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# Annual Report

## Fiscal Year 2022



**SC LLR**

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# INTRODUCTION

## LLR Locations

LLR's Office of the Director, Office of Communications and Governmental Affairs, Administration offices, Office of General Counsel, Division of Technology and Security, Division of Professional and Occupational Licensing (POL), Office of Wages and Child Labor, and Division of Elevators and Amusement Rides, are located at Agency headquarters in the Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia.

State Fire, which is LLR's Division of Fire and Life Safety, is located at the SC Fire Academy campus, 141 Monticello Trail, Columbia.

The Division of SC OSHA and the Division of Immigration Compliance are located at 121 Executive Center Drive, Suite 230, Columbia.

## Agency Mission

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

## Agency Vision

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

# OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

### **Director:**

***Emily Farr***

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

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

# OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

**Counsel to Office of Communications and Governmental Affairs:  
Communications Director:**

**Holly Beeson  
Lesia Kudelka**

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

\*Includes requests for all areas.

The Communications Office also is responsible for all Agency social media platforms but specifically manages Agency Facebook accounts and:



SC OSHA Twitter  
**@SC\_OSHA**  
**787**



Agency Twitter  
**@SCDLLR**  
**2151**



**Director of Governmental Affairs:****Katie Phillips**

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

**Governmental Affairs – Summary of Legislation Passed**

The 2022 meeting of the S.C. General Assembly is the second half of a two-year legislative session. The legislation listed below was enacted as of June 30, 2022 and may impact the Agency or its licensees.

<b>Enacted Legislation Reflecting Statutory Changes (by Act # or Ratification #)</b>					
Act #	Bill #	S.C. Code Section	Subject and Summary	Board/ Commission	Effective Date of Act
122	S.508	Amends 44-78-15 44-78-20 to 44-78-60	<b>Do Not Resuscitate Orders</b>  The Act amends the Emergency Medical Services Do Not Resuscitate Order Act to allow a parent or legal guardian of a medically eligible child to request or revoke a do not resuscitate order for emergency services for the child, with exceptions.	Medically related	3/14/22
142	H3126	Adds 8-15-80	<b>Vaccine mandates</b>  The Act prohibits vaccine mandates by the State and its political subdivisions for employees, independent contractors and nonemployee vendors, including firefighters, among others. The Act requires an employer to honor a religious exemption or medical exemption regarding any COVID-19 vaccine or booster requirement, and prohibits discrimination based on vaccination status in accommodations, dining, retail, entertainment and other establishments. The Act reenacts the COVID-19 Liability Immunity Act of 2021.	Agency	4/25/22  Repealed on 12/31/23 unless reauthorized
154	S.1178	Amends 39-20-45(l)	<b>Licensed Auctioneer Required for Online Sale of Property in Self-Service Storage</b>  The Act amends the Self-Service Storage Facilities Act to allow the owner of self-storage facilities to sell or dispose of property online, by an auctioneer licensed in this State, when the occupant defaults.	Auctioneers	5/13/22

## Enacted Legislation Reflecting Statutory Changes (by Act # or Ratification #)

155	S.1179	Adds 40-63-35 40-75-800  Amends 40-63-30(B)	<p><b>Registration of Behavior Telehealth Social Workers and Counselors</b></p> <p>The Act defines “behavioral telehealth” in the social work practice act and to authorize Independent Social Workers-CP who hold an active license in another state to provide these services, to also provide these services using telehealth to a client located in this State, if the individual registers with the Board. The Act also defines “behavioral telehealth” in the counselors practice act to authorize Licensed Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, Addiction Counselors, and Psycho-Educational Specialists who hold an active license in another state to provide these services, to also provide these services using telehealth to a client located in this State, if the individual registers with the Board. The Social Work Board and the Counselors Board shall publish on its respective website a list of all registrants and include specific information about the registrant. Each registrant consents, as a condition of registration, to the personal and subject matter jurisdiction and disciplinary authority of the Board. Registrants cannot open an office or provide in-person services to a client in this State. Individuals licensed by this State do not need to obtain a behavioral telehealth registration in order to provide behavioral telehealth services to a client residing in this State. The Act further clarifies that a social worker licensed by this State may provide services through telephonic, electronic, or other means to a client in this State within their appropriate scope of practice.</p>	Social Work	6/12/22
157	H.3325	Amends 44-63-74	<p><b>Mandatory Electronic Filing of Death Records</b></p> <p>The Act eliminates the exception to the mandatory electronic filing of death certificate for physicians who certify fewer than twelve deaths annually and funeral homes who perform fewer than twelve funerals annually.</p>	Funeral Medical	7/1/22
158	H.3599	Amends 40-36-230, 40-36-250  Adds 40-36-510 to 40-36-640	<p><b>Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact</b></p> <p>The Act enters South Carolina into the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact, which will allow an occupational therapist or occupational therapist assistant licensed in a compact state to apply for a compact privilege through the compact to provide occupational therapy services in another compact state.</p> <p>Note: As of July 29, 2022, the OT Compact website indicates the Compact Privilege applications are not yet open. The Commission anticipates applications for Compact privileges will open in late 2023 or early 2024.</p>	Occupational Therapy	5/13/22

## Enacted Legislation Reflecting Statutory Changes (by Act # or Ratification #)

159	H.3833	Amends 40-55-80(7)  Adds 40-55-310 to 40-55-440	<p>Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT)</p> <p>The Act enters South Carolina into the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact to authorize a psychologist licensed in another compact state to engage in the day-to-day practice of telepsychology in a compact state, and allow the temporary in-person, face-to-face practice of psychology across state boundaries for thirty days within a calendar year. The Act also amends existing Section 40-55-80(7) of the psychology practice act to require, as a condition of state licensure, applicants to submit a state and national criminal records check supported by fingerprints.</p> <p>Note: As of July 29, 2022, PSYPACT website lists SC as enacted, but not formally adopted by the PSYPACT Commission. PSYPACT authorizations are not yet valid in SC.</p>	Psychology	5/13/22
160	H.3840	Adds 40-67-500 to 40-67-640	<p>Speech-Language Interstate Compact</p> <p>The Act enters South Carolina into the Audiology Speech-Language Pathologist Licensure Compact (ASLP Compact) to authorize an audiologist or speech-language pathologist licensed by a home state to be recognized by each member state under a privilege to practice in each member state. To obtain a compact privilege, a licensee must meet the statutory requirements, and satisfy national fingerprint criminal background check requirements.</p> <p>Note: As of July 29, 2022, the ASLP Compact website indicates the Compact Commission anticipates it will begin issuing privileges to practice in compact member states by late 2022 or early 2023.</p>	Speech Language Pathology & Audiology	5/13/22
161	H.4048	Adds 1-11-445  Repeals 1-11-440, 12-4-325	<p><b>State Agency Indemnification</b></p> <p>The Act requires the State to provide a legal defense for and indemnification to a state agency, department, and instrumentality and members of a governing board of the same against an uninsured claim or suit that arises out of or by virtue of the performance of official duties on behalf of the state agency, department or instrumentality, regardless of whether the claim or suit was brought against them in their individual or official capacities or both.</p>	Agency	5/13/22



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162	H.4519	Adds 40-13-40	<p><b>Registered Barbers May Work in Licensed Cosmetology Salon</b></p> <p>H.4519 allows a person registered as a barber or master hair care specialist pursuant to Chapter 7 Title 40 to practice within the scope of his or her license in a salon registered in accordance with Chapter 13 Title 40. The Act requires LLR to promulgate regulations to carry out the provisions of this Section.</p>	Barber Cosmetology	5/13/22
165	H.4837	Amends 40-37-20, 40-37-320	<p><b>Mobile Optometry Units</b></p> <p>The Act amends the optometry practice act to authorize mobile units to visit and provide services on the site of a Title I public school to the students attending the school, provided the services must be rendered as part of a not-for-profit program. The Act establishes permitting requirements for mobile units. Under certain circumstances established in the law, the optometrist practicing in the mobile unit may be required to refer the student to a licensed ophthalmologist for follow-up care. Mobile units must apply for a permit and be inspected before operating.</p>	Optometry Ophthalmologists Opticians	5/13/22
167	S.158	Amends 40-57-340(B)	<p><b>Continuing education exemptions for Real Estate Brokers and Salespersons</b></p> <p>The Act authorizes a real estate broker or salesperson, with 25 years or more of licensure in South Carolina and who is 65 years of age or more, to apply for a full continuing education waiver. The Act also amends the existing experience-based partial continuing education waiver to allow a real estate broker or salesperson with a minimum of 25 years of licensure <i>in South Carolina</i>, regardless of age, to apply for partial continuing education waiver. The Act does not exempt a broker or salesperson from any other renewal requirements.</p>	Real Estate Commission	5/16/22
170	S.460	Amends Chapter 9, Title 23, 23-10-10, 23-10-20, 23-49-120, 40-80-30	<p><b>State Fire Marshal</b></p> <p>The Act clarifies and streamlines existing duties and responsibilities of the State Fire Marshal, modernizes the statutory language to describe current practices and titles, and consolidates the duties and responsibilities of the State Fire Marshal into one section. The Act allows the State Fire Marshal Office to issue administrative fines for repeated uncorrected violations where the violations do not pose an immediate danger to the occupants. The Act also restructures the V-SAFE program from a competitive grant program where eligible fire departments could apply and receive a maximum \$30,000 grant once every three years, to a grant program where eligible fire departments that apply would receive an equal share of the V-SAFE funds each year. The Act did not change the funding mechanism for the V-SAFE program.</p>	State Fire	5/16/22

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171	S.613	<p>Adds 40-47-196</p> <p>Amends 40-33-20, 40-33-42, 40-47-20,</p> <p>Deletes 40-47-30(A) (5), 40-47-935(C)</p>	<p><b>Medical Assistants</b></p> <p>The Act amends the Nurse Practice Act to define Certified "Medical Assistant" (SCCMA) as a graduate of post-secondary medical assisting programs identified in the Act and amends the definition of unlicensed assistive personnel to exclude SCCMAs, adds that they can be supervised by physicians, PAs, and APRNs, and establishes that UAPs cannot administer medicine except as otherwise provided by law. The definitions are added to the medical practice act, as well, and clarify that SCCMAs include medical assistants who are currently employed in that capacity on the effective date of the Act who do not have the required certification, but who achieve such certification no later than two (2) years after the effective date of the Act. The medical practice act is further amended to add 40-47-196 establishing which tasks can and cannot be delegated to a SCCMA, and which tasks can be delegated to UAP.</p>	Medical Nursing	7/15/22
173	S.637	Amends 40-58-20(16), 37-22-110(18)	<p><b>Manufactured or Modular Homes</b></p> <p>The Act establishes criteria a retailer of manufactured or modular homes must meet to qualify as an exempt person under the mortgage lending chapter of the Consumer Protection Code.</p>	Manufactured Housing	5/16/22
174	S.812	Amends Chapter 2, Title 40	<p><b>Accountancy Practice Act Comprehensive Changes</b></p> <p>S.812 rewrites the accountancy practice act to include comprehensive changes. For example, the Act creates a new credential for retired licensees, authorizes the Board to issue a license to a person who obtains a NASBA National Qualification Appraisal Service verification, amends numerous definitions, and amends the education and experience requirements for licensure. The Act also changes the ethics CPE requirements, with a minimum of 2 hours of CPE in ethics required for each calendar year, allows the Board to issue non-binding interpretations of statutes and regulations based on a written set of facts and a request from any member of the public, requires all Board orders, interpretations and policies to be made available to the public in an electronic format organized by applicable law or regulation, and changes the manner in which the Board notifies licensees about renewal applications. In the Act, the number of licensed public accounting or licensed accounting practitioner members on the Board changes from two to one, and the Act adds one resident licensed CPA from the public at large to the Board.</p>	Accountancy	5/16/22

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175	S.888	Adds 40-11-40	<p><b>Voluntary Contribution to Public Institutions Through Contractor's Licensure Fees</b></p> <p>The Act requires the Contractor's Licensing Board to provide an applicant for a new, reinstatement, or renewal contractor's license an opportunity, in writing, to make a voluntary contribution to be distributed to an accredited public institution of higher learning offering courses in construction science, building science or civil engineering. The voluntary contributions will be added to the contractor's license fee and transferred to the State Treasurer and credited to the appropriate institution. Applicants and licensees may designate a specific accredited institution to receive the contribution, and undesignated contributions will be distributed to accredited institutions in a pro rata manner based on the program student enrollment. The Act authorizes LLR to retain 5% of the amount distributed for administrative expenses associated with the collection and distribution of funds.</p>	Contractors	7/15/22
179	S.1059	Amends 40-33-43	<p><b>Unlicensed Persons Authorized to Provide Medications</b></p> <p>The Act amends the nurse practice act to allow unlicensed persons with documented medication training and skill competency evaluations to provide medications in intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities, as defined in Article 3, Chapter 7, Title 44, and in nursing homes, as defined in Article 3, Chapter 7, Title 44. The Act also requires the SC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to develop a Medication Technical Certification Program, which shall include curriculum, training, competence, and testing certification requirements. DHHS shall also create and maintain a Medication Technical Registry.</p>	Nursing Pharmacy Medical	5/16/22
186	H.3606	Adds 40-59-265  Amends 40-59-20	<p><b>Modifications to Residential Home Builders Act</b></p> <p>H.3606 modifies the South Carolina Residential Home Builders Act to add Section 40-59-265, which exempts certain improvements to residential property from building permit and licensure requirements when the work is performed by an owner of such property, and to amend the definition of "residential specialty contractor" in Section 40-59-20(7).</p>	Residential Building Codes Council	5/16/22

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188	H.3795	Adds 40-84-110 to 40-84-140, 59-33-120	<p><b>Registration of Sign Language Interpreters</b></p> <p>The Act requires persons providing sign language interpreting services for agencies, boards, commissions, and hospitals and healthcare facilities regulated by DHEC under Title 44, to hold a recognized certification in sign language interpretation as approved by the SC Association of the Deaf, the SC Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, or the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf. The Act does not apply to a person in certain emergency situations or as part of a supervised internship or mentorship if accompanied by an interpreter with recognized certification.</p>	Agency POL Boards	1/1/24
196	H.4889	Adds 40-79-215	<p><b>Prohibitions on Alarm Business Fines</b></p> <p>The Act amends the SC Alarm System Business Act to prohibit an alarm business or contractor, or alarm business call center, from being fined or assessed a penalty by a local government for false alarms that are not attributed to improper installations, defective equipment or operational error by the alarm business contractor.</p>	Contractors - Alarms	5/16/22
201	S.227	Amends Chapter 30, Title 40	<p><b>Revisions to the Massage Therapy Practice Act &amp; New Licensure and Inspection Requirements for Establishments</b></p> <p>The Act makes comprehensive amendments to the massage therapy practice act, which include, but are not limited to, changes to the definitions, fee structure, disciplinary process, education, endorsement, and licensing requirements, and will require applicants to obtain state and national fingerprint-based criminal background checks. The Act changes the title of the entity from the Massage/Bodywork Panel to Massage Therapy Board. The Governor will continue to appoint members to the Board, but with advice and consent of the Senate. The Act will require the Board to regulate, license, and inspect massage therapy establishments and sole practitioner establishments.</p>	Massage	5/13/23
205	S.934	Amends 6-9-63(A)	<p><b>Membership of the SC Building Codes Council</b></p> <p>The Act requires the architect's seat on the Building Codes Council be selected from a list of qualified candidates submitted to the Governor by the South Carolina Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. The Act also adds a requirement that all council members be a resident of this State.</p>	Building Codes Council	5/18/22

