director

The Office of the Director is comprised of the Director and the Office of Communications & Governmental Affairs. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoints the Director.

[Governor Mark Sanford](#) appointed Adrienne Riggins Youmans as LLR Director in January 2003. The S.C. State Senate confirmed her Feb. 20, 2003.

Office of Communications & Governmental Affairs

Director Jim Knight

The Office of Communications & Governmental Affairs promotes and explains to the public the agency's goals, activities and services using a variety of media. Staff is responsible for the design, writing and publishing of all agency publications, including newsletters, brochures, booklets and posters. The office manages the agency's Web site, which provides the public access to the agency and its programs 24/7.

Staff members serve as agency spokespersons to the media for all programs. The office manages requests from the public for information under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act to assure compliance with the law. Staff members work with chambers of commerce, trade associations, etc. to promote understanding and cooperation in carrying out the agency's mission.

The office is responsible for handling ombudsman duties for the agency, working as a liaison between the Governor's Office, legislative officials, state agencies and the general public to resolve constituent complaints.

The office also is responsible for coordinating, monitoring and reviewing proposed legislation, amendments, regulations and approved bills that affect boards, commissions and divisions under LLR. This includes legislation initiated by LLR and all relative legislation drafted by parties' external to the department.

FY2005 – 2006 Statistical Information

Web site

- Hits on Agency Web site 28 million

Communications & Governmental Affairs Legislation

The 2006 meeting of the S.C. General Assembly was the second half of a two-year legislative session. LLR-related legislation that was enacted during the 2006 session is listed below by effective date.

Total Bills Monitored – 308

PRACTICE ACTS PASSED (5)

Act Number	Board/ Commission	Subject	Effective Date
<u>244</u>	Physician Assistant	Practice Act	March 15, 2006
<u>294</u>	Veterinary	Practice Act	May 31, 2006
<u>385</u>	Medical Examiners	Practice Act	June 9, 2006
<u>392</u>	Dietetics	Practice Act	July 1, 2006*
<u>257</u>	Real Estate Appraisers	Practice Act	January 1, 2008

*Dietetics Practice Act section 40-20-130 effective July 1, 2009

BILLS PASSED (9) OFFERING STATUTORY CHANGES

Act Number	Board/ Commission	Subject	Effective Date
<u>237</u>	Pilotage	Jurisdiction of Commission	March 17, 2006

<u>292</u>	Contractors	Burglar Alarm	May 31, 2006
<u>310</u>	Real Estate	Vacation Time Sharing	June 1, 2006
<u>321</u>	Medical Examiners	Anesthesiologist's Assistance	June 2, 2006
		Definition changes	
<u>371</u>	Contractors	Right to Cure	June 9, 2006
<u>349</u>	Cosmetology	Continuing Education	June 9, 2006
<u>341</u>	Fire Marshal	Class D Fire Equipment	June 10, 2006
<u>352</u>	Real Estate	Grounds for denial of licensure	June 12, 2006
<u>378</u>	Dentistry	Mobile dental van	June 14, 2006

BILLS PASSED (5) IMPACTING PROFESSIONS

Act Number	Board/ Commission	Subject	Effective Date
<u>263</u>	Real Estate	Real estate licensee/ improvement/ Liens	May 2, 2006
<u>375</u>	Design Professionals	State procurement process	June 14, 2006
<u>396</u>	Pharmacy	Prescription Monitoring Act	June 14, 2006
<u>275</u>	Pharmacy	Pseudoephedrine	November 4, 2006
<u>377</u>	Pharmacy	Prescription Drug Discount Card Registration Act	January 1, 2007

REGULATIONS PASSED (9)

Regulation	Board/ Commission	Subject	Effective Date
<u>2973</u>	Nursing	Repeal of duplicative	April 28, 2006
<u>2976</u>	OSHA Review Board	Parties and Intervenors	May 26, 2006
<u>2982</u>	Child Labor	Guidelines	May 26, 2006
<u>3012</u>	Professional Counselors	Ethics, supervising, etc	May 26, 2006
<u>3030</u>	Nursing	Unrestricted practice	May 26, 2006
<u>3035</u>	Nursing	Licensure Compact	May 26, 2006
<u>3065</u>	OSHA	Standards	May 26, 2006
<u>3031</u>	Dentistry	Fees/ Out of state	June 23, 2006
<u>3045</u>	Boiler Safety Program	Boiler Safety	June 23, 2006

EMERGENCY REGULATION

Regulation	Board/ Commission	Subject	Effective Date
<u>3058</u>	Nursing	Licensure Compact	January 31, 2006

Notices Published in State Register

Type	Board/ Commission	Subject	Published Date(s)
Public Interest	Building Codes Council	National Electrical Code 2005 Edition	August 26, 2005
Public Interest	Building Codes Council	National Electrical Code 2005 Edition	September 23, 2005
Pubic Interest	Medical Examiners	Micropigmentation	October 28, 2005
Public Interest	Fire Marshal	NFPA 54, 101,495,1126	January 27, 2006

Administrative Services

Division of Administration
110 Centerview Drive
Kingstree Building
Columbia, S.C. 29210
(803) 896-4300

Administrative Management Team

**Barbara Derrick, Parker Boulware, Lynn Rivers,
Jerry Brown**

Administrative Services 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. Administrative Services is directed by a management team and consists of four offices:

- Budget Office: responsible for coordinating the agency's budget and federal grants, the agency's strategic planning initiatives, and providing mail room services.
- Finance Office: responsible for directing fiscal functions of the agency and providing services and expertise in areas of procurement, property and vehicle management, and records management.
- Human Resources Office: responsible for providing services in the areas of consulting, policy development, employee relations, training, compensation, recruitment and employee benefits.
- Information Technology Office: provides expertise in development, implementation and maintenance of computer-based information systems and coordinates all information technology activities for the agency.

FY2005 – 2006 Statistical Information

- FY 2005: Est. Renewals July 05 - June 06 = 106,302
- Online Renewals for same period = 87,012
- FY 2006: Est. Renewals July 05 - June 06 = 186,096
- Online Renewals for same period = 77,580

Division of Legal Services

110 Centerview Drive
P.O. Box 11329
Columbia, S.C. 29211-1329
896-4485

Program Description:

This Division was created in 2004 by combining the Office of General Counsel and the Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE). In 2004, OIE was formed, merging all investigators and support staff from the Division of Professional and Occupational Licensing boards.

The Division of Legal Services handled the following cases during FY 06:

Division of POL cases	737
Division of Labor cases	44
Division of Fire	0

Office of General Counsel (OGC)

Chief General Counsel

Lynne W. Rogers

The Office of General Counsel is charged with providing litigation and advice services to LLR programs.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE)

Assistant Deputy Director **Rion Alvey**

The Office of Investigations and Enforcement 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.

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

- Complaints Received: 3,611
- Investigations: 3,065

Specific information about complaints and investigations can be found in each Board report.

Division of Labor

110 Centerview Drive
PO Box 11329
Columbia, S.C. 29211-1329
737-9220

Program Description:

South Carolina and federal laws are the source of various rights employers and employees have in their employer/employee relationships. LLR's Division of Labor is one of several state and federal agencies that administers the laws. Occupational Safety and Health, payment of wages, child labor, migrant labor and mediation of disputes between unions and businesses fall under this division, as well as elevators and amusement rides.

Office of Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA)

Administrator **Dottie Ison**

Program: **Compliance**

Program Description:

The purpose of the state Occupational Safety and Health Act is to ensure working men and women a safe and healthful working environment. To see that the objectives are met, the compliance field staff conducts inspections, which are reviewed by supervisors, to ensure compliance with safety standards and initiate enforcement procedures in cases of noncompliance.

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

OSHA Inspections	1,430	
Safety	1,267	
Percent of safety inspections	88.6%	
Safety inspections per inspector	115	
Health	163	
Percent of health inspections	11.4%	
Health inspections per inspector	33	
Inspections resulting in findings of in-compliance	317	
Number of Violations		3,302
Serious	76.2%	2,515
Other than serious	23.3%	769

Repeat	0.5%	15
Willful	0.1%	3

Number of Inspections by types

Planned	69.7%	997
Complaints	11.7%	168
Accidents and Fatality	5.2%	74
Referrals	2.6%	37
Follow-up	1.9%	27
Program-related	4.7%	67
Unprogram-related	4.1%	59
Monitoring	0.1%	1

Program: Integrated Management Information System

Administrator Dottie Ison

Program Description:

This section has the responsibility to compile, analyze and prepare accurate data concerning safety and health inspections and activities that will assist in the management of the state Office of Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) program. Data collected is used to plan, direct and evaluate the OSH program and to provide objective information on which to base policy decisions. This section submits state inspection data to the federal OSHA Office for monitoring and evaluation of OSHA programs nationwide.

Program: Standards

Administrator Dottie Ison

On May 4, 2006 the S.C. Office of Occupational Safety and Health promulgated the following revisions to existing South Carolina Regulations:

Subarticle 6 (General Industry and Shipyard Employment):

1910.6, 1910.106, 1910.142, 1910.243, 1910.254, 1910.265, 1910.1000, 1910.1026, 1915.5, 1915.8, 1915.52, 1915.501-508, 1915.1000, 1915.1026

Subarticle 7 (Construction and Agricultural Operations)

1926.55, 1926.754, 1926.1001, 1926.1002, 1926.1003, 1926.1126, 1928.52, 1928.53, and Appendix B to Subpart R

Requests for Information	Number of Calls/Responses
Standards Information	1,297
Technical Information/Advice	103
Standards Interpretation	140
General Information	317
Referrals	186
Letters	171
<u>E-mails</u>	<u>417</u>
TOTAL	2,631

Office of Occupational Safety and Health (OSH)

Program: OSHA Statistics

Administrator Dottie Ison

Program Description:

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 by North American Industry Classification System [Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses](#) (NAICS) and the [Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries \(CFOI\) Program](#).

A relatively small percentage of the total private sector employers are required to report on the BLS survey. Data collected in this 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 this survey is used to provide a management tool for safety engineers and persons interested in measurements of work injuries and illnesses.

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Private Sector Statistics

Number of employees in S.C. private sector work force	1,500,085
Number of employees in S.C. public sector workforce	290,187
Number of businesses sampled – Private and Public	3,123
Number of reported private sector injuries/illnesses	50,700
Injury and Illness rate per 100 employees – Private sector	4.1
Number of reported public sector injuries/illnesses	13,800
Injury and Illness rate per 100 employees – Public sector	5.8
Number of fatal occupational injuries	133
- Private sector	121
- Public sector	12

South Carolina Occupational Health and Safety Review Board

110 Centerview Drive
Kingstree Building
Columbia, S.C. 29211-1329
896-4370

Administrator **Joan Wilkie**

Program Description:

Per South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976 (as amended), [41-15-600 through 41-15-640](#), the [South Carolina Occupational Health and Safety Review Board](#) is responsible for hearing and deciding contested cases resulting from citations and penalties and determining time periods for abatement of citations issued by the LLR Director. The Board consists of six members, one from each congressional district.