## Enacted Legislation Reflecting Statutory Changes (by Act # or Ratification #)

206	H.3166	Amends 44-33-10  Adds 44-33-310 to 44-33-380	<p><b>Sickle Cell Disease Voluntary Patient Registry</b></p> <p>The Act requires DHEC to develop and maintain the sickle cell disease voluntary patient registry to enable individuals diagnosed with sickle cell disease to register so that physicians and other health care practitioners providing care to the patient may confirm the patient's diagnosis.</p>	Medical Nursing	5/13/22
210	S.628	Adds 40-43-195, 40-43-210 to 40-43-270, 44-6-115	<p><b>Pharmacy Access Act &amp; Central Fill Pharmacy Permits</b></p> <p>The Act allows pharmacists to dispense a self-administered hormonal contraceptive or administer an injectable hormonal contraceptive to a patient who is 18 years of age or older, or under 18 if the person has evidence of a previous prescription from a practitioner for a self-administered hormonal contraceptive or an injectable hormonal contraceptive, pursuant to a standing order by a prescriber to a patient. The Act requires the Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Pharmacy to issue a written joint protocol to authorize a pharmacist to dispense a self-administered hormonal contraceptive or administer an injectable hormonal contraceptive without a patient-specific written order.</p> <p>The Act also creates a new central fill permit under by the Board of Pharmacy.</p>	Pharmacy Medical Nursing	Central Fill: 5/23/22  Pharmacy Access Act: Issuance of Joint Protocol, no later than 11/23/22
211	S.1011	Adds 44-7-3240, 44-130-75	<p><b>South Carolina Parkinson's Disease Research Collection Act &amp; Opioid Antidote Distribution</b></p> <p>The Act creates the South Carolina Parkinson's Disease Research Collection Act to require Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) to collect data on the incidence of Parkinson's disease in SC and other epidemiological data. Every patient diagnosed with Parkinson's disease or a related Parkinsonism must be notified about the database and the opportunity to participate. The Act also requires MUSC to provide notification of the mandatory reporting of Parkinson's disease and parkinsonism to the Board of Medical Examiners at least 180 days prior to requiring information be reported.</p> <p>The Act also allows a hospital to distribute an opioid antidote to a person at risk of experiencing an opiate-related overdose or a caregiver of a person at risk of experiencing an opiate-related overdose, and shielding a hospital from civil or criminal liability or from disciplinary action from the licensing board for distributing the same.</p>	Medical Pharmacy	Opioid Antidote Distribution: 5/23/22  Parkinson's Disease Research: 5/23/23

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222	H.5182	Adds 11-58-10 to 11-58-100	<p><b>South Carolina Opioid Recovery Act</b></p> <p>The Act establishes the Opioid Recovery Act, which creates the SC Opioid Recovery Fund from which money will be distributed to help address and remediate opioid-related issues, and creates the SC Opioid Recovery Fund Board to administer the SC Opioid Recovery Fund.</p>	Medically related	5/23/22
235	H.4776	Adds 44-139-10 to 44-139-90  Amends 44-41-50	<p><b>Medical Ethics and Diversity Act</b></p> <p>The Act provides that a medical practitioner, health care institutions and health care payers have a right not to participate in or pay for any health care service which violates the practitioner's or entity's conscience. The Act provides a shield against criminal, civil or administrative liability for exercising that right and prohibits discrimination against the medical practitioner, health care institution or health care payer for exercising that right. The rights are subject to an exception for emergencies. Medical practitioners are defined to include doctors, nurse practitioners, physician's assistants, nurses, nurses' aides, allied health professionals, medical assistants, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, faculty and students of medical and nursing schools, psychology and counseling faculty and students, medical researchers, lab technicians, counselors, or social workers. The Act provides that a medical practitioner may file a complaint with the State Human Affairs Commission (SHAC) for alleged violations, SHAC must investigate alleged violations, and SHAC must provide the LLR Director with a copy of its report if the respondent is a medical practitioner.</p>	Medical Nursing Pharmacy Counselors Social Work Psychology	6/17/22

*The above summary of enacted legislation is strictly for reference only and it not legal advice. LLR is providing this information to notify the public and licensees of recently enacted legislation that may impact his or her practice area or license. This legislative update provides only a high level overview of enacted legislation and licensees and the public are urged to review the entire enacted legislation, which is available in the hyperlinks above. Neither the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation nor any of its employees make any warranty, express or implied, or assumes any legal liability or responsibility for the accuracy or completeness or usefulness of this information.*

# Division of **Technology and Security**

**Chief Information Officer:****Matt Faile**

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

# Division of **Administration**

**Director of Finance and Procurement:****Patrick Jarvis**

The Budget Office is responsible for coordinating the Agency's budget and federal grants.

The Finance Office is responsible for directing fiscal functions of the Agency.

**Finance Manager:****Lauren Wright**

The Finance Manager supports the Director of Finance in managing and overseeing the administrative functions of the Agency's finance department including the monitoring of annual budgets, accounts payable, accounts receivable, general ledger, payroll, and annual audit process.

**Procurement Manager:****Diane Parker**

The Procurement Office is responsible for directing and providing expertise in Agency purchasing, property and vehicle management, employee motor vehicle records, Procurement Card and lodging programs, surplus, inventory, and mailroom services.

**Human Resources Director:****Kathryn Britt**

The Human Resources Office is responsible for providing services in the areas of recruitment and retention, classification and compensation, policy development, employee relations, benefits, training, and human resources transactions and records.

# Office of **General Counsel**

## **General Counsel:**

**Melina Mann**

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

## **Disciplinary Counsel:**

**Pat Hanks**

The Office of Disciplinary Counsel handled the following cases during FY 2022:

### Division of POL Cases



\*(Includes cases carried forward from previous fiscal years)

## **Advice Counsel:**

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

# Labor **Programs**

## Division of **SC Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)**

*Office of Deputy Director*

### **Deputy Director:**

**Kristina Baker**

### **Chief OSHA Counsel:**

**Deidre D. Laws**

SC OSHA's Office of Legal Counsel provides litigation and legal advice to SC OSHA's compliance officers, managers, and other OSHA staff. The Office essentially serves as the "in-house law firm" for SC OSHA, while also handling



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

### OSHA CONTESTED CASES

**Manager:**

**Deidre D. Laws**

**Attorney:**

**Tara S. Nixon**

**Coordinator:**

**Sandra LaRue**

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

#### FY 22 Statistical Information:

#### Contested Cases



\*(Includes cases carried forward from previous fiscal years)

### 11(c) WHISTLEBLOWER INVESTIGATIONS

**Manager:**

**Deidre D. Laws**

**Investigators:**

**Albert Almarode, Renee Bouye, and Tara S. Nixon**

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

#### FY 22 Statistical Information:

- Total number of whistleblower cases opened: 178
- Total number of whistleblower cases closed: 183\* \*includes cases carried forward from FYs 14, 17-21

**SC OSHA Compliance Manager:****Anthony Wilks**

The purpose of the State Occupational Safety and Health Act is to ensure working people a safe and healthful working environment. SC OSHA is committed to strong, fair, and effective enforcement of safety and health requirements in the workplace. SC OSHA compliance officers are experienced, well-trained safety and health professionals who work to assure compliance with occupational safety and health requirements, and to help employers and workers reduce on-the-job hazards and prevent injuries, illnesses, and deaths in the workplace.

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

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

If violations are found, SC OSHA is required by law to issue a citation and proposed penalty within six months of the occurrence of the violations.

Citations describe the alleged violation, list any proposed penalties, and provide a deadline for correcting the alleged hazards. Violations are categorized as other-than-serious, serious, willful, repeat, and failure to abate. Penalties may range up to \$7,000 for each serious violation and up to \$70,000 for each willful or repeated violation. Penalties may be reduced based on an employer's good faith, inspection history, and business size.

When citations are issued, the employer has an opportunity to request an informal conference to discuss the citations, penalties, abatement dates, and any other information pertinent to the inspection. The Agency and the employer may work out a settlement agreement to resolve the matter and to eliminate the hazard.

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



## Statistical Information FY 2022

OSHA Inspections:	Number	Percentage
Total	317	100%
Safety Inspections	233	73.5%
Health Inspections	84	26.5%
<b>Inspections by Type</b>		
Planned	97	30.6%
Complaints	99	31.2%
Accidents and Fatalities	39	12.3%
Referrals	10	3.2%
Follow-up	17	5.4%
Programmed-Related	3	0.9%
Unprogrammed-Related	16	5.0%
Monitoring	1	0.3%
Employer Reported Referrals	35	11.0%
<b>Number of Violations:</b>		
Total	438	100 %
Serious	360	82.2%
Other-than-Serious	73	16.7%
Repeat	4	0.9%
Willful	1	0.2%
<b>Inspections resulting in findings of in-compliance</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>46.7%</b>

## SC OSHA Information Technology System

### State Plan Manager:

**Gwendolyn Thomas**



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

that same data is analyzed with an eye toward helping SC OSHA continuously improve its safety inspection and consultation programs.

In FY 22, the South Carolina OSHA Redesign and Enhancement (SCORE) Information System, running on the OSHA Express™ software platform, obviated the need to maintain paper inspection reports for 317 inspections and 570 consultation visits. SCORE not only provides an efficient means of data entry and secure storage, it also allows South Carolina OSHA to retrieve and analyze that data instantaneously.

## SC OSHA Standards Office

### State Plan Manager:

**Gwendolyn Thomas**

### Safety Standards Officer:

**Yarikza Alexander**

### Health Standards Officer:

**Alissa Miles**

The purpose of SC OSHA's Standards Office is to review all OSHA documents and recommend actions to the SC OSHA State Plan Manager such as adoption of new standards promulgated by Federal OSHA, and amendments to existing standards. The Office reviews Federal OSHA Compliance Directives for state implementation, and coordinates all public hearings for the adoption of new or amended standards and regulations.

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

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

The Standards Office also evaluates whether alternative protections are being afforded to employees, and submits recommendations regarding variance applications to the SC OSHA State Plan Manager.

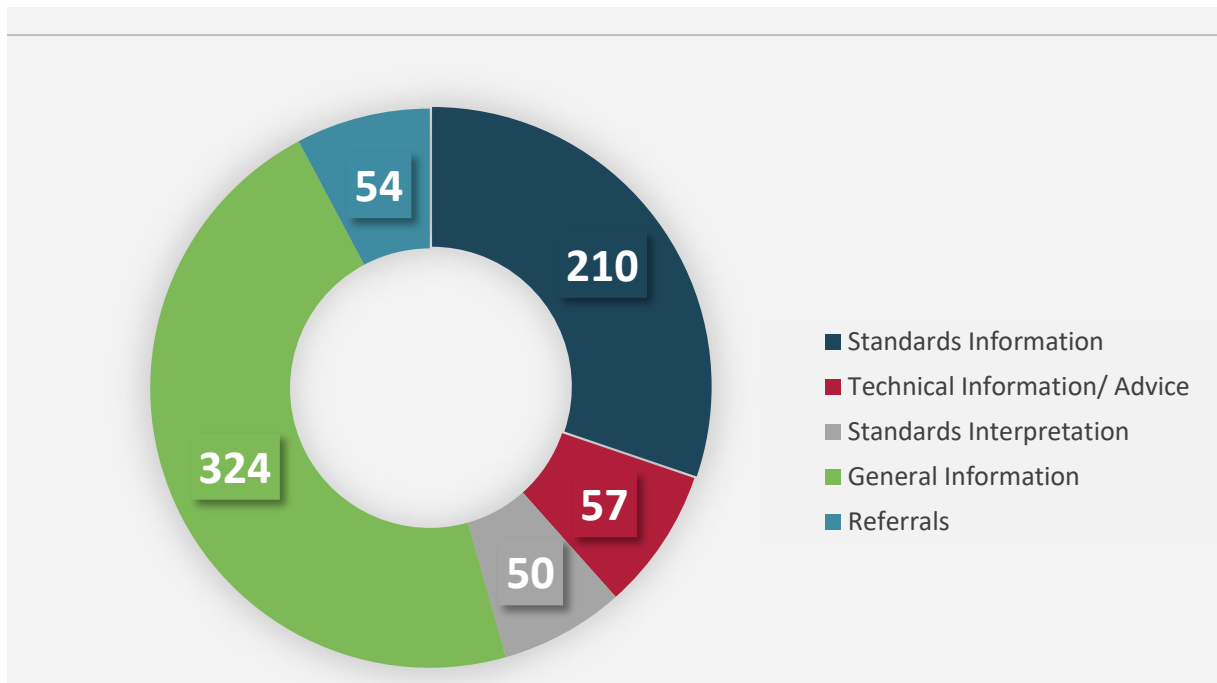
The SC OSHA Standards Office assists many employers, employees, and compliance personnel who desire to eliminate safety and health workplace hazards. Electrical hazards, machine guarding problems, bloodborne pathogens, injury and illness recordkeeping, matters regarding fall protection, and COVID-19 are examples of conditions for which information and assistance are frequently requested.

SC OSHA Standards Office performed the following activities during FY 2022:

South Carolina OSHA promulgated one Emergency Temporary Standard regarding COVID-19. This standard was promulgated pursuant to SC Code Ann. §§41-15-210, 41-15-210, 41-15-220, and 1-23-130, which provide for the filing of the emergency regulation. This standard became effective on the date of filing, October 29, 2021, through December 21, 2021. South Carolina OSHA also promulgated one new occupational safety and health standard in FY 2022. As part of this process, SC OSHA hosted one virtual standard adoption hearing on April 26, 2022, to allow for public comment on the proposed addition of the following standard:

- General Industry Subpart U, COVID-19 – Healthcare (§ 1910.502)

Inquiries Answered by the Standards Office by Type



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

### BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

**State Plan Manager:**

**Gwendolyn Thomas**

**Research and Planning Administrator:**

**Felecia G. Busby**

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

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

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

<b>*2020 Occupational Injuries and Illnesses Statistics</b>	
Number of employees in SC private sector workforce	1,677,381
Number of employees in SC public sector workforce	314,528
Number of reported private sector injuries/illnesses	29,100
Injury and Illness rate per 100 employees – private sector	2.1
Number of reported public sector injuries/illnesses	9,500
Injury and Illness rate per 100 employees – public sector	3.6
<b>*2020 CFOI Statistics</b>	
Number of fatal occupational injuries	102
Private sector	89
Public sector	13

\* 2020 Data represents the most current year available from the BLS.

## *SC Compliance Officer Training*

**State Plan Manager:**

**Gwendolyn Thomas**

**Training Director:**

**Kristal A. Davis**

Training classes are provided to new compliance safety and health officers (CSHOs) and other OSHA staff to prepare them for their responsibilities when conducting inspections, dealing with employers and their employees, and preparing reports. In FY 22, SC OSHA's Training Director instructed one Outreach & Education Training Supervisor, five compliance safety and health officers, two consultants, and one new Whistleblower Investigator. With the departure of seven team members to retirement or other employment opportunities, the influx of new personnel and training remained strong and active for the fiscal year ahead. Five compliance safety and health officers completed their mentoring training and were released to conduct their own inspections in FY22. Two Outreach & Education consultants completed their training programs and were both released to assist employers across the state.

Students participated in independent study of educational webinars and on-line OSHA web-based training. They selected various topics of safety related interest and provided proof of attendance and completion for their training files. There were 26 different professional development classes attended in FY 22. These included everything from basic core curriculum classes to specific technical topics. These classes accounted for a total of 3,036 training hours. Beyond the typical safety, health, and construction standard classes and Legal Aspects training, staff attended courses such as, but not limited to, Ergonomics, Permit Required Confined Space, Hazardous Materials, Crane Training, Respiratory Protection, Process Safety Management, and Work Zone and Flagger Safety. While many training classes were conducted virtually or at the OSHA Training Institute, other outreach venues were also utilized, including North Carolina State University, University of Wisconsin (IRC), Georgia Institute of Technology, and the SC Chapter of the National Safety Council.

Three South Carolina OSHA Outreach & Education employees received their remote pilot licenses from the United States DOT/FAA and can fly SC OSHA Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems ("SUAS" or "drones") for investigative purposes for Compliance or Outreach/VPP clients. Each employee took more than 80 hours of training to study maps, charts, technical data and pass a detailed written test to receive certification.

South Carolina OSHA plans to host the OSHA Training Institute at the South Carolina Fire Academy regarding Fire Protection and Life Safety. This will be for all OSHA personnel that work with employers across the state.

## *SC OSHA Office of Outreach and Education*

**Outreach and Education Manager:**

**Sharon Dumit**

The Office of Outreach and Education provides safety and health courtesy inspections, technical assistance, and safety and health training to aid the business community in voluntary compliance with all areas of the Occupational Safety and Health Act. In addition, this area also provides recognition and outreach programs such as the Palmetto Star,

Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP), alliances, and partnerships. These services are free to both public and private sector employers. Safety and health consultations also are offered and are confidential. Training resource materials, brochures, booklets, audio-visual programs, seminars, lectures and extended courses have been developed to assist employers in providing employees a safe and healthful work environment.

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

### CONSULTATION SERVICES

**Outreach and Education Manager:**

**Sharon Dumit**

**Coordinators:**

**Kenyarda Edward, Safety Supervisor**

**Keith Davis, Health Supervisor**

This program's goal is to help employers make their 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 high-hazard industries or with especially hazardous operations. Consultations are independent of SC OSHA's enforcement activity, and records are confidential and separate from OSHA's enforcement program. The only obligation of the businesses using these services is to correct, in a timely manner, any job safety and health hazards identified during the consultation visit.

## CONSULTATION ACTIVITY FOR 2022

**12,324** Number of Employees Helped

**546** Number of Consultation Requests

Number of workplaces referred to compliance

**3**

South Carolina  
**OSHA**  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
Number of workplaces visited

**570**



**567**

Number of workplaces achieving compliance



### Amount Saved in OSHA Fines by Businesses Achieving Compliance

FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY 15	FY 16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
2.1M	1.4M	1.5M	1.5M	1.6M	1.8 M	1.7M	1.4M	1.9M	1.3M	1.0M	500,000	2.8M

### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

#### **Outreach and Education Manager: Coordinator:**

**Sharon Dumit  
Angela Baldwin**

Training classes are provided for employees and employers covering key safety issues facing workplaces today, such as SC OSHA's Rights and Responsibilities, Lockout/Tagout, and Violence in the Workplace. This service within the Office of Outreach and Education provides a variety of training programs and presentations designed to reduce or eliminate safety and health hazards in the workplace. Upon request, training is available to employers and employees in the public and private sector and may take place on-site (requiring participation of 12 or more employees) or virtually. In FY 22, 131 training programs were delivered to employees throughout the state, resulting in more than 1,956 employees trained on various SC OSHA regulations and other safety and health issues.

#### Education and Training Provided for FY 2022

Number of training programs:	131
Number of contact hours:	2,750
Number of trainees:	1,956

Training curriculum covers general industry, health, and construction areas. Examples of training programs include, but are not limited to:

- OSHA Inspection Process
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Lockout/Tagout (LOTO)
- Trenching/Excavation
- Hazard Communication
- Heat Stress
- Proper Lifting
- Fall Protection (Construction)
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Machine Guarding
- Violence in the Workplace
- Scaffolding (Construction)
- Silica
- Permit Required Confined Spaces
- Industrial Trucks (Forklifts)
- OSHA Recordkeeping Electrical Safety

## Recognition and Outreach

**Outreach and Education Manager:**  
**Coordinator:**

**Sharon Dumit**  
**Perry Barhydt**

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

### PALMETTO STAR

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

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

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

Palmetto Star Program	
Number of active approved Palmetto Star sites	36
Number of initial evaluations conducted	0
Number of initial approvals for FY 22	0
Number of three-year re-evaluations conducted	15

Approved Palmetto Star Sites by Year												
FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
44	44	41	40	40	41	39	41	39	37	37	37	36

Palmetto Star Sites	Location	Approval Date
Milliken and Company Gilliland Plant	Laurens, SC	05/31/94
Milliken and Company Dewey Plant	Inman, SC	07/29/94
BAE Systems	Aiken, SC	09/30/94
Milliken and Company Cushman Plant	Williamston, SC	05/31/95
Milliken and Company Gerrish Plant	Pendleton, SC	11/30/95
SAGE Gayley Plant	Marietta, SC	08/30/96
Milliken and Company Gillespie Plant	Union, SC	12/05/96
Milliken and Company Cedar Hill Plant	Jonesville, SC	02/10/97
SAGE Abbeville Plant	Abbeville, SC	06/12/97
Milliken and Company Allen Plant	Blacksburg, SC	07/07/97
SAGE Sharon Plant	Abbeville, SC	02/26/98
Milliken and Company Johnston Plant	Johnston, SC	04/10/98
Honeywell	Greer, SC	07/15/98
Milliken and Company Pendleton Plant	Pendleton, SC	09/30/98
Milliken and Company Magnolia Plant	Blacksburg, SC	03/10/99
Milliken and Company Roger Milliken Research and Customer Center	Spartanburg, SC	05/31/00
Ascend, Inc.	Greenwood, SC	07/31/00
GE Medical Systems	Florence, SC	10/22/01
Milliken and Company Enterprise Plant	Marietta, SC	11/15/01
Bridgestone	Graniteville, SC	01/08/02
Milliken and Company Sycamore Transportation/Distribution Center	Clinton, SC	01/08/02
Graphic Packaging International	Prosperity, SC	12/29/03
Milliken and Company Hillcrest Plant	Simpsonville, SC	05/08/04
Performance Pipe	Startex, SC	05/07/15
Anmed	Anderson, SC	12/19/05
SAGE Cotton Blossom Plant	Spartanburg, SC	08/14/06
Koppers Performance Chemicals	Rock Hill, SC	10/11/06
GE Aviation	Greenville, SC	06/25/09
Nucor Building Systems	Swansea, SC	11/16/09
CompX	Mauldin, SC	08/10/10
Nucor Steel Berkeley	Huger, SC	04/25/11
Glen Raven Custom Fabrics	Anderson, SC	07/08/13
Robert Bosch, Anderson Plant	Anderson, SC	04/23/15
Robert Bosch, Charleston Plant	Charleston, SC	09/01/16
Solvay Specialty Polymers	Greenville, SC	12/17/17

### ***SAFETY AND HEALTH ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION PROGRAM (SHARP)***

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

Requirements for participation in the SHARP program are:

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

#### *Office of Outreach and Education: SHARP Sites*

<b>SHARP Site</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>
Cintas Corporation #216	Greenville, SC	6/10/14
Shred-It	Roebuck, SC	07/02/14
Ply Gem Siding Group	Gaffney, SC	08/23/08
Cherokee County Cogeneration	Gaffney, SC	12/10/09
AMENTUM (Formerly AECOM N&E )	Aiken, SC	06/12/13
Cintas Corp #216	Greenville, SC	06/10/14
Sonoco Recycling	Spartanburg, SC	03/05/15
SafeRack	Andrews, SC	09/24/21
CDC Berkeley	Berkeley, SC	08/09/12

## ALLIANCES AND PARTNERSHIPS

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

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

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

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

### OFFICE OF OUTREACH AND EDUCATION: CURRENT ALLIANCES

Currently, there are no active alliances.

### OFFICE OF OUTREACH AND EDUCATION: CURRENT PARTNERSHIPS

A partnership is a voluntary agreement between the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation Occupational Safety and Health Division (SC OSHA) and general contractors of a construction site project that lasts a specified period of time. It is designed to encourage, assist and recognize efforts to eliminate serious hazards and achieve a high degree of worker safety and health.

SC OSHA assists partners in the reduction of injuries and illnesses through the long-term development of effective safety and health management systems that address hazards in accordance with the OSH Act. A partnership must meet established measurements which will be verified through quarterly joint inspections and documentation provided by the partner at least monthly.



The program is available to construction general contractors in locales where SC OSHA has jurisdiction. Due to the length of time and manpower involved with each partnership, only a limited number are allowed at any one time. Partnership agreements include sections on purpose and scope, objectives and measures, participation criteria, statement of agreement, evaluation criteria, inspections, termination and suspension, and project safety and analysis.

Outreach and Education has a partnership agreement with the following companies:

- Harper General Contractors, Environmental Systems and its subcontractors working on the McCormick Wastewater Treatment Expansion in McCormick, S.C. This partnership agreement was signed March, 11, 2021.
- Holder Construction Group and its subcontractors working on the Mustang MNK project in Monks Corner. This partnership agreement was signed June 30, 2021.
- Juneau Construction Company and its subcontractors working on the University of South Carolina-Campus Village located in Columbia, S.C. This partnership agreement was signed December 14, 2021.

## Division of **Immigration Compliance**

**Deputy Director:**

**Kristina Baker**

**Labor Manager:**

**Tyler Livezey**

### South Carolina Illegal Immigration Reform Act

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

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

For a first occurrence by a private employer, prior to July 1, 2012, of failure to verify a new hire through the E-Verify federal work authorization program, the penalty was waived where the employer swears or affirms in writing to the SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation that the employer has complied with the provisions of the federal law covering employment of unauthorized aliens (8 U.S.C. Section 1324a) from Jan. 1, 2012 until notification by the

Department of LLR of a violation, and upon compliance with the state law on verification of new hires within three business days.

For a first occurrence by a private employer, after July 1, 2012, of failure to verify a new hire through E-Verify, the Department of LLR must place the employer on probation for a period of one year, during which time the private employer must submit quarterly reports to the Agency demonstrating compliance with the law. A subsequent violation within three years of the law's verification requirements must result in the suspension of the private employer's license(s) for at least 10 days, but not more than 30 days.

## IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE FOR 2022

**841**

Employers with no new hires during audit period

**60,426**

 E-Verify

Employees E-Verified



**0**

Employees not E-Verified

Employers who E-Verified new hires

**1,112**

**2,868**

Audits conducted

## Division of **Wages and Child Labor**

**Deputy Director:**

**Kristina Baker**

**Labor Manager:**

**Tyler Livezey**

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

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

Statistical Information FY 2022			
Wages		Child Labor	
Complaints Investigated	1,615	Child Labor Complaints	9
Violations Cited	372	Child Labor Violations Cited	1
Number of Warnings Issued	271	Number of Warnings Issued	1
Number of Citations Issued	101	Number of Citations Issued	0
Wages Paid in Violations to	\$2,500		



# Division of **Elevators & Amusement Rides**

## **Administrator:**

**Duane Scott**

Created in 1986, the Office administers the [South Carolina Elevator Code](#) and the [South Carolina Amusement Ride Safety Code](#). To ensure compliance with both codes, licensed inspectors conducted inspections of new and existing elevator facilities and amusement rides in FY 22.

Elevator and amusement ride annual inspections are conducted by certified special inspectors licensed by LLR. Inspectors employed by LLR travel the state to audit the inspections conducted by the special inspectors. LLR inspectors also issue permits to amusement devices once the device passes inspection.

## *Elevator Safety Inspections*

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

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

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

## *FY 22 Statistical Information*

# of elevators registered in the state

**14,590**

**12,222\***

# of elevators inspected

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

### *Amusement Ride Safety Inspections*

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

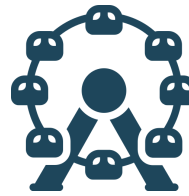
Inspection fees are based on the type of device being inspected and are set by regulation.

### *FY 22 Statistical Information*



# 775

Amusement rides  
inspected in the state



# 764

Amusement rides  
permitted in the state

### *Bungee Jumping Inspections*

The Office began regulating the practice of bungee jumping in July 1994. In FY 22, there were no applications for bungee jump permits.

# Division of Professional and Occupational Licensing (POL)

**Deputy Director:**

**Assistant Deputy Director:**

**Dean Grigg**

**Robbie Boland**

## Board of Accountancy

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

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<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/acct/">www.llr.sc.gov/acct/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Susanna Sharpe, CPA susanna.sharpe@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1915
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-2-5, et seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	1-01, et seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	11
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor, recommendation profession association
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	6 annually
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 states, 5 jurisdictions
<b>Licensing Period</b>	Annually, Expires January 31st
<b>Endorsement Accepted:</b>	Endorsement
<b>Total:</b>	<b>7,911</b>
<b>Certified Public Accountants:</b>	6,189
<b>Public Accountants:</b>	3
<b>Accounting Practitioners:</b>	62
<b>Accounting Firms In-State Registration:</b>	1,293
<b>Accounting Firms Out-of-State Registration:</b>	364
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	45
<b>Investigations:</b>	41
<b>Dispositions:</b>	11

## Board of Architectural Examiners

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

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<b>lenora.miles@llr.sc.gov</b>	
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1917
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-3-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	11-1, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	6
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and territories that license same profession:</b>	50 states, 4 territories
<b>Licensing Period</b>	
<b>Individual</b>	Biennially, Expires June 30th (odd years)
<b>Firm</b>	Biennially, Expires August 31st (odd years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Reciprocity
<b>Total:</b>	6,277
<b>Architect:</b>	4,572
<b>Business Corporation Firm:</b>	114
<b>Firm:</b>	1,504
<b>Partnership Firm:</b>	10
<b>Professional Association Firm:</b>	59
<b>Sole Proprietor Firm:</b>	18
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	48
<b>Investigations:</b>	57
<b>Dispositions:</b>	54

## Athletic Commission

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

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<b>Website:</b>	www.llr.sc.gov/ath/
<b>Administrator:</b>	Jon Hollingsworth jon.hollingsworth@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Commission Established:</b>	1984
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-81-10, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	20-1.1, et. seq.
<b>Commission Member Slots:</b>	9
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Commission Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	42 states, 0 jurisdictions
<b>Licensing Period:</b>	Annually, Expires December 31st
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	No
<b>Total:</b>	2,745
<b>Amateur Mixed Martial Arts:</b>	337
<b>Announcer:</b>	6
<b>Judge:</b>	33
<b>Manager:</b>	21
<b>Match Maker:</b>	7
<b>Kick Boxer:</b>	13
<b>Permits:</b>	77
<b>Professional Boxer:</b>	460
<b>Professional Mixed Martial Arts:</b>	123
<b>Promoter:</b>	65
<b>Time Keeper:</b>	10
<b>Referee:</b>	20
<b>Second:</b>	564
<b>Trainer:</b>	295
<b>Wrestler:</b>	651
<b>Wrestling Announcer:</b>	26
<b>Wrestling Referee:</b>	37
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	15
<b>Investigations:</b>	18
<b>Dispositions:</b>	1

## Auctioneers Commission

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

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<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4554
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/auc/">www.llr.sc.gov/auc/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Amy Holleman amy.holleman@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Commission Established:</b>	1977
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-6-05 et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	14-1, et. seq.
<b>Commission Member Slots:</b>	5
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Commission Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	17 states, 0 jurisdictions
<b>Licensing Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires June 30th
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Reciprocity
<b>Total:</b>	950
<b>Auctioneers:</b>	775
<b>Auction Firms:</b>	173
<b>Auctioneer Apprentice:</b>	2
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	23
<b>Investigations:</b>	23
<b>Dispositions:</b>	12

## Board of Barber Examiners

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

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4588
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4484
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/bar/">www.llr.sc.gov/bar/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Theresa Brown <a href="mailto:theresa.brown@llr.sc.gov">theresa.brown@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1937
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-7-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	17-1, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	5
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Bi-Monthly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	44 states, 0 jurisdictions
<b>Licensing Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires June 30th (odd years) Biennially, Expires June 30th (even years)
<b>Barbers:</b>	
<b>Registered Hair Braiders:</b>	
<b>Endorsement Accepted:</b>	Yes
<b>Total:</b>	11,234
<b>Registered Barbers:</b>	1,768
<b>Registered Barber Apprentices:</b>	113
<b>Master Hair Care:</b>	2,143
<b>Barber Assistant Manicurists:</b>	2
<b>Barber Shops:</b>	1,636
<b>Barber Colleges:</b>	39
<b>Barber Instructors:</b>	485
<b>Student Barbers:</b>	678
<b>Barber On-the-job Training:</b>	149
<b>Hair Braiders Registration:</b>	4,068
<b>Master Hair Care Apprentices:</b>	60
<b>Mobile Barbershop</b>	3
<b>90-Day Work Permit:</b>	90
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	211
<b>Investigations:</b>	238
<b>Inspections:</b>	2,158
<b>Dispositions:</b>	138