Board members	Congressional District	Number of Assigned Cases
James E. Sanderson, Jr.	1	9
Wilbur Lee Jeffcoat	2	8
James G. Padgett, III	3	8
Judy R. Brigman	4	8
Elaine L. Craft	5	9
Vacant	6	0
TOTAL CASES		42

Office of OSHA Voluntary Programs (OVP)

Program: OSHA Voluntary Programs

Administrator Robert Laney

Program Description:

The Office of OSHA Voluntary Programs (OVP) 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. 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 recognizes manufacturing facilities with exemplary safety and health records and reduced injury and illness rates.

Statistical Information FY 2005- 2006

	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY06
Amount saved in OSHA fines by Businesses achieving compliance	6.7M	5.0M	4.0M	3.0M	3.1M	2.6M
Approved Palmetto Star sites	36	37	42	44	47	55

Program: Education and Training

Administrator Robert Laney

Program Description:

Training classes are provided for employees and employers covering key safety issues facing workplaces today, such as OSHA's Rights and Responsibilities, Lockout/Tagout, and violence in the workplace. This service within OSHA Voluntary Programs 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) or as a result of participating in one of the regional training programs coordinated by the training staff. In FY06, in excess of 500 training programs were delivered to employees throughout the state, resulting in more than 16,000 employees trained on various OSHA regulations and other safety and health issues.

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Number of training programs:	591
Number of contact hours:	21,111
Number of trainees:	16,276

General industry, health, and construction areas are covered in the training curriculum. Examples of training programs offered include:

- OSHA Inspection Process
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Lockout/Tagout (LOTO)
- Trenching/Excavation
- Hazard Communication
- S.C. SMART- Safety Management
- Accident Reduction Training
- Fall Protection (Construction)
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Violence in the Workplace
- Scaffolding (Construction)

- Permit Required Confined Spaces
- Industrial Trucks (Forklifts)
- OSHA Record keeping
- OSHA 10 hour General Industry & Construction Classes
- Electrical Safety

View a complete list of free workplace safety and health training programs at the [LLR Web site](#).

Program: Consultation Services

Administrator Robert Laney

Program Description:

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 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 imminent dangers and other serious job safety and health hazards in a timely manner.

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Number of Consultation requests	697
Number of Employees helped	7,958
Number of Workplaces visited	671
Number of Workplaces achieving compliance	671
Number of Workplaces referred to compliance	0
Types of consulting services rendered	671
- Courtesy inspections	636
- Technical assistance	11
- Follow-up visits	24
Number of Hazards identified	7,663
Number of Hazards corrected	7,663

Office of OSHA Voluntary Programs

Program: Palmetto Star

Administrator Robert Laney

Program Description:

The Palmetto Star Program recognizes qualified employers who exceed the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 in providing their 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. But they are expected to effectively protect their workers from workplace hazards through their 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 SuperStar sites are determined on a calendar year basis. These sites receive a one-year extension for continuing to meet program requirements

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Number of approved palmetto star sites	55
Number of approved superstar sites	9
Number of initial evaluations conducted	5
Number of initial approvals for fy05-06	6
Number of three-year re-evaluations conducted	12

** A special one (1) year re-evaluation was also conducted during FY 05-06.

Office of OSHA Voluntary Programs: Palmetto Star Sites

Palmetto Star Sites	Location	Approval Date
Milliken and Company	Gilliand Plant, Laurens, S.C.	05/31/94
Milliken and Company	Dewey Plant, Inman, S.C.	07/29/94
United Defense	Aiken, S.C.	09/30/94
Milliken and Company	New Prospect, Campobello, S.C.	01/31/95
Milliken and Company	Barnwell Plant, Barnwell, S.C.	03/31/95
Milliken and Company	Cushman Plant, Williamston, S.C.	05/31/95
Milliken and Company	Judson Plant, Greenville, S.C.	07/31/95
Milliken and Company	Gaffney Plant, Gaffney, S.C.	10/05/95
Milliken and Company	Gerrish Plant, Pendleton, S.C.	11/30/95
Milliken and Company	Monarch Plant, Union, S.C.	01/25/96
Milliken and Company	Auto Lamination, Spartanburg, S.C.	02/28/96
Milliken and Company	Saluda Plant, Saluda, S.C.	04/30/96
Milliken and Company	Gayley Plant, Marietta, S.C.	08/30/96
Georgia Pacific	Prosperity Plant, Prosperity, S.C.	09/10/96
Milliken and Company	Peerless Plant, Belton, S.C.	10/25/96
Milliken and Company	Gillespie Plant, Union, S.C.	12/05/96
Milliken and Company	Kingstree Plant, Kingstree, S.C.	01/27/97
Milliken and Company	Cedar Hill Plant, Jonesville, S.C.	02/10/97
Milliken and Company	Abbeville Plant, Abbeville, S.C.	06/12/97
Milliken and Company	Cypress Plant, Blacksburg, S.C.	07/07/97
Tenneco Automotive	Monroe Anderson, Anderson, S.C.	07/07/97
Milliken and Company	Defore Plant, Clemson, S.C.	09/30/97
Milliken and Company	Excelsior/Union Plant, Union, S.C.	10/31/97
Milliken and Company	Sharon Plant, Abbeville, S.C.	02/26/98
Milliken and Company	Johnston Plant, Johnston, S.C.	04/10/98
Jacobs Applied Technology	Orangeburg, S.C.	04/10/98
Milliken and Company	McCormick Plant, McCormick, S.C.	04/30/98
Black and Veatch	Cogen South North Charleston, S.C.	06/30/98
Allied Signal	Aerospace Plant, Greer, S.C.	07/15/98
Milliken and Company	Pendleton Plant, Pendleton, S.C.	09/30/98
Milliken and Company	Honea Path Plant, Honea Path, S.C.	02/26/99
Milliken and Company	Magnolia Plant, Blacksburg, S.C.	03/10/99
International Paper	Log/Fiber, Georgetown, S.C.	03/12/99
Milliken and Company	Packaging Plant, White Stone, S.C.	02/23/00
Roger Milliken	Research and Customer Center Spartanburg, S.C.	05/31/00
Solutia, Inc.	Greenwood, S.C.	07/31/00
Tyco Healthcare-Kendall/	Camden, S.C.	02/08/01
	Wateree	
Westvaco Forest Res. Div.	Summerville, S.C.	09/11/01
GE Medical Systems	Florence, S.C.	02/22/01
Milliken and Company	Enterprise Plant, Marietta, S.C.	11/15/01

Bridgestone/Firestone Milliken and Company	Graniteville, S.C. Sycamore Transportation/Distribution Center Clinton, S.C.	01/08/02 01/08/02
FC Finishing	Union, S.C.	06/07/02
Jacobs Applied Technology Inc.	Goose Creek, S.C.	06/04/03
Georgia Pacific	Holly Hill, S.C.	07/25/03
International Paper	Prosperity, S.C.	12/29/03
Milliken and Company	Hillcrest Plant, Simpsonville, S.C.	05/08/04
Firestone Bldg Products	Kingstree, S.C.	07/22/05
Nibco	Demark, S.C.	07/25/05
Computer Dynamics	Greenville, S.C.	10/14/05
Georgia-Pacific Sawmill	Prosperity, S.C.	10/24/05
Delavan	Bamberg, S.C.	12/01/05
Anmed	Anderson, S.C.	12/19/05

Palmetto SuperStar Sites

- Milliken and Company, Kingstree Plant
- Milliken and Company, Dewey Plant
- Milliken and Company, Cypress Plant
- Milliken and Company, Abbeville Plant
- Milliken and Company, Gililand Plant
- Milliken and Company, Pendleton Plant
- Milliken and Company, Gayley Plant
- Milliken and Company, Monarch Plant
- Solutia, Inc., Greenwood, S.C.

Office of Elevators And Amusement Rides

Administrator Duane Scott

Program Description:

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, the licensing staff of 10 inspectors conducts inspections of new and existing elevator facilities, amusement rides and bungee jumps.

Program: Elevator Safety Inspections

Administrator Duane Scott

Program Description:

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.

Since registration of elevators and related equipment formally began in July 1986, a total of 8,475 elevators and related equipment have been registered. 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.

Fiscal Year 2005 - 2006 Statistical Information

Number of Inspections	6,772	5,954
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Inspections by State Inspectors	6,232	5,668
Inspections by licensed private inspectors	540	286

Office of Elevators and Amusement Rides

Program: Amusement Ride Safety Inspections

Administrator: Duane Scott

Program Description:

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 no more than once per year.

Fiscal Year 2005 - 2006 Statistical Information

Number of Inspections	608
Resulting from accidents	0
Resulting from complaints	0

Program: Bungee Jumping Inspections

Administrator: Duane Scott

Program Description:

The office began regulating the practice of bungee jumping in July 1994. In FY 2005-06, Myrtle Beach was the only site in the state with a bungee jumping device.

Office of Wages and Child Labor

Administrator: Mark Dorman

Program Description:

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 their 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 assess civil penalties for violations of the Act.

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

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Wage violations cited	2,144
Wage complaints investigated	575
Average number of violations per investigation	3.7
Number of warnings issued	348
Number of citations issued	304

Child labor violations cited	38
Child labor complaints investigated	15

Average number of violations per investigation	2.5
Number of warnings issued	1
Number of citations issued	12

Wages collected for employees	\$221,000
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Office of Labor- Management Mediation

Administrator **Jim Phillips**

Program Description:

Per South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976 (as amended) 41-17-10, the LLR director is responsible for assisting in the settlement of labor disputes (except railroads and express companies doing business by rail). The **Office of Labor-Management Mediation** investigates industrial disputes, strikes, lockouts and their causes, and tries to help the two sides reach an agreement. When requested by both sides, a mediator will act as an arbitrator or appoint other arbitrators. In general, the Office of Labor-Management Mediation tries to eliminate the causes of misunderstanding and differences between organized labor and management.

This office also administers the South Carolina Right-to-Work Law (**41-7-10 through 41-7-90**), which provides that the rights of workers shall not be denied or abridged based upon their affiliation or non-affiliation with a labor union.

Statistical Information for FY 2005 - 2006

Number of collective bargaining employees involved in negotiations	7225
Number of right-to-work cases	12
Number of collective bargaining agreements negotiated	61
Strikes reported	0
Work hours lost due to strikes	0
Workers involved in strikes	0

Division of Professional and Occupational Licensing (POL)

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Overview:

As an administrative unit within the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, the **Division of Professional and Occupational Licensing** provides services to 37 professional and occupational regulatory boards that are responsible for establishing minimum standards of competence and conduct for more than 270,689 licensees in South Carolina.

The 37 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 of the 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 that 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 association and other meetings.

Administrative areas	Number of Boards
Office of Business and Related Services Randall L. Bryant, Assistant Deputy Director	14
Office of Health and Medically Related Professions Ruby Brice McClain, Assistant Deputy Director	13
Office of Property, Environmental, Design and Construction Services Robert L. Selman, Assistant Deputy Director	10

Office of Health and Medically Related Professions (OHMRP)

Occupational and professional licensing boards in the Office of Health and Medically Related Professions include:

- Board of Chiropractic Examiners
- Board of Medical Examiners
- Board of Nursing
- Board of Occupational Therapy
- Board of Examiners in Opticianry
- Board of Examiners in Optometry
- Board of Physical Therapy Examiners
- Board of Podiatry Examiners
- Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors and Marital and Family Therapists
- Board of Examiners in Psychology
- Board of Social Work Examiners
- Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

- Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Program Description:

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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Telephone: (803) 896-4587
Fax: (803) 896-4719
Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Chiropractors/>
Administrator: Donald W. Hayden
haydend@llr.sc.gov
Assistant Deputy Director: Ruby Brice McClain
Board Established: 1932
S.C. Code of Laws: 40-9-10, et. seq.
Regulation: 25-10, et. seq.
Board Member Slots: 8
How appointed: Election by district; top two candidates submitted to Governor
Board Meetings: At least 3 times annually

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession: 50 States
Licensure Period: Biennial
7/1-6/30
Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted: Endorsement
Licensee Population Trend: Increasing
Type of Exam: National exam and state exam on S.C. rules and regulations

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees
Doctor of Chiropractic	1,395

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	32
Investigations:	22
Dispositions:	
Dismissed:	14
Consent Agreement:	2
Letter of Caution:	5
Final Order:	1

Board of Medical Examiners

Program Description:

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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Columbia, South Carolina 29211-1289

Telephone:

(803) 896-4500

Fax:

(803) 896-4515

Internet Web site:

<http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Medical/>

Administrator:

Bruce Duke

dukeb@llr.sc.gov

Assistant Deputy Director:

Ruby Brice McClain

Board Established:

1920

S.C. Code of Laws:

40-47-10 et. seq.

Regulation:

81-10 et. seq.

Board Member Slots:

12

How appointed:

8 elected members with advice and consent of Governor and Senate

4 Governor-appointed members with advice and consent of Senate

Board Meetings:

Quarterly

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	50 states, 11 jurisdictions
Physician	Biennial 7/1-6/30
Physician Assistant	Biennial 1/1-12/31
Respiratory Care Practitioner	Biennial 3/1-2/28
Anesthesiologist Assistant	Biennial 1/1-12/31
Endorsement Accepted:	No
Licensee Population Trend:	Increasing

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
Physician	18,291
Physician Assistant (Board administers jurisprudence)	15,189
Respiratory Care Practitioner	505
Acupuncturists	2439
Anesthesiologist Assistant	81
CIS	11
Polysomnography Technologists	0
	66

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	450
Investigations:	384
Dispositions:	

Dismissed (Licensee)	334
Consent Agreement	13
Final Order	13
Letter of Caution	17
Relinquishment	2
Suspension	3
Revocation	2

Board of Nursing

Program Description:

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

Mailing Address:	110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Bldg., Suite 202 P.O. Box 12367 Columbia, South Carolina 29211-2367
Telephone:	(803) 896-4550
Fax:	(803) 896-4525
Internet Web site:	http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Nursing/
Administrator:	Joan Bainer bainerj@llr.sc.gov Ruby Brice McClain
Assistant Deputy Director:	
Board Established:	1935
S.C. Code of Laws:	40-33-10, et. seq.
Regulation:	91-10, et. seq.
Board Member Slots:	10
How appointed:	By the Governor with advice and consent of the S.C. State Senate
Board Meetings:	Every 2 months

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	50 States 11 jurisdictions
Licensure Period:	Biennial 5/1-4/30
Endorsement Accepted:	Yes
Licensee Population Trend:	Increasing
Type of Exam:	National Exam privatized

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	53,240
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)	10,905
Registered Nurse (RN)	39,733
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)	2,602

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	464
Investigations:	436
Dispositions:	
Dismissed:	140
Consent Agreements:	192
Final Orders:	13
Letters of Caution:	35
Letters of Warning:	1
Relinquishment:	2

Voluntary Surrenders:	11
Suspensions	41
Revocations	2

Board of Occupational Therapy

Program Description:

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

Mailing Address:	110 Centerview Drive, Kingtree Bldg., Suite 306 P.O. Box 11329 Columbia, South Carolina 29211-1329
Telephone:	(803) 896-4683
Fax:	(803) 896-4719
Internet Web site:	http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/OccupationalTherapy/
Administrator:	Kate K. Cox coxk@llr.sc.gov
Assistant Deputy Director:	Ruby Brice McClain
Board established:	1977
S.C. Code of Laws:	40-36-10, et. seq.
Regulation:	94-1, et. seq.
Board member slots:	7
How appointed:	By the Governor with advice and consent of the S.C. Senate
Board meetings:	Quarterly

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	50 States
Licensure Period:	Biennially 3/16-3/15
Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted:	Endorsement
Licensee population trend:	Increasing
Type of Exam:	National exam

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	1,603
Occupational Therapist	1,160
Occupational Therapy Assistants	442

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	4
Investigations:	0
Dispositions:	
Ongoing	4

Board of Examiners In Opticianry

Program Description:

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 administers a practical examination to all Opticianry candidates, licenses qualified opticians and contact lens dispensers, and registers apprentices. It also investigates complaints and disciplines opticians and apprentices if necessary.

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Columbia, South Carolina 29211-1329
Telephone: (803) 896-4681
Fax: (803) 896-4719
Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Opticians/>
Administrator: Angie Combs
Assistant Deputy Director: combsa@llr.sc.gov
Board established: Ruby Brice McClain
S.C. Code of Laws: 1978
Regulation: 40-38-10, et. seq.
Board member slots: 96-1, et. seq.
How appointed: 7
Board meetings: Peer nominations, election, approved by Gov. Quarterly

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession: 22 States
Licensure Period: Biennial
10/2-10/1
Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted: Neither
Licensee Population Trend: Increasing
Type of Exam: National Board. Exam and Board administered Practical Exam

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
Opticians	725
Contact Lens Dispensers	453
Registered Apprentices	175
	97

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	4
Investigations:	3
Dispositions:	
Dismissed:	2
Letter of Caution:	1

Board of Examiners In Optometry

Program Description:

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 licenses qualified optometrists, investigates complaints against licensees, and disciplines if necessary. Policies are developed to assist licensees in providing quality vision care to the public. Licensees are required to attend continuing education classes.

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Columbia, South Carolina 29211-
Telephone: (803) 896-4679
Fax: (803) 896-4719
Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Optometry/>
Administrator: Angie Combs
Assistant Deputy Director: combsa@llr.sc.gov
Board established: Ruby Brice McClain
S.C. Code of Laws: 1917
40-37-10, et. seq.

Regulation:	95-1, et. seq.
Board member slots:	7
How appointed:	Peer nominations, election, approved by Governor
Board meetings:	Quarterly

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	50 States
Licensure period:	Biennial 10/2-10/1
Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted:	Endorsement
Licensee population trend:	Increasing
Type of Exam:	National Board Exam; Jurisprudence Exam

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	676
Optometry	676

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	6
Investigations:	10
Dispositions:	
Dismissed:	8
Letters of Caution:	2

Board of Physical Therapy

Program Description:

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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Telephone: (803) 896-4655
Fax: (803) 896-4719

Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/PhysicalTherapy/>

Administrator: Veronica Reynolds
reynoldsv@llr.sc.gov

Assistant Deputy Director: Ruby Brice McClain

Board established: 1952

S.C. Code of Laws: 40-45-10, et. seq.

Regulation: 101-1, et. seq.

Board member slots: 9

How appointed: By the Governor

Board meetings: Quarterly

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	50 States
Licensure Period:	Biennial 1/1-12/31
Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted:	Endorsement
Licensee Population Trend:	Increasing
Type of Exam:	National

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	3,512
Physical Therapist	2,371
Physical Therapist Provisional	3
Physical Therapist Assistant	1,135
Physical Therapist Assistant Provisional	3

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	45
Investigations:	10
Dispositions:	
Dismissed:	4
Consent Agreements:	5
Final Order	1

Board of Podiatry

Program Description:

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.

Mailing Address:	110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Bldg., Suite 202 P.O. Box 11289 Columbia, South Carolina 29211-1289
Telephone:	(803) 896-4685
Fax:	(803) 896-4515
Internet Web site:	http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Podiatry/
Administrator:	Bruce Duke dukeb@llr.sc.gov
Assistant Deputy Director:	Ruby Brice McClain
Board established:	1935
S.C. Code of Laws:	40-51-10, et. seq.
Regulation:	134-10, et. seq.
Board member slots:	5
How appointed:	Congressional district election, candidates are then confirmed by the Governor with advice and consent of S.C. Senate
Board meetings:	Semi-annual

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	50 States
Licensure Period:	Biennial 1/1-12/31
Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted:	No
Licensee Population Trend:	Increasing
Type of Exam:	National exam and Board-administered practical exam; PMLEXIS exam

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees
Podiatrist	150

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	7
Investigations:	2
Dispositions:	

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

Program Description:

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.

Mailing Address:	110 Centerview Drive, Kingtree Bldg., Suite 306 P.O. Box 11329 Columbia, South Carolina 29211-1329
Telephone:	(803) 896-4658
Fax:	(803) 896-4719
Internet Web site:	http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Counselors/
Administrator:	Kate K. Cox coxk@llr.sc.gov
Assistant Deputy Director:	Ruby Brice McClain
Board established:	1985
S.C. Code of Laws:	40-75-10, et. seq.
Regulation:	36-10, et. seq.
Board member slots:	9
How appointed:	By the Governor
Board meetings:	Quarterly

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	50 States
Licensure Period:	Biennially 9/1-8/31
Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted:	Endorsement
Licensee Population Trend:	Fluctuating
Type of Exam:	National Exam

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	2,407
Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	1,422
Licensed Professional Counselor – Interns (LPC-I)	201
Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist (LMFT)	220
Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist - Interns (LMFT-I)	17
Licensed Professional Counselor – Supervisor (LPC-S)	221
Licensed Professional Counselor – Supervisor In Training (LPC-SIT)	6
Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist – Supervisor (LMFT-S)	38
Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist – Supervisor In Training (LMFT/SIT)	0
Licensed Professional Educational Specialist (LPES)	177

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	25
Investigations:	19
Dispositions:	
Dismissed:	16
Relinquishments:	3

Board of Psychology

Program Description:

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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Telephone: (803) 896-4664
Fax: (803) 896-4719
Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Psychology/>
Administrator: Patricia F. Glenn
glennp@llr.sc.gov
Assistant Deputy Director: Ruby Brice McClain
Board established: 1968
S.C. Code of Laws: 40-55-10, et. seq.
Regulation: Chapter 100
Board member slots: 8
How appointed: By the Governor
Board meetings: At least 5 meetings annually

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	50 States
Licensure Period:	Biennially 12/1-11/30
Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted:	Endorsement
Licensee Population Trend:	Increasing
Type of Exam:	Written Exam- National Exam Oral Exam - Board Administers

Statistical Information FY 200 5- 2006

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees
Psychologist	608

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	6
Investigations:	6
Dispositions:	
Dismissed	4
Cease and Desist	1

Board of Social Work Examiners

Program Description:

The Board reviews applicant credentials and licenses social workers that practice in the state. The Board currently licenses five levels of social workers (Per Chapter 55, LISWs are phased out in March 2006. They are specializing in clinical or advanced scope of practice). The Board investigates complaints against licensees and disciplines licensees when it is determined to be necessary.