## Boiler Safety Program

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

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<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4814
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/boil/">http://www.llr.sc.gov/boil/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Molly Price molly.price@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Program Established:</b>	2005
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	Title 41, Chapter 14
<b>Regulation:</b>	SC Regulation 71, Article 9
<b>Program Member Slots:</b>	0
<b>How appointed:</b>	Program overseen by Contractors Licensing Board
<b>Program Meetings:</b>	
<b>Number of states and territories that license same profession:</b>	50 states
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Annually
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	No
<b>Total:</b>	181
<b>Boiler Inspector:</b>	157
<b>Boiler Insurance Company</b>	24
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	0
<b>Investigations:</b>	0
<b>Dispositions:</b>	0



## Building Codes Council

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

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<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/bcc/">www.llr.sc.gov/bcc/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Molly Price molly.price@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Council Established:</b>	1972 – Building Codes Program 1974 – Accessibility Program 1984 – Modular Buildings Program 1997 – Code Enforcement Officers Program
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	6-8-10, et. seq. (Bldg. Code Enforcement Officers) 6-9-5, et. seq. (Building Codes) 10-5-210, et. seq. (Const. & Renov. of Pub. Bldgs.) 23-43-10, et. seq. (Modular Bldgs. Const. Act)
<b>Regulation:</b>	8-100, et. seq. (BBC Regis., Fees & Disciplinary Procedures) 8-205, et. seq. (BCC Administration) 8-700, et. seq. (Barrier Free Design Standard) 8-600, et. seq. (Modular Bldg. Const. Act) 8-1200 et. seq. (Statewide Modifications)
<b>Council Member Slots:</b>	Code Enforcement Officers Registration Program and the Modular Building Program are represented by the same 16 members
<b>How appointed:</b>	Code Enforcement Officers Registration Program and the Modular Building Program are appointed by the Governor
<b>Council Meetings:</b>	Quarterly and at the call of the Chair
<b>Number of states and territories that license same profession:</b>	36 states, jurisdictions
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	None
<b>Total:</b>	1,160
<b>Building Inspector:</b>	16
<b>Building Official:</b>	187
<b>Commercial Inspector:</b>	157
<b>Electrical Inspector:</b>	5
<b>Limited Building Official:</b>	4
<b>Limited Plans Examiners:</b>	2
<b>Mechanical Inspector:</b>	2

<b>Modular Manufacturer:</b>	91
<b>Modular Representative:</b>	140
<b>Modular Third Party:</b>	11
<b>Plans Examiner:</b>	8
<b>Plumbing Inspector:</b>	7
<b>Provisional Building Official:</b>	7
<b>Provisional Commercial Inspector:</b>	45
<b>Provisional Plans Examiner:</b>	10
<b>Provisional Residential Inspector:</b>	81
<b>Residential Building Inspector:</b>	13
<b>Residential Electrical Inspector:</b>	1
<b>Residential Inspector:</b>	91
<b>Residential Mechanical Inspector:</b>	1
<b>Residential Plans Examiner:</b>	6
<b>Residential Plumbing Inspector:</b>	2
<b>Special Inspector:</b>	273
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	33
<b>Investigations:</b>	32
<b>Dispositions:</b>	12

## SC Perpetual Care Cemetery Board:

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

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<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4554
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/cem/">www.llr.sc.gov/cem/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Amy Holleman amy.holleman@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	2003
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-8-10, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	21-1 et. seq. (State Register Vol. 37, Issue No. 6, eff 6/28/13)
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	7
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	40 states, 0 jurisdictions
<b>Licensing Period:</b>	Annually, Expires December 31st
<b>Endorsement Accepted:</b>	None
<b>Total:</b>	<b>118</b>
<b>Perpetual Care Cemetery:</b>	118
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	62
<b>Investigations:</b>	62
<b>Inspections:</b>	34
<b>Dispositions:</b>	14

## Board of Chiropractic Examiners

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

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<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4719
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/chiro/">www.llr.sc.gov/chiro/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Mack Williams <a href="mailto:Mack.Williams@llr.sc.gov">Mack.Williams@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1932
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-9-10, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	25-1, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	9
<b>How appointed:</b>	Election by district; top two candidates submitted to Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 States
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Yes
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires September 30th
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,917</b>
<b>Doctor of Chiropractic:</b>	1,917
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	32
<b>Investigations:</b>	39
<b>Dispositions:</b>	31

## Contractors Licensing Board

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

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4686
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4814
<b>Website:</b>	www.llr.sc.gov/clb/
<b>Administrator:</b>	Molly Price molly.price@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1936
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-11-5 et. seq. (Gen. and mech. contractors) 40-79-5 et. seq. (Burglar and fire alarm contractors) 40-10-5 et. seq. (Fire sprinkler system contractors)
<b>Regulation:</b>	29-1 thru 10 et. seq. (Gen. and mech. contractors) 29-70 thru 110 (Fire sprinkler system contractors)
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	9
<b>How appointed:</b>	By Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly and at the call of the Chair
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 states, D.C. and Guam
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	
<b>General Contractor:</b>	Biennially, even years
<b>Mechanical Contractor:</b>	Biennially, odd years
<b>Burglar Alarm:</b>	Biennially
<b>Fire Alarm:</b>	Biennially
<b>Fire Sprinkler:</b>	Biennially
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	AL, GA, LA, MS, NC, OH, PA, TN, TX, UT (Limited number of classifications)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>47,518</b>
<b>Architect Construction Manager:</b>	29
<b>Engineer Construction Manager:</b>	62
<b>General Construction Manager:</b>	497
<b>General Contractor:</b>	10,696
<b>General Qualifying Party:</b>	11,517
<b>Mechanical Construction Manager:</b>	39
<b>Mechanical Contractor:</b>	6,995
<b>Mechanical Qualifying Party:</b>	7,850
<b>Alarm Registered Employee:</b>	7,121
<b>Burglar Alarm Company:</b>	549

<b>Burglar Alarm Branch Company:</b>	28
<b>Burglar Alarm Primary Qualifying Party:</b>	610
<b>Burglar Alarm Extra Qualifying Party:</b>	61
<b>Fire Alarm Company:</b>	410
<b>Fire Alarm Primary Qualifying Party:</b>	428
<b>Fire Alarm Extra Qualifying Party :</b>	72
<b>Fire Sprinkler Company:</b>	223
<b>Fire Sprinkler Branch Company:</b>	24
<b>Fire Sprinkler Primary Qualifying Party:</b>	257
<b>Fire Sprinkler Extra Qualifying Party:</b>	50
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	574
<b>Investigations:</b>	602
<b>Dispositions:</b>	286

## Board of Cosmetology

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

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<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4484
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/cosmo/">www.llr.sc.gov/cosmo/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Theresa Brown theresa.brown@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1934
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-13-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	35-1, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	7
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Bi-Monthly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 states, 2 jurisdictions
<b>Licensing Period:</b> Practitioners: Salons, Schools, and Renters:	Biennially, Expires March 10th (odd years) Biennially, Expires June 30th (even years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Reciprocity
<b>Total:</b>	<b>45,326</b>
<b>Booth Renters:</b>	3,110
<b>Esthetician:</b>	4,428
<b>Instructor Esthetician:</b>	105
<b>Nail Technician:</b>	6,134
<b>Instructor Nail Technician:</b>	58
<b>Registered Cosmetologist:</b>	22,768
<b>Instructor Registered Cosmetologist:</b>	1,287
<b>Registered Cosmetologist Student:</b>	3
<b>Registered Esthetician Student:</b>	1
<b>Registered Nail Technician Student:</b>	54
<b>Inactive Esthetician:</b>	37
<b>Inactive Instructor – Esthetician:</b>	5
<b>Inactive Instructor – Registered Cosmetologist:</b>	13
<b>Inactive Instructor – Nail Technician:</b>	0
<b>Inactive Nail Technician:</b>	63

<b>Inactive Registered Cosmetologist:</b>	171
<b>CEU Association:</b>	109
<b>Salons:</b>	6,876
<b>Schools:</b>	104
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	502
<b>Investigations:</b>	437
<b>Inspections:</b>	8,601
<b>Dispositions:</b>	83



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

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

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<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4719
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/cou/">www.llr.sc.gov/cou/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Roselind Bailey-Glover <a href="mailto:roselind.glover@llr.sc.gov">roselind.glover@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1985
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-75-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	36-01, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	11
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	At Least Two (2) Times a Year
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 States
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires August 31st (odd years)
<b>Endorsement Accepted:</b>	Endorsement
<b>Total:</b>	<b>6,520</b>
<b>Licensed Addiction Counselor:</b>	669
<b>Licensed Addiction Counselor Associate:</b>	9
<b>Licensed Addiction Counselor Supervisor:</b>	34
<b>Licensed Marriage &amp; Family Therapist:</b>	406
<b>Licensed Marriage &amp; Family Therapist Associate:</b>	72
<b>Licensed Marriage &amp; Family Therapist Supervisor:</b>	56
<b>Licensed Professional Counselor:</b>	3,598
<b>Licensed Professional Counselor Associate:</b>	747
<b>Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor:</b>	503
<b>Licensed Psycho-Educational Specialist:</b>	237
<b>Official Sponsor:</b>	22
<b>Permanent Sponsor:</b>	127
<b>Temporary Sponsor:</b>	40
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	93
<b>Investigations:</b>	140
<b>Dispositions:</b>	39

## Board of Dentistry

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

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4599
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4719
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/bod/">www.llr.sc.gov/bod/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Meredith Buttler <a href="mailto:meredith.buttler@llr.sc.gov">meredith.buttler@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1875
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-15-10, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	39-1, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	11
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 states, 3 jurisdictions
<b>Licensing Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires December 31st (even years)
<b>Endorsement Accepted:</b>	Endorsement
<b>Total:</b>	<b>15,059</b>
<b>Dental Assistant (with NO):</b>	5,324
<b>Dental Hygienist:</b>	2,107
<b>Dental Hygienist (with IA):</b>	2,384
<b>Dental Instructor:</b>	24
<b>Dental Instructor Specialist:</b>	7
<b>Dental Specialist:</b>	769
<b>Dental Technician:</b>	180
<b>Dental Volunteer:</b>	21
<b>Dentist:</b>	3,819
<b>Dentistry Sedation Site:</b>	392
<b>Orthodontic Technician:</b>	7
<b>Volunteer Hygienist:</b>	1
<b>Volunteer Specialist:</b>	2
<b>Portable Dental Operation:</b>	20
<b>Mobile Dental Facilities:</b>	2
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	202
<b>Investigations:</b>	221
<b>Inspections:</b>	91
<b>Dispositions:</b>	54

## Panel for Dietetics

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

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4651
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4515
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/diet/">www.llr.sc.gov/diet/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Meredith Buttler meredith.buttler@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Panel Established:</b>	2006
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-20-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	40-1, et. seq.
<b>Panel Member Slots:</b>	7
<b>How appointed:</b>	Appointed by the Governor
<b>Panel Meetings:</b>	Biannually
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	46
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires May 31st (odd years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	No
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,529</b>
<b>Dietitian:</b>	1,529
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	4
<b>Investigations:</b>	7
<b>Dispositions:</b>	7

## Board of Engineers and Surveyors

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

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<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4427
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/eng/">www.llr.sc.gov/eng/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Lenora Addison-Miles lenora.Miles@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1922
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-22-2, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	49-100, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	8
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	5 Annually
<b>Number of states and territories that license same profession:</b>	50 states, 5 territories
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	
<b>Engineering and Land Surveying:</b>	Biennially, Expires June 30th (even years)
<b>Certificate of Authorization:</b>	Biennially, Expires May 31st (odd years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Reciprocity
<b>Total:</b>	<b>34,980</b>
<b>Engineering:</b>	19,161
<b>Engineering (in Training):</b>	9,696
<b>Engineering (Temporary):</b>	10
<b>GIS Surveyor (in Training):</b>	1
<b>Land Surveying:</b>	911
<b>Land Surveying (in Training):</b>	207
<b>Engineering and Land Surveying:</b>	110
<b>Certificate of Authorization:</b>	3,645
<b>Certificate of Authorization (Branch):</b>	1,226
<b>Certificate of Authorization (Temporary):</b>	13
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	102
<b>Investigations:</b>	167
<b>Dispositions:</b>	136

## Environmental Certification Board

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

<b>Mailing Address:</b>	110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Bldg., Suite 201 PO Box 11409 Columbia, SC 29211-1409
<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4430
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4424
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/env/">www.llr.sc.gov/env/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Pam Dunkin pam.dunkin@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1966
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-23-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	51-1, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	9
<b>How appointed:</b>	By Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 states, 5 territories
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Annually, Expires June 30th
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Reciprocity
<b>Total:</b>	<b>9,367</b>
<b>Biological Wastewater Operator:</b>	2,147
<b>Biological Wastewater Operator Trainee:</b>	428
<b>Bottled Water Operator:</b>	46
<b>Inactive Well Driller:</b>	2
<b>Physical/Chemical Wastewater Operator:</b>	1,448
<b>Physical/Chemical Wastewater Operator Trainee:</b>	403
<b>Water Distribution Operator:</b>	1,816
<b>Water Distribution Operator Trainee:</b>	581
<b>Water Treatment Operator:</b>	1,699
<b>Water Treatment Operator Trainee:</b>	263
<b>Well Driller:</b>	534
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	19
<b>Investigations:</b>	15
<b>Dispositions:</b>	5

## Board of Registration for Foresters

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

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4800
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4424
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/for/">www.llr.sc.gov/for/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Pam Dunkin pam.dunkin@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1986
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	48-27-10, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	53-1 et.seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	7
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	31 states, 0 jurisdictions
<b>Licensing Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires June 30th (odd years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Reciprocity
<b>Total:</b>	<b>651</b>
<b>Forester:</b>	651
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	1
<b>Investigations:</b>	0
<b>Dispositions:</b>	0

## Board of Funeral Service

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

<b>Mailing Address:</b>	110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Bldg., Suite 201 PO Box 11329 Columbia, SC 29211-1329
<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4497
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4554
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/fs/">www.llr.sc.gov/fs/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Amy Holleman amy.holleman@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1955
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-19-5, et.seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	57-01, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	11
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	6 Annually
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 states, 0 jurisdictions
<b>Licensing Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires June 30th (even years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Endorsement
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2,688</b>
<b>Funeral Crematory:</b>	92
<b>Funeral Director:</b>	487
<b>Funeral Director Apprentice:</b>	117
<b>Funeral Director Student:</b>	9
<b>Funeral Director and Embalmer (Dual License):</b>	946
<b>Funeral Director and Embalmer Apprentice:</b>	138
<b>Funeral Director and Embalmer Student:</b>	79
<b>Funeral Embalmer:</b>	10
<b>Funeral Embalmer Apprentice:</b>	9
<b>Funeral Embalmer Student:</b>	299
<b>Funeral Establishments:</b>	373
<b>Funeral Home Additional Facility:</b>	120
<b>Retail Sales Outlet (Casket Store):</b>	9
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	134
<b>Investigations:</b>	190
<b>Inspections:</b>	671
<b>Dispositions:</b>	62

## Board of Registration for Geologists

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

<b>Mailing Address:</b>	110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Bldg., Suite 201 PO Box 11329 Columbia, SC 29211-1329
<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4575
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4554
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/geo/">www.llr.sc.gov/geo/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Pam Dunkin Pam.dunkin@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1986
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-77-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	131-01 et.seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	5
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	31 states, 0 jurisdictions
<b>Licensing Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires June 30th (odd years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Both
<b>Total:</b>	<b>705</b>
<b>Professional Geologist:</b>	705
<b>Geologist In Training:</b>	38
<b>Complaints:</b>	0
<b>Investigations:</b>	0
<b>Dispositions:</b>	0



## Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners

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

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4580
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-9651
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/land/">www.llr.sc.gov/land/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Pam Dunkin pam.dunkin@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1975
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-28-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	76-1 et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	7
<b>How appointed:</b>	By Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and territories that license same profession:</b>	50 states, 1 territory
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	
<b>Individual:</b>	Biennially, Expires January 31st (odd years)
<b>Firms:</b>	Biennially, Expires January 31st (odd years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Reciprocity
<b>Total:</b>	<b>940</b>
<b>Landscape Architect:</b>	723
<b>Landscape Firm:</b>	217
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	18
<b>Investigations:</b>	1
<b>Dispositions:</b>	1

## Board of Long Term Health Care Administrators

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

<b>Mailing Address:</b>	110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Bldg., Suite 306 PO Box 11329 Columbia, SC 29211-1329
<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4544
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4515
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/lthc">www.llr.sc.gov/lthc</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Meredith Buttler Meredith.Buttler@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1971
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-35-5, et. sq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	93-50, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	10
<b>How Appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 states, 0 jurisdictions
<b>Licensing Period:</b>	Annually, Expires June 30th
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	None
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,317</b>
<b>Community Residential Care Facility Administrator (CRCFA):</b>	603
<b>Community Residential Care Facility Administrator Inactive:</b>	7
<b>CRCFA-in-Training:</b>	10
<b>CRCFA-in-Training Preceptor:</b>	12
<b>CRCFA Provisional License:</b>	6
<b>Dual (NHA + CRCFA):</b>	193
<b>Dual (NHA + CRCFA Inactive):</b>	6
<b>Nursing Home Administrator (NHA):</b>	333
<b>Nursing Home Administrator Inactive:</b>	5
<b>NHA-in-Training:</b>	73
<b>NHA-in-Training Preceptor:</b>	65
<b>NHA Provisional License:</b>	4
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	54
<b>Investigation:</b>	66
<b>Dispositions:</b>	49

## Board of Manufactured Housing

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

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4682
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4814
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/manu/">www.llr.sc.gov/manu/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Molly Price molly.price@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1976
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-29-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	79-1, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	10 members and 1 ex-officio member
<b>How appointed:</b>	By Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly and at the call of the Chair
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	36 states, jurisdictions
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires June 30th (even years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	No
<b>Total:</b>	<b>792</b>
<b>Manufactured Housing Apprentice Salesperson License:</b>	14
<b>Manufactured Housing Contractor:</b>	118
<b>Manufactured Housing Installer:</b>	27
<b>Manufactured Housing Repairer:</b>	3
<b>Manufacturer:</b>	38
<b>Multi-Lot Salesperson:</b>	156
<b>Retail Dealer:</b>	195
<b>Retail Salesperson:</b>	241
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	150
<b>Investigations:</b>	150
<b>Inspections:</b>	3
<b>Dispositions:</b>	64

## Massage / Bodywork Panel

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

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<b>Columbia, SC 29211-1329</b>	
<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4588
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4484
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/mas/">www.llr.sc.gov/mas/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Theresa Brown theresa.brown@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Panel Established:</b>	1997
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-30-10, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	77-100 et. seq.
<b>Panel Member Slots:</b>	7
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Panel Meetings:</b>	At the call of LLR
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	48 states, 0 jurisdictions
<b>Licensing Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires June 30th (even years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Reciprocity
<b>Total:</b>	<b>5,336</b>
<b>Massage/Body Work Therapist:</b>	5191
<b>Massage/Body Work Therapist (Provisional):</b>	117
<b>Massage Education Provider:</b>	28
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	41
<b>Investigations:</b>	45
<b>Dispositions:</b>	2

## Board of Medical Examiners

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

<b>Mailing Address:</b>	110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Bldg., Suite 202 PO Box 11289 Columbia, SC 29211-1289
<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4500
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4515
<b>Website:</b>	www.llr.sc.gov/med/
<b>Administrator:</b>	Maggie Murdock maggie.murdock@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1920
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-47-5 et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	81-12 et.seq.
<b>Board Members:</b>	13 total members
<b>How appointed:</b>	<p>7 elected members with advice and consent of Governor and Senate;</p> <p>4 Governor-appointed members with advice and consent of Senate;</p> <p>1 Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine elected member with advice and consent of Senate;</p> <p>3 lay members - 1 appointed with advice and consent of Senate, and 2 appointed w/ advice and consent of Senate with 1 Pro tem and 1 Speaker recommendation;</p> <p>1 at large - appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of Senate;</p> <p>1 at large-elected member then appointed by Governor.</p>
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 states, 11 jurisdictions
<b>Licensing Period:</b>	
<b>Physician:</b>	Biennially, Expires June 30th
<b>Physician Assistant:</b>	Biennially, Expires December 31st
<b>Respiratory Care Practitioner:</b>	Biennially, Expires May 31st
<b>Anesthesiologist Assistant:</b>	Biennially, Expires December 31st
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	No
<b>Total:</b>	<b>31,849</b>

<b>Medical Physician (MD):</b>	20,872
<b>Osteopathic Physician (DO):</b>	2,175
<b>Academic License:</b>	22
<b>Limited License:</b>	2,078
<b>Limited License (14 days):</b>	1
<b>Physician Assistant:</b>	2,795
<b>Physician Assistant Temporary License:</b>	0
<b>Respiratory Care Practitioner:</b>	3,189
<b>Acupuncturists:</b>	202
<b>Anesthesiology Assistant Temporary License:</b>	2
<b>Anesthesiologist's Assistant:</b>	57
<b>Auricular Detoxification Therapist:</b>	7
<b>Auricular Therapist:</b>	4
<b>Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist:</b>	57
<b>Registered Polysomnography Technologists:</b>	206
<b>Temporary License:</b>	80
<b>Training:</b>	5
<b>Training Permanent with Supervision:</b>	4
<b>Volunteer Limited License:</b>	93
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	620
<b>Investigations:</b>	856
<b>Dispositions:</b>	390

## Board of Nursing

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

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4550
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4515
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/nurse/">www.llr.sc.gov/nurse/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Carol Moody, RN, MAS, NEA-BC Carol.Moody@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1935
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-33-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	91-1, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	11
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor with advice and consent of the SC State Senate
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Every 2 months
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 states, 11 jurisdictions
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires April 30th (even years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Yes
<b>Total:</b>	<b>86,449</b>
<b>Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN):</b>	9,185
<b>APRN Temporary Permit:</b>	22
<b>Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN):</b>	11,586
<b>LPN Temporary License:</b>	21
<b>LPN Graduate Nurse Temporary License:</b>	8
<b>Registered Nurse (RN):</b>	65,460
<b>RN Temporary License:</b>	167
<b>RN Graduate Nurse Temporary License:</b>	48
<b>RN Volunteer License:</b>	2
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	640
<b>Investigations:</b>	1033
<b>Dispositions:</b>	538

## Board of Occupational Therapy

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

<b>Mailing Address:</b>	110 Centerview Drive, Kingtree Bldg., Suite 202 PO Box 11329 Columbia, SC 29211-1329
<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4683
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4719
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/ot/">www.llr.sc.gov/ot/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Mack Williams Mack.Williams@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1977
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-36-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	94-02, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	7
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor with advice and consent of the SC Senate
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 States
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires March 15th
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Endorsement
<b>Total:</b>	<b>4,424</b>
<b>Occupational Therapist:</b>	2,945
<b>Occupational Therapy Assistants:</b>	1,479
<b>Occupational Therapy Temporary License:</b>	0
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	8
<b>Investigations:</b>	15
<b>Dispositions:</b>	11



## Board of Examiners in Opticianry

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

<b>Mailing Address:</b>	110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Bldg., Suite 202 PO Box 11329 Columbia, SC 29211-1329
<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4681
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4515
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/opti/">www.llr.sc.gov/opti/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Meredith Buttler Meredith.Buttler@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1978
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-38-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	96-101, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	7
<b>How appointed:</b>	Election conducted by Board, Appointed by the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	22 States
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires October 1st (odd years) Annually, Expires October 1st
<b>Optician:</b>	
<b>Registered Apprentices:</b>	
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	No
<b>Total:</b>	<b>987</b>
<b>Opticians:</b>	563
<b>Registered Apprentices:</b>	145
<b>Contact Lens Dispensing Optician:</b>	279
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	2
<b>Investigations:</b>	3
<b>Dispositions:</b>	2

## Board of Examiners in Optometry

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

<b>Mailing Address:</b>	110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Bldg., Suite 202 PO Box 11329 Columbia, SC 29211-1329
<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4679
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4515
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/opto/">www.llr.sc.gov/opto/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Meredith Buttler Meredith.Buttler@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1917
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-37-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	95-1, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	7
<b>How appointed:</b>	Election conducted by Board, Appointed by Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	54
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires December 31st (even years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Endorsement
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1064</b>
<b>Optometrist:</b>	1062
<b>Optometry Mobile Unit:</b>	2
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	17
<b>Investigations:</b>	18
<b>Dispositions:</b>	9

## Board of Pharmacy

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

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<b>Website:</b>	www.llr.sc.gov/bop/
<b>Administrator:</b>	Traci Collier, Pharm D Traci.Collier@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1876
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-43-10, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	99-15, 99-43, 99-45, 99-46
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	9
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	5 Annually
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 states, 0 jurisdictions
<b>Licensing Period:</b>	Annually
<b>Pharmacist:</b>	Expires April 30th
<b>Permits:</b>	Expires June 30th
<b>Technician Registration :</b>	Expires June 30th
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Reciprocity
<b>Total:</b>	<b>30,498</b>
<b>Pharmacist:</b>	7,802
<b>Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC):</b>	1,440
<b>Pharmacist Inactive:</b>	0
<b>Pharmacy Intern:</b>	1,671
<b>Pharmacy Technician:</b>	9,853
<b>State Certified Pharmacy Technician:</b>	4,076
<b>Pharmacy:</b>	1,303
<b>Electronic Prescribing Routing Company:</b>	4
<b>EMS Non-Dispensing Drugs:</b>	331
<b>Manufacturer/Repackager:</b>	1
<b>Medical Gas/Legend Device:</b>	163

<b>Non Resident Manufacturer/Repackager</b>	1
<b>Outsourcing Facility:</b>	5
<b>Non-Dispensing Drug Outlet:</b>	1,301
<b>Non-Dispensing Drug Outlet 90 Day Temporary Permit:</b>	4
<b>Non-Resident 90 Day Temporary Permit:</b>	13
<b>Non-Resident Medical Gas/DME:</b>	359
<b>Non-Resident Outsourcing Facility:</b>	34
<b>Non-Resident Pharmacy:</b>	865
<b>Non-Resident Pharmacy (Non-Dispensing):</b>	28
<b>Non-Resident Third Party Logistics Provider:</b>	214
<b>Non-Resident Wholesaler/Distributor/Manufacturer:</b>	1030
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	219
<b>Investigations:</b>	299
<b>Inspections:</b>	1,455
<b>Dispositions:</b>	217

## Board of Physical Therapy

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

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4655
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4719
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/pt/">www.llr.sc.gov/pt/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Mack Williams Mack.Williams@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1952
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-45-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	101-01, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	11
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 states, 3 jurisdictions
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires December 31st
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Endorsement
<b>Total:</b>	<b>8,275</b>
<b>Physical Therapist:</b>	5,495
<b>Physical Therapist Assistant:</b>	2,779
<b>Physical Therapist Provisional:</b>	1
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	19
<b>Investigations:</b>	21
<b>Dispositions:</b>	18

## Pilotage Commission

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

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803)896-4598
<b>Fax:</b>	(803)896-4719
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/pilo/">www.llr.sc.gov/pilo/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Laura Smith laura.smith@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Commission Established:</b>	1872
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	54-15-10, et.seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	136-001, et.seq.
<b>Commission Member Slots:</b>	16
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Commission Meetings:</b>	Monthly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	26 states, 0 jurisdictions
<b>Licensing Period:</b>	N/A
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	No
<b>Total:</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>    Pilotage:</b>	23
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	0
<b>Investigations:</b>	0
<b>Dispositions:</b>	0

## Board of Podiatry

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

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<b>Telephone:</b>	803-896-4500
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4515
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/pod/">www.llr.sc.gov/pod/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Maggie Murdock <a href="mailto:maggie.murdock@llr.sc.gov">maggie.murdock@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1935
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-51-10, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	134-10, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	5
<b>How appointed:</b>	Appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, one of whom must be a lay member from the State at large, one of whom must be a podiatrist from the State at large who shall serve as chairman, and three of whom must be podiatrists, one from each of the three districts elections
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Biannually
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 States
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires December 31st (odd years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	No
<b>Total:</b>	<b>233</b>
<b>Podiatrist:</b>	233
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	9
<b>Investigations:</b>	12
<b>Dispositions:</b>	8

## Board of Psychology

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

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<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4719
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/psych/">www.llr.sc.gov/psych/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Roselind Bailey-Glover <a href="mailto:roselind.glover@llr.sc.gov">roselind.glover@llr.sc.gov</a>
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1968
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-55-20, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	Chapter 100
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	8
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	At least biannually
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 States
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires November 30th (odd years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Endorsement
<b>Total:</b>	<b>991</b>
<b>Psychologist:</b>	908
<b>Temporary Permit:</b>	83
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	23
<b>Investigations:</b>	25
<b>Dispositions:</b>	7



## Real Estate Appraisers Board

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

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<b>Telephone:</b>	(803) 896-4630
<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4427
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/appr/">www.llr.sc.gov/appr/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Laura Smith laura.smith@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1991
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-60-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	137-100, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	8 (4 appraiser members, 1 real estate member, 1 financial member, 1 AMC member, and 1 public member)
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 states, 5 jurisdictions
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires June 30th (even years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Endorsement
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2,912</b>
<b>Apprentice Appraiser:</b>	297
<b>Certified General Appraiser:</b>	1,074
<b>Certified General Mass Appraiser:</b>	28
<b>Certified Residential Appraiser:</b>	1,059
<b>Certified Residential Mass Appraiser:</b>	76
<b>Licensed Appraiser:</b>	142
<b>Licensed Mass Appraiser:</b>	54
<b>Inactive Certified General Appraiser:</b>	13
<b>Inactive Certified General Mass Appraiser:</b>	2
<b>Inactive Certified Residential Appraiser:</b>	14
<b>Inactive Certified Residential Mass Appraiser:</b>	1
<b>Inactive Licensed Appraiser:</b>	9
<b>Inactive Licensed Mass Appraiser:</b>	1
<b>Appraisal Management Company</b>	142
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	71
<b>Investigations:</b>	93
<b>Dispositions:</b>	17

## Real Estate Commission

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

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<b>Website:</b>	www.llr.sc.gov/re/
<b>Administrator:</b>	Roderick Atkinson roderick.atkinson@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Commission Established:</b>	1956
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-57-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	105-2, et. seq.
<b>Commission Member Slots:</b>	10
<b>How appointed:</b>	House and Senate members elect one person from each congressional district; Governor appoints two public members; Commission elects one at-large member.
<b>Commission Meetings:</b>	10 Annually
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 states
<b>Real Estate Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires June 30th
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted: (GA): Other states must take SC licensing exam.
<b>Total:</b>	<b>73,941</b>
<b>Broker:</b>	5,018
<b>Broker In Charge:</b>	7,645
<b>Property Manager:</b>	1,760
<b>Property Manager In Charge:</b>	1,458
<b>Salesman:</b>	33,279
<b>Inactive Broker:</b>	1,878
<b>Inactive Property Manager:</b>	1,088
<b>Inactive Salesman:</b>	9,766
<b>Inactive Timeshare Registrant:</b>	28
<b>Timeshare Registrant:</b>	379
<b>Office (Real Estate or Property Management):</b>	11,642
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	837
<b>Investigations:</b>	479
<b>Inspections:</b>	56
<b>Dispositions:</b>	46