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Telephone: (803) 896-4665
Fax: (803) 896-4687
Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/SocialWorkers/>
Administrator: Patricia F. Glenn
glennp@llr.sc.gov
Assistant Deputy Director: Ruby Brice McClain
Board established: 1968
S.C. Code of Laws: 40-63-5, et. seq.
Regulation: Chapter 110
Board member slots: 7
How appointed: By the Governor with S.C. Senate confirmation
Board meetings: At least 5 annually

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	50 States
Licensure Period:	Biennially 1/1-12/31
Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted:	Reciprocity
Licensee Population Trend:	Increasing
Type of Exam:	National Written Exam

Statistical Information FY 200 5- 2006

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	4,224
Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker (LBSW)	1,222
Licensed Masters Social Worker (LMSW)	1,991
Licensed Independent Social Worker – Clinical Practice (LISW-CP)	896
Licensed Independent Social Worker – Advanced Practice (LISW-AP)	35
Licensed Independent Social Worker - CP & AP (Dual)	80

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	22
Investigations:	10
Dispositions:	
Dismissed	9
Cease and Desist	1

Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Program Description:

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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 Columbia, South Carolina 29211-1329
Telephone: (803) 896-4650
Fax: (803) 896-4719
Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Speech/>
Administrator: Veronica Reynolds
reynoldsv@llr.sc.gov

Assistant Deputy Director: Ruby Brice McClain
Board established: 1974
S.C. Code of Laws: 40-67-5, et. seq.
Regulation: 115-1, et. seq.
Board member slots: 5

How appointed: By the Governor with advice and consent of the S.C. Senate
Board meetings: Quarterly

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession: 48 States
Licensure Period: Biennially
4/1-3/31
Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted: Endorsement
Licensee Population Trend: Increasing
Type of Exam: National

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
Speech-Language Pathologist	1,457
Speech-Language Pathologist – Intern	1,239
Speech-Language Pathologist – Assistant	41
Audiologist	11
Audiologist – Intern	165
	1

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	9
Investigations:	8
Dispositions:	
Dismissed:	3
Letter of Caution:	1
Consent Agreement	3
Final Order	1

Board of Veterinary Examiners

Program Description:

The Board of Veterinary Examiners aims to protect citizens by ensuring that only qualified and competent veterinary practitioners 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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P.O. Box 11329
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Telephone: (803) 896-4598
Fax: (803) 896-4719

Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Veterinary/>
Administrator: Donald W. Hayden
haydend@llr.sc.gov

Assistant Deputy Director: Ruby Brice McClain

Board established: 1920

S.C. Code of Laws: 40-69-10, et. seq.

Regulation: 120-10, et. seq.

Board member slots: 8

How appointed: Election by district; Top two candidates submitted to Governor

Board meetings: 4 Annually

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession: 50 States
Licensure Period: Biennially
1/1-12/31
Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted: Neither
Licensee Population Trend: Increasing

Type of Exam:

National exam and
Board exam on S.C.
rules and regulations

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
Veterinarian	1,451
Animal Health Technician	1,302
	149

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	70
Investigations:	42
Dispositions:	
Dismissed:	34
Letters of Caution	5
Consent Agreements	2
Final Order	1

Office Business and Related Services (OBRS)

Occupational and professional licensing boards in the Office of Business and Related Services include:

- Board of Accountancy
- Athletic Commission
- Auctioneers Commission
- Board of Barber Examiners
- Cemetery and Perpetual Care Board
- Board of Cosmetology
- Board of Dentistry
- Board of Registration for Foresters
- Board of Funeral Service
- Board of Registration for Geologists
- Long Term Health Care Administrators Board
- Massage and Bodywork Panel
- Board of Pharmacy
- Pilotage Commission

Board of Accountancy

Program Description:

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.

Mailing Address:

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P.O. Box 11329
Columbia, South Carolina 29211-1329

Telephone:

(803) 896-4770

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(803) 896-4554

Internet Web site:

<http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Accountancy/>

Administrator:

Doris E. Cubitt, CPA
cubittd@llr.sc.gov

Assistant Deputy Director:

Randall L. Bryant
1915

Board established:

SC Code of Laws:

40-2, et. seq.

Regulation:

1-21, et. seq.

Board member slots:

9

How appointed:

By the Governor from recommendations by professional association

Board meetings:

6 annually

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:

10 States, Guam, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, District of Columbia, Northern Mariana Islands
Annually; 12/31
Endorsement
CPA – Increasing
PA – Increased*
AP – Increased*

Licensure period:

Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted:

Licensee population trend:

*The number of PA and AP licensees increased due to those who were in an inactive status being allowed to return to an active status upon submission of completed CPE

Type of Exam:

Privatized - National

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:	7,868
Certified Public Accountants (CPA)	5,049
Public Accountants (PA)	22
Accounting Practitioners (AP)	140
Accounting Firms In-State Registration	1,029
Accounting Firms Out-of-State Registration	324
Practice Privilege Registration	1,304

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	29
Dismissed:	28
Cease & Desist	18
Consent Orders:	9
Received and Closed	17
Pending:	18

Athletic Commission

Program Description:

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 investigates complaints and provides disciplinary actions whenever necessary.

Mailing Address:

110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Bldg.
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Columbia, SC 29211-1329
(803) 896-4571
(803) 896-4554

Telephone:

Fax:

Internet Web site:

<http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Athletic/>

Assistant Deputy Director and Administrator:

Randall L. Bryant
bryantr@llr.sc.gov

Board established:

1984

SC Code of Laws:

40-81, et. seq.

Regulation:

20-10, et. seq.

Board member slots:

8

How appointed:

By the Governor with advice and consent of the S.C. Senate

Board meetings:

2 Annually

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	42
Licensure period:	Annually 1/1
Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted:	Neither
Licensee population trend:	Increasing
Type of Exam:	Medical exam

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	948
Announcer	5
Boxer	116
Judge	10
Kick Boxer	3
Manager	2
Second	82
OSTB	192
Promoter	39
Referee	10

Timekeeper	4
Trainer	1
Wrestler	484
Permit Category	Number of Permits: 127
Boxing	23
Kickboxing	1
OTSB	17
Wrestling	86

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	0
Investigations:	0
Dispositions:	
• Dismissed	0
• Consent Orders:	0
• Pending:	0

Auctioneers Commission

Program Description:

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.

Mailing Address:	110 Centerview Drive, Kingtree Bldg. P.O. Box 11329 Columbia, S.C. 29211-1329
Telephone:	(803) 896-4853
Fax:	(803) 896-4484
Internet Web site:	http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Auctioneers/
Administrator:	Lenora Addison-Miles milesl@llr.sc.gov
Assistant Deputy Director:	Randall L. Bryant
Board established:	1977
SC Code of Laws:	40-6, et. seq.
Regulation:	14-10, et. seq.
Board member slots:	5
How appointed:	By the Governor
Board meetings:	Quarterly
Licensure Information:	
Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	17
Licensure period:	Biennially 6/30
Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted:	Reciprocity
Licensee Population Trend:	Increasing
Type of Exam:	Board administers

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:	1,270
Auctioneers	1,100
Auction firms	167
Apprentice Auctioneers	3

COMPLAINT / INVESTIGATION INFORMATION

Complaints Received:	17
Investigations:	14
Dispositions:	

Dismissed:	9
Consent Orders:	2
Pending:	11

Board of Barber Examiners

Program Description:

The Board is responsible for licensing all barbers, barbershops, barber colleges, and instructors. The Board is also responsible 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.

Mailing Address:

110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Bldg.
P.O. Box 11329
Columbia, S.C. 29211-1329
(803) 896-4491
(803) 896-4484

Telephone:

Fax:

Internet Web site:

<http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Barber/>

Administrator:

Eddie L. Jones

jonese@llr.sc.gov

Assistant Deputy Director:

Randall L. Bryant

Board established:

1937

SC Code of Laws:

40-7, et. seq.

Regulation:

17-10, et. seq.

Board member slots:

6

How appointed:

By the Governor

Board meetings:

Bi-monthly

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	44
Licensure Period:	Biennially 6/30
Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted:	Endorsement
Licensee population trend:	Fluctuating
Type of Exam:	Written – privatized Written Practical and Instructor -- privatized

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
Registered Barbers	7,177
Apprentice Barbers	1,956
Master Hair Care Specialist	140
Shampoo Assistant	2,056
Manicurist	8
Barber Shop License	17
Barber School License	1,457
Instructor License	20
Student Permit	460
On-the-job Training Permit	262
Hair Braider Registration	224
	493

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	8
Investigations:	7
Inspections:	1,327
Dispositions:	
Dismissed:	2
Consent Orders:	1
Citations	1

Cease and Desist	2
Pending:	1

S.C. Perpetual Care Cemetery Board

Program Description:

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

Mailing Address:	110 Centerview Drive, Kingtree Bldg. P.O. Box 11329 Columbia, S.C. 29211-1329
Telephone:	(803) 896-4677
Fax:	(803) 896-4484
Internet Web site:	http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Cemetery/
Administrator:	Randall L. Bryant bryantr@llr.sc.gov
Assistant Deputy Director:	Randall L. Bryant
Board established:	Re-established in 2003
SC Code of Laws:	40-8, et. seq.
Regulation:	None
Board member slots:	7
How appointed:	By the Governor from nominees from the state cemetery associations and 3 public members
Board meetings:	Quarterly

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	40 States
Licensure Period:	Annually
	12/31
Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted:	None
Licensee Population Trend:	N/A
Type of Exam:	None

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category: Perpetual Care Cemeteries	Number of Licensees:
	125

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	24
Statute only requires that the Board monitor consumer complaints received by licensees to insure that they are resolved.	
Investigations:	20
Dismissed:	16
Consent Orders:	1
Pending:	14

Board of Cosmetology

Program Description:

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

Mailing Address:	110 Centerview Drive, Kingtree Bldg.
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P.O. Box 11329
Columbia, S.C. 29211-1329
(803) 896-4568
(803) 896-4484

Telephone:
Fax:
Internet Web site:
Administrator:

<http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Cosmetology/>

Eddie L. Jones

jonese@llr.sc.gov

Assistant Deputy Director:

Randall L. Bryant

Board established:

1934

SC Code of Laws:

40-13, et. seq.

Regulation:

35-10, et. seq.

Board member slots:

7

How appointed:

By the Governor

Board meetings:

Bi-monthly

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:

44

Licensure Period:

Biennially

Practitioners – 3/10

Salons – 6/30

Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted:

Endorsement

Licensee Population Trend:

Increasing

Type of Exam:

Written and Practical

Privatized

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:

Number of Licensees:

33,490

Registered Cosmetologist

18,236

Esthetician

907

Nail Technician

3,059

Booth Renter

4,420

Cosmetology School

90

Cosmetology Instructor

530

Esthetician Instructor

26

Nail Technician Instructor

21

Salon

6,201

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:

50

Investigations:

43

Inspections:

6,274

Dispositions:

• Dismissed:

36

• Hearings:

0

• Consent Orders:

0

• Pending:

18

Board of Dentistry

Program Description:

The Board oversees examinations, licensing certification, annual re-registration and regulation of dentists, dental hygienists, dental laboratory technicians and ortho-technicians in South Carolina. The Board investigates complaints, conduct disciplinary hearings, and maintain data for the public, state and federal agencies.