## Residential Builders Commission

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

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<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4814
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/res/">www.llr.sc.gov/res/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Janet Baumberger janet.baumberger@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Commission Established:</b>	1974
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-59-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	106-1, et. seq.
<b>Commission Member Slots:</b>	8
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor
<b>Commission Meetings:</b>	Monthly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	42 states
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires June 30th
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Reciprocity
<b>Total:</b>	<b>23,736</b>
<b>Certificate of Authorization:</b>	322
<b>Electrical:</b>	1,309
<b>Emergency License and Registration:</b>	1
<b>Home Builders:</b>	7,087
<b>Home Builders Inspector:</b>	1,611
<b>HVAC Heating and Air:</b>	826
<b>Residential Non-Mechanical:</b>	48
<b>Residential Home Builder (Exam Waiver):</b>	558
<b>Plumbing:</b>	904
<b>Specialty (Handyman):</b>	11,069
<b>Volunteer Registration:</b>	1
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	935
<b>Investigations:</b>	1141
<b>Dispositions:</b>	788

## Board of Social Work Examiners

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

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<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/sw/">www.llr.sc.gov/sw/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Roselind Bailey-Glover roselind.glover@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1968
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-63-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	Chapter 110
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	7
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor with SC Senate confirmation
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	At least quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 States
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires December 31st (even years)
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Reciprocity
<b>Total:</b>	6,999
<b>Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker:</b>	630
<b>Licensed Independent Social Worker:</b>	1
<b>Licensed Independent Social Worker – Advanced Practice:</b>	16
<b>Licensed Independent Social Worker – Clinical Practice:</b>	2,980
<b>Licensed Independent Social Worker - CP &amp; AP (Dual):</b>	62
<b>Licensed Masters Social Worker:</b>	3,254
<b>Approved Continuing Education Sponsor:</b>	56
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	50
<b>Investigations:</b>	72
<b>Dispositions:</b>	25

## Soil Classifiers Advisory Council

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

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<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-9651
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/soil/">www.llr.sc.gov/soil/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Pam Dunkin pam.dunkin@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Council Established:</b>	1976
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-65-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	108-1 et. seq.
<b>Council Member Slots:</b>	5
<b>How appointed:</b>	By Agency
<b>Council Meetings:</b>	Biannually
<b>Number of states and territories that license same profession:</b>	35 states
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires January 31st
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	No
<b>Total:</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Professional Soil Classifier:</b>	43
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	0
<b>Investigations:</b>	0
<b>Dispositions:</b>	0

## Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

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

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<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/aud/">www.llr.sc.gov/aud/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Mack Williams Mack.Williams@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1974
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-67-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	115-1, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	5
<b>How appointed:</b>	By the Governor with advice and consent of the SC Senate
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 States
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires March 31st
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Endorsement
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3,985</b>
<b>Audiologist:</b>	337
<b>Speech-Language Pathologist:</b>	3,386
<b>Speech-Language Pathologist – Assistant:</b>	131
<b>Speech-Language Pathologist – Intern:</b>	131
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	2
<b>Investigations:</b>	13
<b>Dispositions:</b>	14

## Board of Veterinary Examiners

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

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<b>Fax:</b>	(803) 896-4719
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.llr.sc.gov/vet/">www.llr.sc.gov/vet/</a>
<b>Administrator:</b>	Meredith Buttler meredith.buttler@llr.sc.gov
<b>Assistant Deputy Director:</b>	Robbie Boland
<b>Board Established:</b>	1920
<b>SC Code of Laws:</b>	40-69-5, et. seq.
<b>Regulation:</b>	120-1, et. seq.
<b>Board Member Slots:</b>	10
<b>How appointed:</b>	Election by district; Top two candidates submitted to Governor
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:</b>	50 States
<b>Licensure Period:</b>	Biennially, Expires March 31st
<b>Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:</b>	Endorsement
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3,212</b>
<b>Veterinarian:</b>	2,453
<b>Veterinary Temporary License:</b>	2
<b>Veterinary Technician:</b>	756
<b>Veterinary Technician Temporary License:</b>	1
<b>Volunteer Limited Veterinarian</b>	0
<b>Complaints Received:</b>	116
<b>Investigations:</b>	193
<b>Inspections:</b>	19
<b>Dispositions:</b>	108

## POL Office of **Investigations and Enforcement (OIE)**

**Deputy Director:**

**Dean Grigg**

**Assistant Deputy Director:**

**Donnell Jennings**

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

## **State Fire** (LLR's Division of Fire and Life Safety)

**State Fire Marshal/ LLR Deputy Director:**

**Chief Jonathan Jones**

The mission of the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) Division of Fire and Life Safety (DFLS) is to be the State's focal point for service and support to save lives and property. The Division consists of the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), the Fire Academy, Emergency Response, and Division Wide Operations.

**SOUTH CAROLINA  
STATE FIRE**

Chief Jonathan Jones, the State Fire Marshal, was appointed by Gov. Henry McMaster effective March 8, 2017. Chief Jones also is appointed by the Governor to serve on the State Emergency Response Commission. By SC Code of Laws, the State Fire Marshal also serves as the following: chairman of the Firefighter Mobilization Oversight Committee, ex-officio

member on the SC Manufactured Housing Board and SC Fire Academy Advisory Committee, and a consultant to the Board of Pyrotechnic Safety and Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board. Additionally, he serves on the V-SAFE Grant Peer Review Panel, SC Department of Insurance (First Responders Advisory Committee, Loss Mitigation Grant Program, SC Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program), Governor's Opioid Emergency Response Team, South Carolina School Facilities Planning and Construction Guide Committee, and SLED's State Homeland Security Advisory Council.

The Office of State Fire Marshal is comprised of Community Risk Reduction, Code Enforcement, and Engineering Services. Chief Nathan Ellis serves as assistant state fire marshal and manages these sections.

The Fire Academy is operated for the express purpose of educating and training fire service personnel. They include (but are not limited to) paid, volunteer, airport crash rescue, industrial fire brigade, rescue squad, emergency management, police, local EMS, and other emergency response personnel. It also provides leadership, guidance, and services to help the fire service carry out its responsibilities at the local level. Chief Dennis Ray serves as its superintendent.



The role of Emergency Response is to assist local, regional, and state governments in times of need by providing subject matter experts, guidance, and on-scene professional resources during disasters or emergencies that overwhelm local resources. In addition, it supports LLR’s role in emergency support functions within the State Emergency Response Plans and day-to-day operations. South Carolina Firefighter Mobilization serves as a statewide mutual aid assistance agreement utilizing the state’s 46 counties. The system allows firefighting and rescue resources to be effectively and efficiently moved throughout the state to assist during local, regional, and statewide disasters and emergencies. Chief Ken Kerber manages emergency response.

The Division Wide Operations section serves as the liaison between LLR and State Fire. It includes the full-time staff responsible for Risk and Emergency Management and the Palmetto Incident Support Team (IST). This section also handles procurement, finance, grants, and other related administrative matters, insurance, capital projects, and fleet management activities for the Division. This section is managed by Chief George Stapleton.

**Division Logo:** The Division is also known as “State Fire.” This logo was designed in-house and is displayed on uniforms, Division vehicles, campus signs, as well as Academy trailers as they travel the state. The Division’s mission statement is “To be the State’s focal point for service and support to save lives and property.” In short, South Carolina State Fire accomplishes its mission in four ways. We “Protect,” “Prevent,” “Train,” and “Respond.”



**Social Media:** To increase exposure, showcase multiple accounts, and share real-time news, the Division utilizes two types of social media platforms - Twitter and Facebook. To build a community of dedicated followers,

these accounts highlight current events, course offerings, safety tips, and job openings. During the eight-week recruit school, they also showcase weekly training photographs and videos.

**Twitter**

The official Twitter account for SC State Fire is @SCStateFire. This account provides informative updates about all areas of State Fire to interested followers. The account has 3,558 followers (eight percent increase). The majority of followers are fire departments, chiefs, firefighters, media outlets, concerned citizens, and other state agencies. The Twitter account also allows the Division to follow more than 300 Twitter accounts consisting of fire departments, state and federal agencies, and media outlets.

Almost daily tweets are shared with followers. The most popular tweet (Sept. 27, 2021) was in reference to a child passenger safety message (more than 4,200 impressions).



The official Twitter account for the State Fire Marshal is @SCStateFM. The State Fire Marshal promotes Emergency Response rescue efforts, agency news, Academy training, and safety tips. It has 566 followers (13 percent increase).

The official Twitter account for Fire Safe SC is @FireSafeSC. It has 650 followers (13 percent increase). Its most popular tweet (Sept. 13, 2021) had more



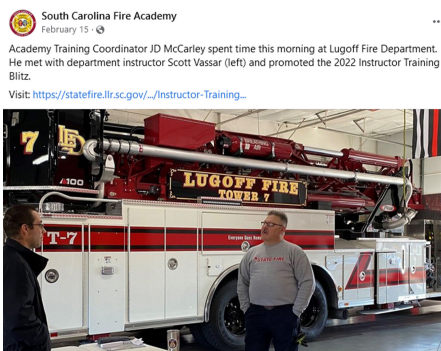
than 620 impressions and pertained to a safety message focusing on “What to do Until Help Arrives.”

### Facebook

The official Facebook Page for SC State Fire is @SCStateFire. It has 10,988 followers (15 percent increase). Almost daily posts help to educate the public on fire safety, highlight recruit class activities with weekly videos, and advertise Academy classes.

Academy recruit graduation videos remain a popular post with page followers. The May 6, 2022, graduation congratulation announcement reached more than 15,000 people.

The official Facebook page for the SC Fire Academy is @SCFireAcademy. It has 4,359 followers (54 percent increase). Its most popular post (Feb. 15, 2022 with 1,613 impressions) highlighted a State Fire staff member’s visit to a local fire department while promoting the 2022 Instructor Training Blitz.



The official Facebook page for Fire Safe SC is @FireSafeSC. It has 1,912

followers (27 percent increase). The most popular post (June 27, 2022) reached 16,554 followers. The post congratulated 105 local fire departments in 37 counties who actively worked to develop community risk reduction plans for their jurisdictions in 2021.

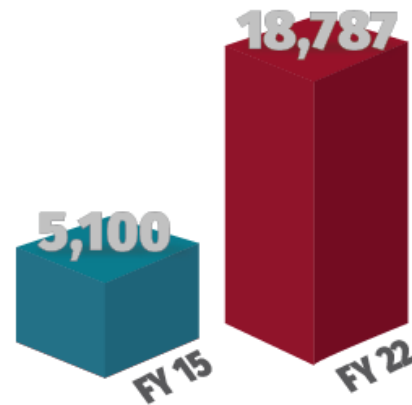
The Division also posts on two other Facebook pages: SC Firefighter Mobilization (@SCFireMob) with 1,493 followers and SC Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team (@SouthCarolinaHART) with 4,168 followers (12 percent increase).

## FIRE PORTAL

**Fire Portal:** To provide fire department personnel with a streamlined registration system, a user-friendly online database known as the “Fire Portal” currently houses 20,431 Portal users - compared to 20,194 last fiscal year. The “one stop shop” Portal allows any entity with a Fire Department Identification (FDID) number (i.e. fire departments, industry customers, rescue squads and HazMat teams) to create and manage a roster.

This chart shows the number of Fire Portal users has more than tripled to about 19,000 individual account users since the service’s inception in FY 15. This includes firefighters who have quick access to current transcripts and class registration.

### NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL FIRE PORTAL USERS



Additionally, fire chiefs and their designated “Portal administrators” use the Portal to submit SLED background check requests electronically. In FY 22, SC State Fire processed 2,695 requests for SC State Law Enforcement Division background checks.

Lastly, the Fire Portal also provides a quick and efficient way for fire chiefs and administrators to file mandatory reports and update department rosters. This past

fiscal year, several improvements were made to benefit users. These include adding the V-SAFE grant application, updating the background check request process, allowing users to download and print a transcript, accepting electronic submission of VIP points for firefighters, and giving customers a choice to receive invoice statements either electronically or via US mail.

**One Percent Fund:** In 1907, the SC General Assembly passed the Firemen’s Insurance and Inspection Fund Act (23-9-410) for “the betterment and maintenance of skilled and efficient fire departments within the county.” This fund, which is commonly referred to as “One-Percent Money,” is a one-percent tax collected on fire insurance premiums written in the state. To obtain these funds, fire departments must submit quarterly inspection reports and annual fire equipment certificates to this Office.

The qualifying information is provided to county treasurers after the reports are received. The money is then distributed by each county treasurer to qualified fire departments based on the percentage of the total assessed value of the county that constitutes the fire department’s response or coverage area. By law, fire departments must spend one-percent money in one of three categories: retirement and insurance, training and education, or recruitment and retention.

**Local Inspections:** As mentioned, in order to receive One Percent funding, a qualified fire department must submit quarterly inspections. These are conducted by local fire departments and the total numbers are reported using the Fire Portal. The first quarter is October – December of the previous calendar year. The remaining three quarters are through the end of September of the following year.

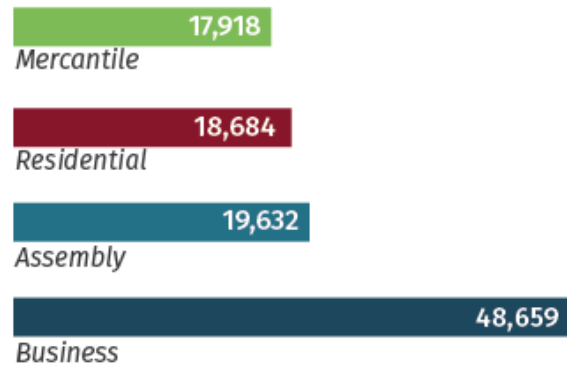
For this publication, since the reporting period ends months after the new fiscal year begins, the following chart shows the “Top Four” specific types and number of local inspections for the entire past reporting period (October 2020 – September 2021).

During the past reporting period, the total number of occupancies inspected increased 26 percent to 121,934 (compared to 97,893 during previous reporting period). Local inspectors indicated 109,310 violations were discovered and 74,778 (68 percent) were corrected.

**Annual Fire Equipment Certificate:** To receive One Percent funding, a qualified fire department must also submit an annual fire equipment certificate via the Fire Portal. In FY 22, more than \$970 million (estimated) in equipment was reported. This is in comparison to \$931 million (estimated) in FY 21. This reflects a four percent increase.