Mailing Address:

110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Bldg.
P.O. Box 11329

Columbia, S.C. 29211-1329
 (803) 896-4599
 (803) 896-4596

Telephone:
Fax:
Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Dentistry/>
Administrator: H. Rion Alvey
Assistant Deputy Director: alveyh@llr.sc.gov
Board established: Randall L. Bryant
SC Code of Laws: 1875
Regulation: 40-15, et. seq.
Board member slots: 39-10, et. seq.
How appointed: 9
 6 dentists are elected and recommended to the Governor
 1 dentist is appointed by the Governor
 1 dental hygienist is elected and recommended to the Governor
 1 layperson is appointed by the Governor
 4-5 Annually

Board meetings:
Licensure Information:
 Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession: 50 states, Puerto Rico, District of Columbia and Virgin Islands
 Licensure Period: Annually
 1/1-12/31
 Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted: Neither
 Population Trend: Increasing
Type of Exam: Multiple
 General Dentistry ADLEX (CRDTS/NERB)
 Eff. 1/1/06
 Dental Specialty Biennial exam
 Board administered.
 Dental Hygiene ADLEX (CRDTS/NERB)
 Eff.2/24/06
 Dental Technician Board administered
 Orthodontic Technician Board approved

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	5,193
Dentist	1,895
Specialist	459
Dental Hygienist	2,655
Dental Technician	175
Orthodontic Technician	9

COMPLAINT / INVESTIGATION INFORMATION

Complaints Received:	124
Investigations:	88
Dispositions:	
Dismissed:	57
Suspensions/Probation:	3
Letters of Caution:	18

Board of Registration for Foresters

Program Description:

The Board registers those who are qualified by education and experience to perform professional forestry work for private landowners, wood-using industries, state and federal agencies and other woodland owners. It receives complaints, conducts investigations and levies appropriate actions against those who violate the forestry registration laws.

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 P.O. Box 11329

Columbia, S.C. 29211-1329
 Telephone: (803) 896-4498
 Fax: (803) 896-4484
 Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Forestry/>
 Administrator: Lenora Addison-Miles
milesl@llr.sc.gov
 Assistant Deputy Director: Randall L. Bryant
 Board established: 1961
 SC Code of Laws: 48-27, et. seq.
 Regulation: 53-1, et. seq.
 Board member slots: 7
 How appointed: By the Governor
 Board meetings: Quarterly

Licensure Information:
 Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession: 15
 Licensure Period: Biennially
 6/30
 Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted: Reciprocity
 Population Trend: Increasing
 Type of Exam: Privatized

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	809
Registered Forester	809

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	0
Investigations:	0

Board of Funeral Service

Program Description:

The Board of Funeral Service regulates and prescribes 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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 P.O. Box 11329
 Columbia, S.C. 29211-1329

Telephone: (803) 896-4499
Fax: (803) 896-4484
Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Funeral/>
Administrator and Randall L. Bryant
bryantr@llr.sc.gov
Assistant Deputy Director: Randall L. Bryant
Board established: 1955
SC Code of Laws: 40-19, et. seq.
Regulation: 57-01, et. seq.
Board member slots: 11
How appointed: By the Governor
Board meetings: 6 Annually

Licensure Information:
 Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession: 50 States
 Licensure Period: Biennially - 6/30
 Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted: Endorsement
 Population Trend: Increasing

Type of Exam:

National Exam

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	2,101
Funeral Director	615
Embalmer	39
Funeral Director and Embalmer	951
Funeral Establishments	496

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	29
Investigations:	21
Dispositions:	
Dismissed:	19
Consent Orders:	3
Pending:	15

Board of Registration For Geologists

Program Description:

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

Mailing Address:

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P.O. Box 11329
Columbia, S.C. 29211-1329

Telephone:

(803) 896-4498

Fax:

(803) 896-4484

Internet Web site:

<http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Geologists/>

Administrator:

Lenora Addison-Miles milesl@llr.sc.gov

Assistant Deputy Director:

Randall L. Bryant

Board established:

1986

SC Code of Laws:

40-77, et. seq.

Regulation:

131-1, et. seq.

Board member slots:

5

How appointed:

By the Governor

Board meetings:

Twice annually

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:

31

Licensure Period:

Biennially

6/30

Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted:

Both

Population Trend:

Static

Type of Exam:

Privatized exam

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	614
Professional geologists	614

COMPLAINT / INVESTIGATION INFORMATION

Complaints Received:	2
Investigations:	1
Dispositions:	
Dismissed:	1

Board of Long Term Health Care Administrators

Program Description:

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, investigates complaints and takes disciplinary action when required.

Mailing Address:

110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Bldg.
P.O. Box 11329
Columbia, S.C. 29211-1329

Telephone:

(803) 896-4544

Fax:

(803) 896-4555

Internet Web site:

<http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/LongTermHealthCare/>

Administrator:

Lee Ann F. Bundrick

bundricl@llr.sc.gov

Assistant Deputy Director:

Randall L. Bryant

Board established:

1971

SC Code of Laws:

40-35, et. seq.

Regulation:

93-10, et. seq.

Board member slots:

10

How appointed:

By the Governor

Board meetings:

Quarterly

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:

Nursing Home Administrators

50 States

Community Residential Care Facility Administrators

8 States

Licensure period:

Annually

6/30

Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted:

Reciprocity w/ passing
score on Natl. Exam

Population Trend:

Static

Type of Exam:

Privatized

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:

Number of Licensees:

1,010

Nursing Home Administrators (NHA)

304

Community Residential Care Facility Administrators (CRCFA)

568

Dual (NHA + CRCFA)

138

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:

101

Investigations:

100

Dispositions:

Dismissed:

16

Hearings

7

Consent Orders:

10

Cease & Desist Orders

0

Administrative Suspension

2

Pending

69

Other (Letters of Caution)

4

Massage / Bodywork Panel

Program Description:

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 a separate disciplinary panel to review and determine appropriate disciplinary actions for those who may be in violation of the law.

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P.O. Box 11329
Columbia, S.C. 29211-1329

Telephone: (803) 896-4490
Fax: (803) 896-4484
Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/MassageTherapy/>
Administrator: Eddie L. Jones
jonese@llr.sc.gov
Randall L. Bryant

Assistant Deputy Director: 1997
Panel established: 40-30, et. seq.
SC Code of Laws: 77-100, et. seq.
Regulation: 5
Board member slots: By the Governor
How appointed: At the Call of LLR
Board meetings:

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession: 17
Licensure Period: Biennially
6/30
Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted: Endorsement
Population Trend: Increasing
Type of Exam: Privatized

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
Massage therapists	2,378

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	15
Investigations:	13
Dispositions:	
Dismissed	4
Pending	12
Consent Agreement	3
Cease and Desist	1
Revocation	1

Board of Pharmacy

Mailing Address: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingtree Bldg.
P.O. Box 11927
Columbia, S.C. 29211-1927

Telephone: (803) 896-4700
Fax: (803) 896-4596
Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Pharmacy/>
Administrator: Lee Ann F. Bundrick, R.Ph
bundricl@llr.sc.gov
Randall L. Bryant

Assistant Deputy Director:

Board established:	1876
SC Code of Laws:	40-43, et. seq.
Board meetings:	5 Annually
Licensure Information:	
Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	50 states
Licensure Period:	
Pharmacists: 5/1-4/30	Annually
Permits: 7/1- 6/30	April and June
Technician Registration: 7/1-6/30	
Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted:	Reciprocity
Population Trend:	Increasing
Type of Exam:	Privatized NABP, MPJE and PTCB

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	16,383
Pharmacist	5,668
Technician	7,043
Facilities	412

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	179
Investigations:	179
Inspections:	1,046
Dispositions:	
Dismissed:	15
Hearings:	14
Consent Orders:	23
Citations:	52
Citation Hearings:	16
Cease and Desist Orders:	14
Pending:	37
Other (Relinquish License)	4
(Reinstatement Denied)	1

Pilotage Commission

Program Description:

No licenses are issued through LLR. The Commission licenses qualified harbor pilots for the Ports of Charleston, Port Royal, Georgetown and/or Little River. The Commission majority must individually approve all applicants before the Commission places them into the apprenticeship program for training and qualification for licensure. The Commission investigates complaints against licensees and takes appropriate action when necessary.

Mailing Address:	110 Centerview Drive, Kingtree Bldg., Suite 104 P.O. Box 11329 Columbia, S.C. 29211-11329
Telephone:	(803) 896-4415
Fax:	(803) 896-4484
Internet Web site:	http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Pilotage/
Assistant Deputy Director and Administrator:	Randall L. Bryant bryantr@llr.sc.gov
Board established:	1872
SC Code of Laws:	54-15, et. seq.
Regulation:	136-01, et. seq.

Board member slots: 16
How appointed: 13 by the Governor plus 3 ex-officio
Board meetings: Monthly

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession: 26
Licensure period: N/A
Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted: Neither
Population Trend: N/A
Type of Exam: Apprenticeship

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
Pilots	20

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	0
Investigations:	0
Dispositions:	
Pending:	0

Office of Property, Environmental, Design and Construction Services (OPEDACS)

Occupational and professional licensing boards in the Office of Property, Environmental, Design and Construction Services include:

- Board of Architectural Examiners
- Building Code Council
- Contractors' Licensing Board
- Engineers and Land Surveyors Board
- Environmental Certification Board
- Manufactured Housing Board
- Real Estate Appraisers Board
- Real Estate Commission
- Residential Builders Commission

Board of Architectural Examiners

Program Description:

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.

Mailing Address:	110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Bldg., Suite 201 P.O. Box 11419 Columbia, S.C. 29211-1419
Telephone:	(803) 896-4408
Fax:	(803) 896-4427
Internet Web site:	http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Architects/
Administrator:	Jan B. Simpson simpsonj@llr.sc.gov
Assistant Deputy Director:	Robert L. Selman
Board established:	1917
S.C. Code of Laws:	40-3, et. seq.
Regulation:	11-1, et. seq.
Board member slots:	6
How appointed:	By Governor
Board meetings:	5 Annually

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	50 States and 5 territories
Licensure Period:	Annually Individual: 7/1-6/30 Firms: 1/1-12/31
Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted:	Reciprocity
Population Trend:	Increasing
Type of Exam:	National test - NCARB

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
Individuals	4,750
Emeritus	3,531
Firms	52
	1,147

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	47
Investigations:	46
Dispositions:	
Dismissed:	16
Consent Orders:	4
Pending:	19
Other (Letters of Caution)	20

*** Exact numbers unknown for this fiscal year due to computer system change.

Building Codes Council

Program Description:

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.