## TOP FOUR INSPECTION TYPES

REPORTING YEAR 2021  
(OCTOBER 1, 2020 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2021)



Specifically, the types of equipment, total number, and estimated value reported include:

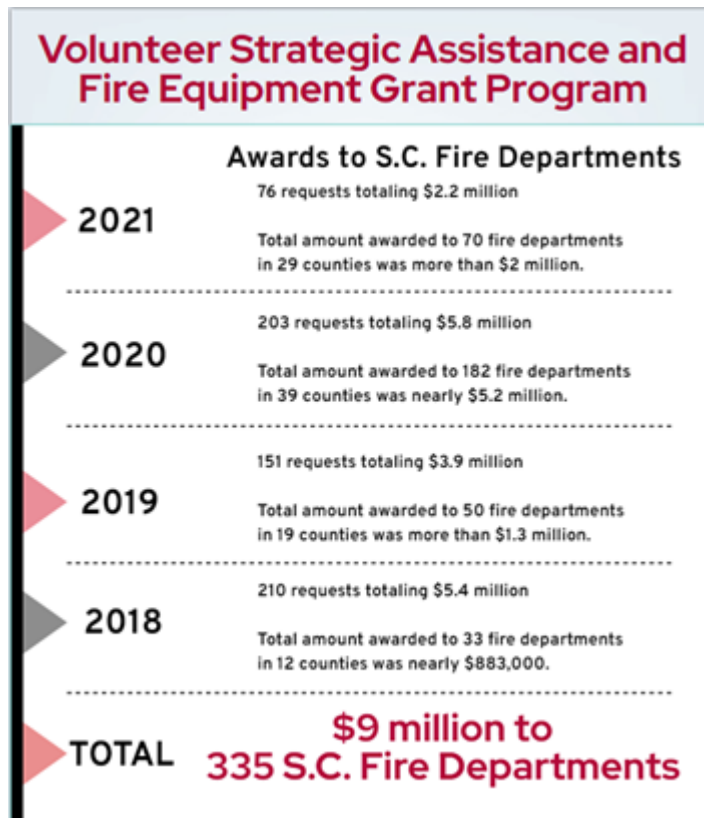
**\$970M**  
Value  
of Equipment

Equipment Type	Total Number	Total Estimate
Aerial/Ladder/Platform	280	\$190,294,528.41
Ambulance	109	\$15,976,000.00
ATV/UTV	139	\$2,160,279.00
Boat	148	\$5,707,652.26
Breathing Air Truck	58	\$6,023,187.00
Brush Truck	620	\$27,575,771.76
Crew Transport	53	\$1,350,880.72
Engine (Structural)	1,937	\$511,695,565.01
Mobile Command/Communications Post	81	\$3,282,107.60
Other	374	\$23,525,924.14
Rehab Truck	26	\$1,338,896.00
Rescue	411	\$71,935,867.72
Staff Vehicle 4WD	506	\$18,516,659.52
Tanker/Tender	633	\$91,553,715.96
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,375</b>	<b>\$970,937,035.10</b>

**V-SAFE:** In 2007, the Volunteer Strategic Assistance and Fire Equipment (V-SAFE) grant program was established by the General Assembly (23-9-25). This program assists volunteer and combination fire departments with firefighting and safety-related equipment purchases for the purpose of protecting local communities and regional response areas from incidents of fire, hazardous materials and terrorism, and to provide for the safety of volunteer firefighters. The program allows qualifying volunteer fire departments to apply



for grants of no more than \$30,000. Funds may be spent on, among other items, fire suppression equipment, protective clothing and equipment, new and used fire apparatus, and training.



After the initial \$3 million appropriation in 2007, the V-SAFE program was not funded again until 11 years later. Act 285 of 2016 set aside \$500,000 for the program and Act 273 of 2016 established a permanent source of funding effective through June 30, 2030. This dedicated stream of revenue from insurance premium taxes will fund the program each year.

The V-SAFE peer review panel, consisting of nine voting members, reviews grant applications and determines awards. A fire department may only be awarded funds once every three years. Recipients must submit a performance report every six months (until grant is closed) providing how funds were used.

During the 2021 grant cycle, the Panel considered 76 grant requests totaling more than \$2.2 million. After scoring each application and deliberation, 70 fire departments from 29 counties were awarded more than \$2 million. These volunteer fire departments received requested grant funding to purchase critical equipment such as personal protective equipment, self-contained breathing equipment, and basic rescue and safety equipment.

In four years, with the assistance of money transferred in FY 21 from the State Treasurer's office allocated for fire departments, more than \$9 million has been awarded to 335 predominately-volunteer fire departments across the state.

Lastly, during FY 22, the SC General Assembly amended the V-SAFE law. Effective July 1, 2022, the law provides every predominately-volunteer fire department in the state an opportunity to apply for an equitable grant from funding approved by the Legislature.



Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP): Per SC Code of Laws (23-9-190), this Office compiles Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP) certification team reports for "Qualified Rescue Squads," and "Hazardous Materials Teams." A chief may also submit eligible volunteer firefighters via the Fire Portal. In turn, records are submitted securely via electronic means to the SC Department of Revenue.

State Agency Partnerships: To provide needed assistance, the Division also partners with other state agencies including:

State Agency Partnerships	
Department of Administration	Inspection of existing state buildings
Department of Aging	Community Risk Reduction efforts
Department of Commerce	Consultation with new business enterprises
Department of Corrections	Assistance to inspect prisons/detention centers; provides inmate labor Conduct sprinkler plan reviews  Conduct sprinkler plan reviews and inspection of licensed facilities and the creation of home fire safety training for its employees
Department of Disabilities and Special Needs	Conduct sprinkler plan reviews and inspection of licensed facilities and the creation of home fire safety training for its employees
South Carolina Educational Television	Home fire and life safety program project for third-grade teachers
Department of Education's Office of School Facilities	Provide inspections for new construction/ public school renovations, conduct sprinkler plan reviews
State Engineer's Office	Conduct sprinkler plan reviews
EdVenture Museum	Provide personnel and program support
Emergency Management Division	Assist with development of State Emergency Operation Plan

Department of Health and Environmental Control	Collaborate with HazMat mitigation and conduct sprinkler plan reviews Fire origin/cause investigations; Fire Investigator training;
South Carolina Law Enforcement Division	Fire origin/cause investigations; Fire Investigator training; Fusion program
Department of Revenue	VIP submissions
Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office	Creation of a GIS-layer which will assist statewide emergency efforts Inspection of foster homes, conduct sprinkler plan reviews
Department of Social Services	Inspection of foster homes, conduct sprinkler plan reviews
Department of Veterans' Affairs	Community Risk Reduction efforts

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

**Chief Nathan Ellis**

The Office of State Fire Marshal has the statutory responsibility to enforce all laws and ordinances of the State, with reference to the following:

- The prevention of fires,
- The storage, sale and use of combustibles and explosives,
- The installation and maintenance of fire alarm systems and fire extinguishing systems and equipment,
- The means of egress from all buildings, except for one-family and two-family dwellings, unless otherwise required or permitted through law or regulation,
- Investigation of the cause, origin and circumstances of fire,
- Conformance with fire prevention and protection codes and standards, based upon nationally-recognized codes and standards, as may be prescribed by law or regulation for the prevention of fires and the protection of life and property,
- The facilitation of the reporting of fires through the National Fire Incident Reporting System,
- The collection of information concerning the causes, prevention, and reduction of damage from fire and other forms of community loss, and
- Other fire-related activities not inconsistent with the mission of State Fire or otherwise prescribed by law.

Assistant State Fire Marshal, Nathan Ellis, manages the following sections of the Office of State Fire Marshal.

### **Engineering Services Section:**

**Chief Engineer Steven Jenkins**



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

The following chart is a 10-year compilation of plan review projects and number completed.

TYPE OF PLAN REVIEW	Fiscal Year/Number of Plan Review Projects									
	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
Building Fire and Life Safety	6	6	7	10	11	2	5	1	0	0
Fire Alarm System	4	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
AST Fuel Storage/Dispensing Systems	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alternate Extinguishing System	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LP Gas System	12	11	9	7	4	4	11	7	4	4
Fire Protection Sprinkler System–Aboveground	646	602	648	699	791	868	999	1,001	851	979
Fire Protection Sprinkler System–Underground	172	149	128	258	290	281	213	220	189	198
Hydrogen Facility	0	3	1	3	5	2	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF PLAN REVIEW PROJECTS</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>1,103</b>	<b>1,157</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>1,229</b>	<b>1,040</b>	<b>1,181</b>

### ***Developments, Activities, and Select Accomplishments:***

Since the Engineering plan review staff started working from home during the 2020 COVID pandemic, this has become the normal working arrangement due to in greater efficiency, cost savings, and maintaining a defined level of service.



Weekly engineering section staff meetings are held via online platform due to the normally remote working arrangement for review staff. On a regular basis, the staff uses these meetings to discuss and resolve issues. These meetings help to maintain good staff communication, consistency, and efficiency.

The engineering section staff continues to develop its skills and gain experience. The vast majority of staff now holds International Code Council Certifications in fire inspection and fire plans examination.

### **Workload Trends and Analysis:**

The overall number of plan review projects has resumed its long-term upward trend. The number of projects leveled off in FY 20 and FY 21 due to the pandemic. However, the number of projects in FY 22 exceeded those in FY 18 and has nearly equaled the pre-pandemic number of FY 19 review projects. Referencing the chart listed above, since FY 13, the overall trend has shown a 40 percent increase. During this time, the number of staff has remained the same.

Efficiencies have been realized through the use of new equipment/technology, process management, and the hard work by staff. A new Information Management System is currently being beta tested with a small number of project submissions to fine tune the system in preparation for full-scale implementation in the future.

### **Code Enforcement Section:**

### **Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal Shawn Stickle**

This section performs code enforcement for state buildings, fire equipment dealers, outdoor and indoor pyrotechnic displays, consumer retail firework sales, liquefied petroleum gas, explosive magazines, contractual obligations, and local requests for assistance. It also provides fire marshal training and certification to employees of local and state governments who perform fire inspection duties certified in accordance with SC Code of Laws 23-9-30.

Licensing and permitting responsibilities include permits for public fireworks displays; proximate audience fireworks displays; individual pyrotechnic operators and trainees; the storage, use, sale, and manufacturing of explosives; individual blaster licenses; and fire equipment dealers and employees.



The Section also evaluates cigarette manufacturers' certifications and issues approvals.

In FY 22, Remote Video Inspections (RVI) remained in place due to increased efficiency. Additionally, the newly implemented online Information Management System (IMS) has also increased efficiency. The IMS became public (Jan. 2021) for inspection requests, operational permit requests/approval, and code enforcement inspections/investigations reporting. The online submissions process decreases staff data-entry time, allowing for better efficiency, customer service, as well as automatic scheduling notifications to customers and permit turnaround time of less than 24 hours. The next chart shows each deputy state fire marshal completed 610 inspections on average, for a total of 9,157 completed inspections and more than 4,700 violations cited.





### ***Inspection and Permitting Statistical Information***

<b>Statistic</b>	<b>FY 18</b>	<b>FY 19</b>	<b>FY 20</b>	<b>FY 21</b>	<b>FY 22</b>
Inspections Per Deputy SFM (average)	764	705	579	704	610
Inspections Completed by Deputy SFMs	10,697	10,578	8,686	10,562	9,157
Total Violations Cited	8,049	6,128	3,878	4,495	4,713
Blasting Permits		112	98	72	171
Pyrotechnic Display Permits		99	196	281	326

### ***Fire Marshal Training and Certification***

More than 2,400 students, including design professionals, and fire and building officials, took fire marshal-related courses throughout the year. These courses provide necessary continuing education hours and are taught at the Academy and regionally throughout the state. They also provide a mechanism to improve statewide consistency of code interpretation and enforcement.

In South Carolina, there are 738 active certified fire marshals (chart below) performing inspections in their local jurisdictions. This is an almost five percent increase from the previous fiscal year.

<b>Fire Marshal Training and Certification</b>	<b>FY 18</b>	<b>FY 19</b>	<b>FY 20</b>	<b>FY 21</b>	<b>FY 22</b>
ICC Fire Marshal Training Attendees	116	126	59	133	90
State Fire Code of Regulations Class Attendees	127	245	60	169	120
Fire Marshal Quarterly Training Courses	24	20	26	12	18
Quarterly Fire Marshal Training Attendees	1,200	1,258	842	1,979	2,166
Number of Certified Fire Marshals	718	600	622	704	738

### ***Community Risk Reduction Section Chief:***

***Section Chief Josh Fulbright***

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

Major program areas include:

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



Staff members continue to use online platforms to support operations for Fire Safe SC Orientation Briefings and Fire Incident Reporting System Training. However, because they benefit from the one-on-one interaction, Home Safety Visit training, Fire and Life Safety Educator Quarterly training, and the Annual Fire and Community Risk Reduction Summit have moved back to in-person offerings.

To provide fire and life safety programs for school and family audiences, the Division and EdVenture Children’s Museum continues its partnership with SC State Fire. This arrangement allows LLR to provide personnel and program support for Dalmatian Station and Home Safe Home (a fire safety exhibit) within EdVenture. State Fire staff members are responsible for program development, delivery, and outreach activities.

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

To provide ongoing, high-quality training to community risk reduction and fire and life safety educators, CRR conducts quarterly training sessions. These six-hour sessions are interactive and include subject matter experts from other disciplines. Each session provides attendees with continuing education credits that meet the job performance requirements of NFPA 1035 that, in turn, assists their fire departments with earning maximum ISO scale credit in the CRR category. This fiscal year, CRR trained 289 quarterly attendees. This represents a three percent decrease in attendance (299) from the previous year.

### ***Fire Fatalities***



According to the USFA’s documentation from NFIRS reports, South Carolina has dropped from the “Top 10” to the “Top 15” for civilian fire deaths (per million population). However, for the past three decades, the National Fire Protection (NFPA) Association researchers indicate southern states have had the highest fire death rates. According to the NFPA, states with higher fire deaths have larger percentages of people with disabilities, income below the poverty line, current smokers, residents in rural areas, and minorities. Local populations in South Carolina mirror these findings.

For more NFPA information: <https://www.nfpa.org/News-and-Research/Data-research-and-tools/US-Fire-Problem/Fire-deaths-by-state> or [https://www.usfa.fema.gov/data/statistics/fire\\_death\\_rates.html](https://www.usfa.fema.gov/data/statistics/fire_death_rates.html). State law requires the State Fire Marshal's office to collect and analyze data on fire fatalities to understand better the civilian death rate. In FY 22 (see next chart), there is a 21 percent decrease in the number of fire deaths (90) compared to the previous fiscal year (114). The average age of a fire fatality victim is 55 years, and the majority of the fire victims (64 percent) are 50 years or older.

Additionally, December 2021 was the deadliest fire fatality month with 15 victims, compared to one fire fatality in September 2021.

<b>South Carolina Fire Fatalities</b>					
	<b>FY 22</b>	<b>FY 21</b>	<b>FY 20</b>	<b>FY 19</b>	<b>FY 18</b>
Number of Fire Fatalities	90	114	84	81	95
Average Age	55 years	57 years	54 years	55 years	53 years
Percent older than 50 years	64 percent (58 victims)	69 percent (79 victims)	66 percent (53 victims)	68 percent (55 victims)	67 percent (60 victims)
Percent between 20-50 years	29 percent (26 victims)	22 percent (25 victims)	33 percent (26 victims)	26 percent (21 victims)	20 percent (23 victims)
Percent younger than 20	7 percent (6 victims)	9 percent (10 victims)	5 percent (4 victims)	6 percent (5 victims)	13 percent (12 victims)
Percent Male	65 percent	65 percent	70 percent	65 percent	56 percent
Number of Fatal Fire Incidents	81	106	76	71	77
Number of Multiple Fire Fatalities	9 incidents	8 incidents	8 incidents	8 incidents	9 incidents
Highest Fire Fatalities by Month	December 2021 (15 victims)	February 2021 (15 victims)	February 2020 (12 victims)	November 2018 (16 victims)	January 2018 (23 victims)
Lowest Fire Fatalities by Month	September 2021 (1 victim)	August 2020 (4 victims)	June 2020 (2 victims)	July 2018 (1 victim)	June 2018 (2 victims)
Number of Residential Fires	70	86	70	53	67

Fatality-specific data also reveals only one in three homes had a working smoke alarm present, and heating-related fires increased during FY 22 compared to the same time period in FY 21. State Fire continues to see reporting increase by departments and works with fire service partners to reduce NFIRS entry errors.

**Community Loss Education and Response (CLEAR) Team**

Every reported fatal fire in South Carolina is researched by a State Fire CLEAR team member. This team is comprised of duty chiefs (weekly rotation), community risk reduction staff, volunteer researchers, and the State Fire Marshal. The team trains bi-monthly to ensure its members receive the most up-to-date research techniques in order to professionally, cooperatively, and compassionately respond to scenes.

Researchers acquire data analyzed by county, most probable cause, and type of structure, vehicle, or open area. This map reflects FY 22 fire fatalities by county. Aiken County had the highest number of fire fatalities at 10. Additionally, 32 counties had at least one fire fatality.

**National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS)**



This fiscal year, South Carolina maintained a compliance rate of 90 percent of fire departments using NFIRS for response data. This maintains the highest percentage in our state’s history and accounts for those departments who reported, at least, one incident during the year. These incidents range from structure fires to lift assists, false alarms, and severe weather.

A separate annual report, produced by State Fire, provides in-depth information from the 451 of 499 participating fire departments. There is an ongoing goal of increasing the number of fire departments reporting monthly and annually. This is accomplished by providing Academy classes and interactive dashboards.