Mailing Address:	110 Centerview Drive, Kingtree Bldg., Suite 201 P.O. Box 11329 Columbia, S.C. 29211-1329
Telephone:	(803) 896-4688
Fax:	(803) 896-4814
Internet Web site:	http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/BCC-Council/
Administrator:	Gary F. Wiggins wigginsg@llr.sc.gov
Assistant Deputy Director:	Robert L. Selman
Council established:	1972 – Building Codes Program 1974 – Accessibility Program 1984 – Modular Buildings Program 1997 – Code Enforcement Officers Program
S.C. Code of Laws:	6-8, et. seq. (Bldg. Code Enforcement Officers) 6-9, et. seq. (Building Codes) 10-5, et. seq. (Const. & Renov. of Pub. Bldgs.) 23-43, et. seq. (Modular Bldgs. Const. Act)
Regulation:	8-105, et. seq. (BBC Regis., Fees & Disciplinary Procedures) 8-210, et. seq. (BCC Administration) 19-400, et. seq. (Barrier Free Design Standard) 19-460, et. seq. (Modular Bldg. Const. Act)
Board member slots:	Code Enforcement Officers Registration Program and the Modular Building Program are represented by the same 16 members
How appointed:	Code Enforcement Officers Registration Program and the Modular Building Program are appointed by the Governor
Board meetings:	The Council meets quarterly and at the call of the Chair

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license Building Codes Enforcement:	26
Number of states and jurisdictions that license Modular Housing:	36
Licensure period for Code Enforcement Officers Registration Program and the Modular Building Program	Biennially
Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted for Code Enforcement Officers Registration Program and the Modular Building Program	Neither
Population Trend	
Code Enforcement Officers Registration:	Static

Modular Buildings Program:
 Type of Exam for Building Codes Enforcement
 (No exam required for Modular Housing)

Increasing
 Any nationally
 recognized code
 enforcement officer
 certification

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

BUILDING CODES COUNCIL- Code Enforcement Officers Registration

Licensee Category	Number of Licensees:
	612
Building Official	122
General Combination Inspector	153
Residential Combination Inspector	92
Specialty Inspector	97
Limited	46
Provisional	102

BUILDING CODES COUNCIL – Modular Buildings Program

Licensee Category	Number of Licensees:
	303
Modular Building Manufacturer	112
Modular Building Manufacturer’s Representative	191

Complaint / Investigation Information

BUILDING CODES COUNCIL- Code Enforcement Officers Registration

Complaints Received:	6
Investigations:	6
Dispositions:	
Dismissed	4
Cease and Desist Orders:	1
Consent Agreements	1
Pending	5
Other (Letter of Caution)	1

Board of Contractors

Program Description:

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.

Mailing Address:

110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Bldg.
 Compliance Suite 102 / Licensing Suite 201
 P.O. Box 11329
 Columbia, S.C. 29211-1329

Telephone:

(803) 896-4686

Fax:

Licensing (803) 896-4701/ Compliance (803) 896-4656

Internet Web site:

<http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Contractors>

Administrator:

Ronald E. Galloway
gallowar@llr.sc.gov

Assistant Deputy Director:

Robert L. Selman

Board established:

1936

S.C. Code of Laws:

40-11 et. seq. (Gen. and mech. contractors)
 40-79 et. seq. (Burglar and fire alarm contractors)
 40-10 et. seq. (Fire sprinkler system contractors)
 29-1 thru 10 et. seq. (Gen. and mech. contractors)
 29-70 thru 110 (Fire sprinkler system contractors)

Regulation:

Board member slots: 9
How appointed: By Governor
Board meetings: Quarterly

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession: 50
 Licensure Period:
 General Contractors Biennially
 Mechanical Contractors Biennially
 Fire Sprinkler Contractors Annually
 Burglar and Fire Alarm Contractors Biennially
 Reciprocity Accepted: AL, GA, MS, NC, PA, TN, TX, UT (Limited number of classifications)
 Licensee Population Trend: Fluctuating
 Type of Exam: Privatized

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
General	14,786
Mechanical	8,740
Burglar alarm	5,214
Fire alarm	404
Fire sprinkler	315
	164

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	348
Investigations:	220
Dispositions: Closed	249
Dismissed:	158
Hearings:	6
Consent Orders:	18
Probation	0
Cease and Desist Orders:	45
Revocations:	2
Pending:	173
Other: (Letters of Caution)	10
Public Reprimand	

Board of Engineers and Land Surveyors

Program Description:

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

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 P.O. Box 11597
 Columbia, S.C. 29211-1597
Telephone: (803) 896-4422
Fax: (803) 896-4427
Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Engineers/>

Administrator:	Jan B. Simpson simpsonj@llr.sc.gov
Assistant Deputy Director:	Robert L. Selman
Board established:	1922
S.C. Code of Laws:	40-22, et. seq.
Regulation:	49, et. seq.
Board member slots:	8
How appointed:	By the Governor
Board meetings:	5 Annually

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	50 States and 5 Territories
Licensure Period:	Biennially June 30 for individuals. Biennially, March 31 for firms. One-time 3-year period for firms 2006-2009.
Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted:	Reciprocity
Population Trend:	Increasing
Type of Exam:	National & State Exams

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
Professional Engineers (Category A)	15,505
Associate Professional Engineers (Category B)	12,068
Tier A Land Surveyors	20
Tier B Land Surveyors	960
Photogrammetric Surveyor	35
Geodetic Surveyor	145
GIS Land Surveyor	17
Certificate of Authorization (Firms)	55
	2205

Complaint / Investigation Information

Investigations:	81
Complaints Received:	83
Dismissed (Includes informal letters of caution/letters of warning)	46
Consent Orders:	14
Cease and Desist Orders:	4
Pending:	19
Other: (Letters of Caution):	17

*** Exact numbers unknown for this fiscal year due to computer system change.

Board of Environmental Certification

Program Description:

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, pools and spas, well drillers and bottled water machines. If necessary, the Board will discipline individuals who do not comply with requirements.

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Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Environmental/>
Administrator: Dona J. Caldwell
caldweld@llr.sc.gov
Assistant Deputy Director: Robert L. Selman
Board established: 1966
S.C. Code of Laws: 40-23, et. seq.
Regulation: 51-1, et. seq.
Board member slots: 9
How appointed: By Governor
Board meetings: 6 Annually

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:
 Water Treatment, water distributors and biological wastewater operators 50 States
 Well Drillers 50 States
 Phys/chem wastewater, bottled water, and Certified Pool Operators/spa operators Unknown
 Licensure Period: Annually
 June
 Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted: Reciprocity
 Population Trend: Static
 Type of Exam: National and Board Exam

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category	Number of Licensees:
	13,052
Biological wastewater operators	2,900
Physical/chemical operators	2,123
Water treatment operators	2,162
Water distribution operators	2,056
CPO/spa operators	3,050
Well drillers	744
Bottled water operators (NEW PROGRAM)	17

Complaint / Investigation Information

(During July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006)

Complaints Received:	40
Investigations:	40
Dispositions:	
Dismissed:	1
Hearings:	1
Consent Orders:	1
Cease and Desist Orders	3
Pending:	34
Other:	0

BOARD OF MANUFACTURED HOUSING

Program Description:

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 repair persons. 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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Telephone: (803) 896-4682
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Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/ManufacturedHousing/>
Administrator: David F. Bennett
bennettd@llr.sc.gov

Assistant Deputy Director: Robert L. Selman

Board established: 1976

S.C. Code of Laws: 40-29, et. seq.
Regulation: 79, et. seq.

Board member slots: 10 members and 1 ex-officio member

How appointed: By Governor

Board meetings: Bi-monthly

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	22
Licensure Period:	Biennially 7/1-6/30
Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted:	No
Population Trend:	Fluctuating
Type of Exam:	Privatized

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	1,377
Manufacturers	53
Retail Dealers	331
Salespeople	405
Multi-lot Salespeople	264
Contractors	271
Installers	40
Repairers	13

Complaint / Investigation Information

(During July 1, 2005- June 30, 2006)

Complaints Received:	206
Investigations:	131
Dispositions:	
Dismissed:	157
Consent Orders:	6
Cease and Desist:	30
Pending:	49

Real Estate Appraisers Board

Program Description:

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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P.O. Box 11847
Columbia, S.C. 29211-1847

Telephone: (803) 896-4400
Fax: (803) 896-4404

Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/RealEstateAppraisers/>

**Assistant Deputy Director
Administrator:
Education Manager:**

Robert L. Selman
John R. Pitts
William B. Tiller
tillerb@llr.sc.gov

Board established:

1991

S.C. Code of Laws:

40-60, et. seq.

Regulation:

137, et. seq.

Board member slots:

7

How appointed:

By the Governor

Board meetings:

Quarterly

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:

50 States

Licensure Period:

Annually

June

Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted:

Endorsement

Population Trend:

Increasing

Type of Exam:

Privatized

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category

Number of Licensees:

3,179

Apprentice

Active

Inactive

868

26

Licensed

584

26

Licensed (Mass)

64

5

Certified Residential

794

31

Certified Residential (Mass)

25

0

Certified General

717

28

Certified General (Mass)

11

0

TOTALS

3,063

116

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:

99

Investigations:

74

Dispositions:

Dismissed: No Action Taken

25

Consent Orders:

13

Other (Letters of Caution):

15

Real Estate Commission

Program Description:

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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Internet Web site:

<http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/RealEstateCommission/>

Assistant Deputy Director

Robert L. Selman

Administrator:

John R. Pitts

Customer Services Coordinator and

Robbie Boland

Licensing Manager:

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Commission established: 1956
S.C. Code of Laws: 40-57, et. seq.
Regulation: 105, et. seq.
Board member slots: 9
How appointed: House and Senate members elect one person from each congressional district; Governor appoints two public members; Commission elects one at-large member
Board meetings: 6 Annually

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession: 50 States
 Licensure Period: Biennially
 (The Commission renews half its licensees each year-approx. 15,000) June
 Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted: (GA, NC, KY & WV): Reciprocity
 Other states must take S.C. licensing exam.
 Population Trend: Increasing
 Type of Exam: Privatized

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	45,086
Broker	4,982
Broker in charge	7,360
Inactive broker	1,896
Inactive property manager	452
Inactive salesman	4,463
Property manager in charge	768
Property manager	1,040
Salesman	20,343
Salesman (Provisional)	3,504
Vacation time share registrants	278
Real Estate or Property Management Office	8,765

Complaint / Investigation Information

(During July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006)

Complaints Received:	384*
Investigations:	243
Dispositions:	
Dismissed:	252
Consent Orders:	26
Cease and Desist:	6
Letter of Caution:	11
Revocation:	2
Voluntary Surrender:	11

*These numbers may not add up because some cases may be carried forward from year to year.

Residential Builders Commission

Program Description:

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.

Mailing Address:

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<http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/ResidentialBuilders/>

Telephone:

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Administrator: Charles W. McAlister
mcalisterc@llr.sc.gov
Assistant Deputy Director: Robert Selman
Commission established: 1974
S.C. Code of Laws: 40-59, et. seq.
Regulation: 106, et. seq.
Board member slots: 7
How appointed: By the Governor
Board meetings: Monthly

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession: 5
 Licensure period: (The Builders and Home Inspectors renew even years: Biennially
 Specialty, HVAC, Plumbing, and Electrical renew odd years: June
 COA: Annually
 Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted: (UT, AL & NC) Reciprocity
 Population Trend: Increasing
 Type of Exam: Privatized

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	27,712
Residential builders	10,248
Specialty Contractors	11,531
Home Inspectors	1,547
HVAC	838
COA	23
Electrical	2,132
Plumbing	1,393

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	733
Investigations:	524
Dispositions:	
Dismissed:	
Administrative:	16
No Action Taken:	147
Corrective Action:	28
Licensee:	203
Unlicensed:	23
Orders:	42
Pending:	3

Division of Fire and Life Safety

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The Division of Fire and Life Safety serves as the fire safety focal point for South Carolina, maintaining a statewide delivery system for fire prevention, protection and training services. The division provides leadership, guidance and services needed by the fire service to carry out its responsibilities at the local level. The Office of the State Fire Marshal and the S.C. Fire Academy comprise the division.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal also has licensing and permitting responsibilities for all LP Gas dealers, installers and resellers; public firework displays; proximate audience fireworks displays; explosives storage, use manufacture, and sale; and fire equipment dealers statewide. The State Fire Academy provides training to the fire service – paid, volunteer and industrial. The Academy also provides training for police, emergency medical services personnel and other emergency response personnel. The Fire Academy is South Carolina's franchisee of the National Fire Academy.

Emergency Preparedness, Firefighter Mobilization and Urban Search and Rescue.

Under the State's Emergency Operations Plan, the Fire and Life Safety Division is coordinator for Emergency Support Function (ESF) 9 – Search and Rescue and co-coordinator for ESF 4 – Structural Firefighting. Utilizing a collaborative effort, personnel from the State Fire Marshal's Office and the S.C. Fire Academy participate in staffing the Emergency Operations Center at SCEMD and at the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Staff also coordinates training, participates in drills and assists in the coordination and development of standard operating guidelines regarding emergency support functions. Since adoption of the Firefighters Mobilization Plan (FFMP), 195 fire departments, 3,110 firefighters and 636 stations have registered. ESF4 and 9 utilize the FFMP to help local jurisdictions mitigate situations that exceed their resources. The Firefighter Mobilization Committee oversees the FFMP. This committee is made up of senior personnel from across the state in the fire protection field. One of the assets available to Firefighter Mobilization is the Type I USAR Team.

The USAR team is comprised of 200 fire service personnel from around the state, including doctors, communication personnel and others. The team was equipped from Department of Homeland Security grants.

Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)

**Deputy Director Division of Fire and Life Safety
State Fire Marshal**

**John Reich 3/08/04 - Present
Michael Platt 8/1/04 - Present**

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Program Description:

The Office of State Fire Marshal 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. This office also has the responsibility to certify and provide training for all the local (resident) state fire marshals.

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FY 2005 - 2006 Statistical Information

BLASTING LICENSURE INFORMATION:	
Blasters (Individual) Licensed	154
Blasting Permits	343
Magazine Permits	358
LP GAS LICENSURE INFORMATION:	
Companies licensed for LP Gas	679
FIRE EQUIPMENT LICENSURE INFORMATION:	
Fire Equipment Companies Licensed	138
Fire Equipment Permits (Individual)	500
FIREWORKS/PYRO LICENSURE INFORMATION:	
CLASS B (PROFESSIONAL)	
Shooters Licensed	101
Fireworks Display Permits	246
CLASS C (COMMON)/PYROTECHNIC SAFETY	
Wholesalers Licensed	28
Jobbers Licensed	8
Storage Facilities Licensed	4
Retailers Licensed	671
Inspections	73
Investigations	29

Office of the State Fire Marshal

**Deputy Director Division of Fire and Life Safety
State Fire Marshal**

**John Reich 3/08/04 - Present
Michael Platt 8/1/04 - Present**

Program: Field Services

Program Description:

The Field Services deputies conducted 14,266 life safety inspections in 2005 - 2006 (average of 14 deputies). Five new deputies are being trained. This year, the manual inspection process converted to an electronic version.

The Office of State Fire Marshal hired a full-time training coordinator to conduct training for certified fire marshals. During the year, local fire inspectors/marshals attended quarterly training specifically for fire inspectors at the Fire Academy. The office conducted training and testing for the State Fire Marshal certification program. The office also conducted multiple training classes for local inspectors. These classes were for national certification. These training and certification programs are in addition to the training programs offered on the national and local level and are intended to increase the quality of inspections and inspectors statewide.

Number of Certified Inspectors:	552
Total number of Inspections:	54,779

FY2005 –2006 Statistical Information

Staff Positions	Number of Personnel
State Fire Marshal	1
Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal	1
Deputy State Fire Marshals	15

Engineers	5
Training Coordinator/Instructor	1
Pyrotechnic Safety Program Coordinator	1
Support Staff	5

FY2002 – 2006 Statistical Information

Office of State Fire Marshal (SFM)	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06
Inspections Per Deputy SFM	1,328	1,348	1,321	1,184	1,019
Inspections Completed by Deputy SFMs	18,605	20,228	19,814	14,213	14,266
Total Cited	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8,886
Local Fire Inspectors Certified by SFM	1,224	1,046	580	507	537
Inspections Conducted by Local Fire Departments Reporting to SFM	N/A	3,256	38,411	80,723	40,513
Total Violations Cited by Locals	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	36,939
Fire Marshal Education Courses Delivered:					
Total Number of Courses	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	32
Total Number of Students Attending	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,028

Office of the State Fire Marshal

**Deputy Director Division of Fire and Life Safety
State Fire Marshal**

**John Reich 3/08/04 - Present
Michael Platt 8/1/04 - Present**

Program: Engineering Services

Program Description:

The engineering section provides technical assistance to design professionals, other state agencies, local building officials, local fire officials, contractors and builders. Additionally, they are responsible for reviewing building construction plans for facilities such as dormitories, places of assembly, prisons and jails. The engineering section is also responsible for all sprinkler plan reviews, plan reviews for aboveground storage of flammable and combustible liquids at service stations and all propane plant installations. The engineering section performs plan reviews of other facilities when requested by the local building or fire officials and assists in revisions to the State Fire Marshal certification course when necessary. When requested, the section assists in teaching quarterly training.

Engineers:	4
Total number of plan reviews	2,731

FY 2005 - 2006 Statistical Information

TYPE OF PLAN REVIEWS:	FY04 Number of Plan Reviews	FY05 Number of Plan Reviews	FY06 Number of Plan Reviews
Building	335	245	329
Alarm	141	149	196
Above Ground Storage	55	13	25
FM200 Systems	2	10	4
Propane System	15	38	77
Sprinkler – Above Ground	1,472	1,640	1,808
Sprinkler – Underground	196	281	292
Total Number of Plan Reviews	2,216	2,376	2,731

Office of the State Fire Marshal

**Deputy Director Division of Fire and Life Safety
State Fire Marshal
Administrator**

**John Reich 3/08/04 - Present
Michael Platt 8/1/04 - Present
Sondra Senn - Present**

Program: Public Fire Safety Education and Data Management

Program Description:

The Office of the State Fire Marshal is responsible for several programs to educate the public on fire safety. The "Get Alarmed, South Carolina" program's main goal is to lower fire deaths by education and to provide smoke alarms to high-risk citizens. This includes the elderly, economically depressed and disabled. Smoke alarms are provided through donations and grants.

"Freddie the Fire Cat" is a comprehensive fire safety educational curriculum for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. To date, more than 285,000 students have received this annual program. The curriculum is available on LLR's Web site for downloading. Other programs are given throughout the year to groups, including S.C. Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, Carolina Health Care, S.C. State Firefighter's Association, S.C. Fire Marshals Association and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. Monthly news releases are distributed on fire education issues. The office also coordinates a statewide Fire Prevention Month campaign.

State law requires the office to collect and analyze data on fire incidents through the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS), which was created for fire departments in South Carolina. After a fire department responds to an incident, a report is completed. These statistics are analyzed by: county, cause, presence of a smoke alarm, age of fire death victim and structure of building. This statistical information represents more than half of the state's population, which is provided by 230 participating fire departments through the Fire Incident Reporting System.

Based on NFIRS data, four major fire problem areas have been identified for which fire education programs were developed to address high risk audiences: fires involving older Americans; fires involving heating and cooking; fires involving alcohol, drugs and smoking; and fires at college dormitories/student housing.

To be eligible to receive federal funding, fire departments must participate in the national incident reporting system. This requirement increases the demand for technical training and, in turn, increases department participation from 165 to 210. To accommodate training, the Division found it necessary to purchase equipment that would allow for a mobile computer training lab. This enables on-site training at the S.C. Fire Academy and in other regions. Through the S.C. Fire Incident Reporting class, almost 300 firefighters have been trained.

Annual funding awarded to South Carolina Fire Departments through the Assistance to Firefighter Grants:

- \$1,554,861 2001
- \$5,257,960 2002
- \$12,109,960 2003
- \$14,074,032 2004
- \$10,544,419 2005

To provide fire and life safety programs for school and family audiences, the Division of Fire and Life Safety and EdVenture Children's Museum entered into an agreement to provide personnel and program support for Dalmatian Station (a fire safety exhibit) within EdVenture. Two division staff members and two part-time public fire safety retirees are responsible for program development, delivery and outreach activities. Twelve new fire and life safety programs have been developed for this purpose and are utilized through various training and educational opportunities. New initiatives to expand the scope of educating young children are being developed, utilizing puppetry and characterization programs.

Increased educational efforts have attributed to the decrease in fire deaths over the past 20 years, decreasing South Carolina fire deaths by more than 50 percent.

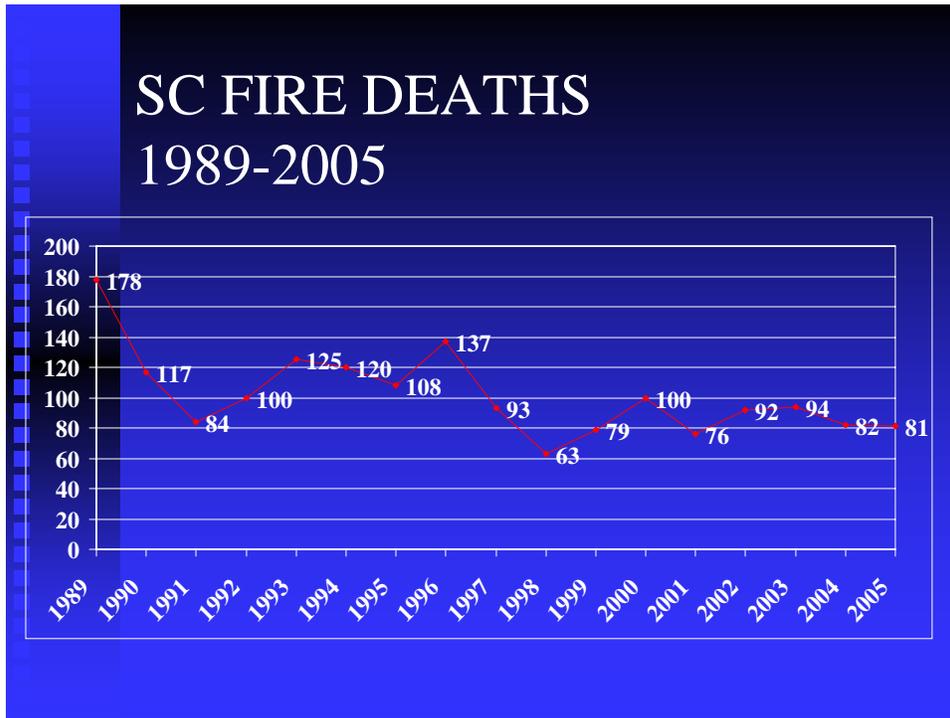
Full-Time Public Fire Education Officers	2
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Part-Time Public Fire Education Officers	2
Information Resource Coordinator	1
Number of Students Receiving Freddie Curriculum	285,000
Smoke Alarms Installed	5,000
SCFIRS Participating Fire Departments	230
SCFIRS Training Programs	10
SCFIRS Data Analysis Classes	2
Firefighters Trained on SCFIRS	290
New Fire and Life Safety Programs	12
Dalmatian Station Public Outreach	195,127
Fire Safety Camps	7
Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Programs	2

Program: Fire Incident Reporting

Program Description:

State law requires the office to collect and analyze data on fire fatalities. This is accomplished through the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) created for fire departments in South Carolina.



South Carolina Fire Academy

**Deputy Director Division of Fire and Life Safety
Superintendent**

**John Reich
Ed Roper**

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Program Description:

The Fire Academy's mission is to provide statewide training for fire service personnel: paid, volunteer, airport crash rescue firefighters, industrial fire brigade and other emergency response personnel. This

training includes the skills necessary to provide basic incident command and control for emergency operations involving fire, rescue, hazardous materials, and weapons of mass destruction incidents. The 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.

To meet customer demand, training classes are conducted seven days per week, both day and night, and on many state holidays. A training day is defined as an 8-hour training period. A large percentage of classes are more than a single 8-hour day. In FY06, there were 854 training days (average 3.2 classes per day). In comparison, in FY05 there were 738 training days (average of 2.27 classes per day).

Training is based upon the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation's Life Safety Initiative Program, "Everyone Goes Home," which focuses on firefighter safety. Last year 101 firefighters across the nation lost their lives in the line of duty. Sadly, one South Carolina firefighter succumbed to a line of duty death in 2006.

The Fire Academy offers an "Open Enrollment" option that allows non-fire service personnel desiring fire training to attend certain basic training courses.

Fire and emergency service training requires a combination of classroom instruction and hands-on skill training using special tools and equipment. It requires several instructors per course to ensure safety of students and instructors, and to evaluate students for required skill competency.

Since July 1995, the Fire Academy has been operating on a 208-acre site four miles northwest of Columbia off Monticello Road. The site has 13 buildings with more than 100,000 square feet of temperature-controlled floor space. This includes the Fire Marshal's office; an administration building; five classrooms; a 200-seat auditorium; a dormitory that sleeps 116; cafeteria; five-story drill tower with smoke maze; six-bay fire station with living quarters; an instructor building; student processing center; maintenance building and shop; a Class A burn building and a computer controlled LP gas fire burn building; 10 flammable liquid and gas live-fire training props; two computer-controlled 737 aircraft burn training props constructed with a FAA grant; and confined space rescue, hazardous materials and USAR heavy rescue training area props. This year a trench rescue prop and a collapse prop were added to our US&R training area. This has improved site safety and our ability to deliver advanced and specialized courses.

Plans have been finalized for a two-story class A burn building. Plans for a new fire station have been developed, with groundbreaking by September 2006. The new building will have three classrooms and additional living quarters to deliver additional 1151, seven-week firefighter candidates' courses.

The Fire Academy has three separate program areas related to training: regional training, resident training and curriculum. The curriculum section includes developing and revising lesson plans, control and maintaining all course tests and the test bank, ordering and maintaining all book inventories, AV support, instructor certification, IFSAC certification and accreditation program and equivalency processing and approval. Two support groups are key to site operations. The facilities maintenance team provides maintenance and janitorial service for the 208-acre site, buildings, props, support equipment, vehicles and the dormitory.

South Carolina has approximately 450 fire departments with about 14,000 firefighters. In FY06 the South Carolina Fire Academy conducted 1,631 courses for 19,380 public fire service and emergency personnel and trained 1,831 industrial fire brigade members, for a total of 21,211 students, with a total of approximately 440,000 student contact hours.

The Fire Academy receives no appropriated funding. However, the Fire Academy receives part of a one percent fee on fire insurance premiums; a .035 percent of one percent fee on fire insurance; and fees the fire service pays for most courses. The Fire Academy also sells courses to industry. The one percent money totaled \$2,357,317 (up \$33,320). The .035% money totaled \$2,401,566 (up \$73,538). Generated revenue course fees and sales were \$1,509,964 (up \$151,152). Industrial revenue, which is part of sales, increased. The Fire Academy budget underwrites, to some degree, all municipal programs, except programs conducted with federal grant funding. Instructor training workshops and updates are provided free. This helps ensure our instructors have up-to-date knowledge and technical skills. Training is

provided to the military, law enforcement, emergency medical services and other emergency service organizations at a higher, but fair and reasonable fee.

FY2000 – 2006 Statistical Information

Fire Academy	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06
Total programs delivered	1,348	1,461	1,661	1,435	1,661	2,118	1,631
Total students trained	16,224	16,075	20,765	17,259	18,271	27,280*	21,211

*In FY-05 we had 5,051 students taking a special WMD training-in-house course.

Program: Curriculum, IFSAC Accreditation, Testing, Certification and Instructor Training and Certification

Administrator Russ Friar

Program Description:

The Fire Academy maintains an instructor certification program for more than 750 part-time instructors, who teach courses at the Fire Academy and in their local fire departments. The instructor certification system involves establishing requirements for entry-level instructors and the re-certification of existing instructors. Part-time instructors are classified into two different areas: adjunct instructors and Fire Academy certified instructors.

The Fire Academy offers a firefighter certification program accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC). This year the Fire Academy added the IFSAC certification level, Driver/Operator-Aerial for a total of 11 certification levels. These include: Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Driver/Operator-Pumper, Instructor I, Fire Officer I, Fire Inspector I, Aircraft Rescue Firefighter, Fire and Life Safety Educator, Hazardous Materials-Operations, ARFF Driver/Operator and the new certification level of Driver/Operator-Aerial.

In FY06, 2,306 firefighters entered the certification program. After testing, 1,908 successfully completed the program and earned IFSAC certification. The pass rate was 82.74 percent. Since 1993, the Fire Academy has awarded 14,611 IFSAC certificates in the Certification Program.

The Fire Academy has an additional 90 non-certification courses. These courses require routine reviews to ensure they are current and up-to-date due to changing national standards and techniques. Complete development of a new course may also be required if a need is determined during the review period.

FY2005 - 2006 IFSAC Testing Statistical Information

Discipline	FY 05 Tested	Passed	Pass Rate	FY 06 Tested	Passed	Pass Rate
Firefighter I	670	570	88.36%	778	669	85.98%
Firefighter I Challenge	1,450	980	67.59%	103	96	93.20%
Firefighter II	510	438	85.88%	523	460	87.95%
Firefighter II Challenge	1,246	997	80.02%	80	73	91.25%
Driver/Pumper Operator	78	38	48.71%	68	48	70.58%
Airport Firefighter	133	126	94.73%	100	89	92.00%
Instructor I	211	201	95.26%	138	116	91.30%
Fire Officer I	229	197	86.02%	276	187	75.72%
Haz Mat Ops	192	130	67.71%	158	110	69.62%

Fire & Life Safety Educator	19	16	84.21%	28	20	71.43%
Fire Inspector I	33	18	54.54%	10	10	100.00%
Driver Operator/ARFF	11	11	100.00%	14	14	100.00%
Driver Operator/Aerial*	N/A	N/A	N/A	30	16	53.33%
TOTAL	4,782	3,722	77.83%	2,306	1,908	82.74%

*Driver Operator/Aerial FY 06 new IFSAC certification level

** FY 05 was the last year to challenge the Firefighter I and II levels based on older academy training courses.

Program: Regional Training

Superintendent Ed Roper, 7 full-time staff members; 3 part-time

Program Description:

Regional training is the key to the delivery of Fire Academy courses to fire service customers. A majority of Fire Academy courses are conducted in the regions at the local fire department. The Fire Academy has seven regions, served by six regional offices. There are four full-time regional offices. The Florence office serves two regions, 3 and 4. There is a part-time position to assist with Region 3. Region 6 and 7 are staffed with part-time employees.

Regional offices interact daily with the municipal fire service and schedule training programs to be conducted at local fire departments or at the regional offices. The Fire Academy works in every region to meet the fire service needs. In FY06, 66 percent of the courses delivered in the region were requested courses. The regions also work closely with the Resident Training section with hazmat and rescue programs due to the demand for instructors and equipment needed to conduct these courses. The regions are responsible for maintaining regional facilities and equipment. In the event of an emergency, regional coordinators are on-call 24 hours. Regional coordinators visit fire departments and attend chief, firefighter and instructor association meetings/conferences to ensure customer needs are being met. Coordinators interface with ACI and adjunct instructors.

Regional operations allows the Fire Academy to meet customer needs by providing courses at local departments and are conducted to meet schedule demands. With 80 percent of the state's fire service being volunteers, this flexibility is the only way to provide needed training. Most courses have written tests, as well as hands-on skill evaluations, that the student must pass to complete the course. Many regional courses require a live burn. It must be conducted at an approved burn facility such as the S.C. Fire Academy.

Number Regional offices: 7
 Number Regional municipal programs: FY03: 946 / FY04: 1,132/FY05:1,380
 FY06 1,109

Regions	Location
1	Greenville
2	Rock Hill
3 & 4	Florence
5	Charleston
6	Columbia
7	Newberry

FY2003-2006 Statistical Information

Type of Regional Municipal Programs	Number of Courses FY 03	Number of Courses FY 04	Number of Courses FY05	Number of Courses FY06
In-house Training	364	456	483	410
Catalog Programs	320	334	387	324

Requested Courses	216	300	429	293
Revenue Sponsored Courses	2	3	3	NA
Military	1	NA	NA	NA
Grant Courses	43	39	78	82
TOTALS	946	1,132	1,380	1,109

Program: Resident Training

Administrator Phillip Russell, 9 Staff Persons

Program Description:

Resident training includes courses offered at the Fire Academy's main campus. This includes municipal programs that require special burn props or special equipment. Examples include flammable liquid and gas firefighting courses and special heavy rescue and water rescue courses.

The resident training section is responsible for marketing and providing all industrial training. Industrial revenue is a key funding source. For many industries, a trained fire brigade and emergency teams are crucial to plant operation. The Fire Academy offers consultation and site visits to assist industries with fire brigade organization and to customize training courses to meet specific needs.

FY2005 – 2006 Statistical Information

Type of Resident Training Programs	Number of Programs FY05	Number of Students FY05	Number of Programs FY06	Number of Students FY06
Municipal resident programs	279	5,457	275	6,721
Burn Building Support	33	511	21	348
Grant Programs*	54	843	37	657
Firefighter Candidate School	4	79	4	78
Industrial Courses	104	1,536	136	1,854
ARFF	28	277	34	382
Total Number	502	8,703	507	10,040

The Resident Training area utilizes 27 different trailers to augment regionally delivered programs across the state. Resident staff regularly inventory, provide maintenance, calibrate, and prepare trailers for Fire Academy courses. Many of these trailers have in excess of \$100,000 worth of equipment to assist with Fire Academy programs, or to be used during a declared State of Emergency. In FY 2006, the Fire Academy purchased one new mobile confined space trailer to replace an obsolete trailer.

The following trailers are available for regional use:

- Haz-Mat Technician Trailers 3
- Haz-Mat Operation Trailers 9
- Confined Space Rescue Trailers 3
- Rope Operations Trailers 2
- Auto-Extrication Trailers 3
- SCBA Trailers 3
- LP Gas Prop Trailer 1
- Water Operations Trailer 1
- Trench / Shoring Trailer 1
- Industrial Fire Brigade Trailer 1

*Many grant programs are taught in the regions but require resident staff instructors to teach them and provide equipment from the Fire Academy. The Fire Academy delivered 260 equipment trailers, traveling approximately 60,000 miles.

Support FY 06 Administration Section

Coordinator: Cindy Brazell, 4 staff members