Data management programs continue to expand beyond simple maintenance of NFIRS. Data management is also instrumental in fire service-related research. CRR is assisting fire departments with data analysis, GIS mapping, and quality control.

There were 548,393 incidents (nearly 25 percent increase) reported in FY 22. This chart reflects a percentage of total incidents by call type. For example, EMS (medical) incidents account for 61 percent of calls, with false alarms accounting for 10 percent. More than four percent of incidents were fire, and accounted for more than \$292

Incident by Type	Percent
EMS and Rescue	61.71
Good Intent	12.47
False Alarm	9.44
Service	8.61
Fires	4.61
Other	3.16

million in damages. Of this amount, nearly \$3 million is attributed to intentionally ignited fires. Significant fires with property loss estimates greater than \$1 million have an impact on communities and local economies. The next chart reflects the significant FY 22 fires listed by the date of the incident, city, property type, and dollar loss in millions.

Date	City	Property Type	Dollar Loss/ Millions
July 15, 2021	Mt. Pleasant	Textile, Wearing apparel sales	\$1.1 M
August 29, 2021	Myrtle Beach	1 or 2 family dwelling	\$1.0 M
September 11, 2021	Columbia	Multifamily dwelling	\$1.0 M
September 23, 2021	Clover	Manufacturing, processing	\$2.0 M
November 5, 2021	Timmonsville	Manufacturing, processing	\$1.3 M
November 14, 2021	York	1 or 2 family dwelling	\$1.0 M
November 25, 2021	North Augusta	Sanitation Utility	\$6.0 M
December 31, 2021	Columbia	Multifamily dwelling	\$2.1 M
January 16, 2022	Lugoff	Manufacturing, processing	\$3.1 M
February 1, 2022	Bluffton	Outbuilding or Shed	\$2.0 M
February 16, 2022	Columbia	High School / Middle School	\$1.3 M
March 2, 2022	Sumter	1 or 2 family dwelling	\$1.7 M
March 3, 2022	Dale	Open land of field (Aircraft fire)	\$67.0 M
March 16, 2022	Britton's Neck	Forest, Timberland, Woodland	\$2.0 M
March 21, 2022	Hartsville	Storage, other	\$2.0 M
March 28, 2022	Charleston	Multifamily dwelling	\$1.0 M
April 10, 2022	Kiawah Island	1 or 2 family dwelling	\$2.0 M
April 10, 2022	Pageland	Vehicle Parking Area	\$1.3 M
April 27, 2022	Goose Creek	Manufacturing, processing	\$2.0 M
May 11, 2022	Mayesville	Storage, other	\$1.5 M
May 13, 2022	Beaufort	1 or 2 family dwelling	\$1.1 M

May 30, 2022	Cameron	Industrial Plant Yard - Area	\$1.0 M
June 15, 2022	Summerville	Church, mosque, synagogue, temple, chapel	\$1.1 M
June 29, 2022	North Charleston	Industrial Plant Yard - Area	\$1.0 M

### **Statewide Risk Assessment**

To assist fire departments with understanding some of their underlying risks, a community risk assessment dashboard remains on [Fire Safe South Carolina's website](#). This dashboard shows individual fire districts' risks in three categories: human factors, socioeconomic factors, and housing factors. This community risk assessment uses census data and ArcGIS software to compile a finished product. Plans are underway to update this assessment in the coming year.

### **Fire Prevention Grants and Partnerships**

Continued partnerships within the Agency, with other state agencies, community groups, grants, and others continue to promote life-saving initiatives. These include:

- State Fire, in partnership with **South Carolina Educational Television (ETV)**, provides access to a fire and life safety program to third-grade teachers through a repository of lesson plans stored on the ETV website. Teachers from across the state access this database to deliver health and safety programming for school-aged children based on the 2017 SC Standards for Health and Safety Education. Staff intends to participate in coming years to introduce fire and life safety messaging standards further than the current first- and third-grade levels. The **State Department of Education** produces this guiding standard. A first-grade version of the program is also available to teachers. During the pandemic, development plans for fire and life safety continuing education for teachers was on hold. Development of a 10-hour course, good for 20 renewal credits, is again underway and intended for future release.
- State Fire is a partner with the **Home Fire Preparedness Campaign** - an **American Red Cross** program. Along with Red Cross professionals in this region, staff continue to provide technical expertise in the area of education and logistics. Since 2015, there continues to be an increase in the number of homes made safer and the number of alarms installed. This past fiscal year, there were 2,152 homes documented as made safer because of this partnership with 6,791 smoke alarms, 48 deaf/hard of hearing alarms installed, and 346 smoke alarm batteries replaced.
- State Fire continues participation in the **Sound Off with the Home Fire Safety Patrol** grant-funded program for second- and third-grade classrooms. At this point, 23 departments remain involved with the program and a Sound-Off Refresher Training was offered Feb. 15, 2021, with participating departments to reengage participation after the pandemic. Free educational materials, online resources, and smoke alarms were provided to the participating departments this year through the program.

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

Increasing industry concerns and unique demands require innovative responses. Fire Safe South Carolina, launched in 2017, seeks to reduce fire-related injuries, promote consistent messaging, increase data quality, and provide valuable resources. The mission of Fire Safe South Carolina is to unite fire service organizations to engage influential community stakeholders; together, we will support local fire departments to serve their citizens through strategic community risk reduction programs.

Organizational partners include the SC State Firefighters' Association, the SC State Association of Fire Chiefs, and the SC Fire Marshals Association. Last fiscal year, organizational partners welcomed the SC Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators to join the effort to support fire service in reducing risk across the state.

Other state and national organizations continue collaboration with Fire Safe South Carolina in innovative ways to promote common goals while maintaining relationships and supporting the South Carolina fire service. These groups include: American Red Cross, SC Department of Education, SC Baptist Convention, SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, Vision 20/20, SCETV, Children's Trust of South Carolina, SC Office on Aging, Safe Kids of SC, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Salkehatchie Camps, The Pet Oxygen Kit Project, and the SC Department of Veterans' Affairs.



Five Deputy State Fire Marshals, along with one part-time program assistant, support the Fire Safe South Carolina program coordinator and CRR Team outreach efforts. Staff members engage, facilitate, and track the progress of districts on their journey in becoming designated as a Fire Safe South Carolina Community.

Fire Safe South Carolina and associated efforts continue to be presented at various fire service association conferences and other venues. Remaining "Phase I" Fire Safe South Carolina county meetings were completed in FY 22. To engage more stakeholders, additional meetings were held in the last quarter of the fiscal year. By the end of the fiscal year, 14 counties were visited.

During these meetings, staff continue to review current efforts, forge new relationships, and establish priorities for that area. "Phase II" of the program, which is a survey of local fire department activities and community risk reduction goals, was issued statewide. Goals are covered annually for fire departments to work toward during virtual Orientation Briefings. Between August 2021 and the end of the fiscal year, 275 fire department personnel attended.

The Fourth Annual **SC Fire and Community Risk Reduction Summit**, held May 5, 2022 at SC State Fire, had more than 300 attendees and 15 vendors. This free event provides attendees with useful ideas and resources for reducing fire and life safety risks in their own communities.

**2021 Community Designation**

**105 Local Fire Departments**

**37 Counties**

**Educated 500,000+ citizens**

**Trained 1,000+ fire service members**

**Identified 366 new community partners statewide**

In FY 22, staff presented the third annual Fire Safe South Carolina Community Designation awards to 105 fire departments across 37 counties who completed various tasks for recognition. The number of

departments represented more than a 30 percent increase from the previous year. There were 366 new community partners identified statewide, more than 1,000 fire service personnel educated on risk reduction topics, and nearly half a million citizens educated.

While the majority of departments received their designation award at the Fire Rescue Conference (see below) some, unable to attend or upon request, receive their award in-person at the fire department. These local opportunities allow for the appreciation of more staff members as well as the local leadership's support of risk reduction. The City of Charleston Fire Marshal Division's leadership and members, as well as Mayor John J. Tecklenburg, are pictured below.



Staff also partnered with the SC State Firefighters' Association, recording a data-focused video for the inaugural Fire Officer Academy. The video highlights the importance of quality reporting, the improvements made across the state, and provides additional resources. Increased interest across the state has resulted in additional requests and welcomed demands for resources. These partnerships continue to be maintained and new ones fostered, with groups continuing to come forward who have the ability to influence the fire problem.

In fact, due to the program's popularity, current distributions of alarm resources in 2022 (calendar year) surpassed those for 2021 (calendar year). In addition, the **SC Office on Aging** partnership resulted in 134 referrals for home safety visits following assessment by local area agencies on aging.

The Fire Safe South Carolina Alarm Program continues to partner with multiple entities to bring smoke, carbon monoxide, and deaf/hard of hearing specialty smoke alarm resources into South Carolina. These resources are provided to local fire departments. In turn, firefighters visit the homes they protect to educate residents about reducing the impact of fires while ensuring the residents have adequate alarm technology in their home.



During FY 22, the Fire Safe South Carolina Alarm program dispersed alarms to 85 different local fire departments. This chart shows the type, number of alarms and the percentage increase compared to FY 21.



Alarm Type	Number of Alarms	Percentage Increase
Smoke	7,922	37
Carbon Monoxide	538	17
Combination	120	58
Deaf/Hard of Hearing	108	18

To ensure access of our joint efforts statewide, tracking of alarm installations continues within the American Red Cross database. This partnership allows both organizations the ability to see progress, avoid duplication, and plan for alarm replacements in the decades to come. The partnership also provides local fire departments the ability to track and account for their personal resources, facilitating a framework for statewide installation information should all departments transfer their tracking to this platform. Highlighting this ongoing partnership, a joint press release was issued in February 2022 highlighting the 106 lives saved in the state due to joint efforts since the Home Fire Campaign started in 2014. These lives represent more than 10 percent of the lives saved in the more than 1,300 documented saves during the same time across the country.

With statewide and national support, Fire Safe South Carolina continues to be a sustainable CRR venture. Program Coordinator Jessica Sondgeroth was selected as a presenter during the Vision 20/20 Model Performance in Community Risk Reduction Symposium 7 in Tennessee. These symposiums deliver proven best practices, strategies, and resources driving efforts across the country in helping make communities more resilient.

A web presence continues to grow around Fire Safe South Carolina, with a website ([www.firesafe.sc.gov](http://www.firesafe.sc.gov)) and social media (@FireSafeSC) platforms.

### **South Carolina Fire Academy (SCFA or Academy) Superintendent:**

**Chief Dennis Ray**

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

The Academy's logo includes the Maltese Cross, a well-known symbol in the fire service associated with the qualities of loyalty and bravery. The four points featured represent "Protect," "Prevent," "Train," and "Respond."

The Fire Academy campus is home to the Fallen Firefighter Memorial. The names of South Carolina fallen firefighters have been placed on the memorial wall to honor their dedication, service, and sacrifice to the citizens of South Carolina, their communities, and departments. Currently, along with an eternal





flame, there are 141 names on the wall dating back to 1863. It was constructed and dedicated in 1999, and is a joint effort between the South Carolina State Association of Fire Chiefs, the SC State Firefighters' Association and the South Carolina Fire Academy. Each spring, a memorial service is held.

South Carolina has almost 500 fire departments with nearly 18,500 firefighters. The Academy offers training to in-state firefighters, out-of-state firefighters, non-member "Open Enrollment" students, and Junior Member programs for students 16 and 17 years old. The Academy also provides training to EMS, police, emergency management, industry, and rescue squad personnel.

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



The SCFA is accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAAC) in 20 fire service occupational levels, and by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (Pro Board) in 19 levels of Fire Service Professional Qualifications. Accreditation ensures uniformity of statewide fire education and allows students trained and tested at the Academy more mobility to/from other accredited states/entities.

Throughout a typical year, SCFA resident training staff provide four on-site firefighter recruit programs. These eight-week programs require each recruit to reside at the Academy in an on-site fire station and adhere to a strict instructional schedule. If successful, each recruit achieves nine Academy certificates, including the accredited levels of Firefighter I and II. Weekly training and a graduation video are shared via social media. Additionally, SCFA regional staff coordinate on average, 24 recruit schools across the state during the year. These recruit schools are taught by department instructors, utilizing Academy curriculum, and regional staff facilitate the evaluations and testing processes.



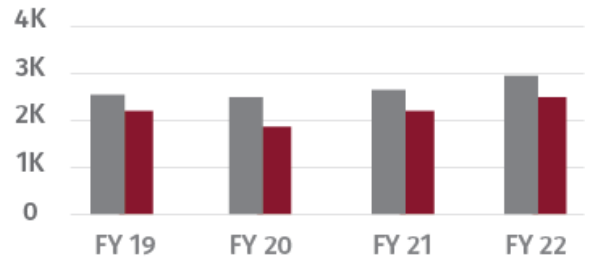
In FY 22, the Academy provided 341 days of training, both on its campus and in the regions. The Columbia campus was open 320 days during this same time (compared to the state employee work year of 248 days).



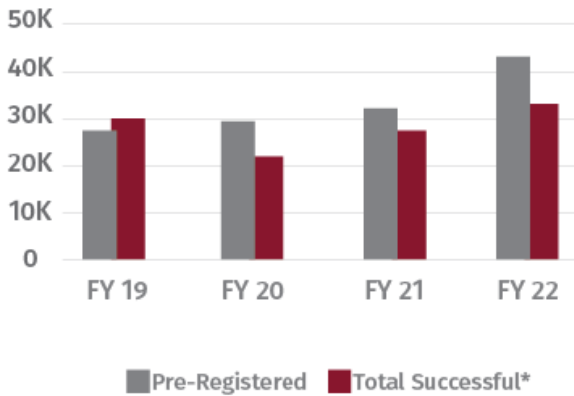
This chart (to the right) represents a four-year snapshot of the total number of requested and completed training courses. Each fiscal year, the total number of requests consistently exceeds 2,000 courses. In FY 22, there were 2,969 requested classes and 2,388 completed courses.

This chart (below) represents a four-year snapshot of the total number of registered students and successful completions. This fiscal year, 44,770 students pre-registered and 33,587 students successfully completed a requested course (Industrial students do not pre-register).

### TOTAL NUMBER OF REQUESTED AND COMPLETED COURSES



### TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS



To meet the needs of those unable to commit to a traditional classroom environment, and to provide an alternative training environment, more than 8,700 students completed online independent learning, hybrid, and blended learning programs.

The Academy offers seminars, instructor orientation workshops (IOW), and a variety of courses. These courses include rescue, officer, management/incident command, EMS, fire and emergency services instructor, industrial, hazardous materials,

\*4,430 students successfully completed more than one course.

firefighting, fire marshal, driver operations, community risk reduction, behavioral health and wellness, fire inspections and investigations, and aircraft rescue firefighting. Many of these courses are linked to IFSAC and Pro Board level accreditation.

This chart reflects the “Top Five” types of training courses requested by the state’s fire service members. Firefighting courses represent nearly 19 percent of all course offerings.



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

**Marketing and Special Projects Program Coordinator:**

**Amy Williamson**



This program area assists with marketing the Academy, event planning, and project coordination. Assignments include various on-going and one-time projects, event coordination, customer outreach, site visits, developing relationships with partner organizations, internal/external marketing, association meeting attendance, coordination of policy updates, and database management.

Staff continues to adapt Academy events and program deliveries. A blend of in-person, virtual, on-campus, and off-campus deliveries ensured the Academy was able to meet requested training needs. As a result, training was provided to almost 5,000 fire, police, EMS, and dispatch students through special events and workshops.

Projects include:

- Hosting Executive Chief Officer Weekend in-person, at maximum capacity on campus.
- Hosting the first Public Safety Behavioral Health Symposium, in partnership with SC FAST.
- Completing an overhaul to the A/V equipment cache.
- Hosting a virtual Insurance Services Office (ISO) mini-series, in partnership with Verisk.
- Supporting the SC Firefighters' Association Fire Officer Company Academy.
- Strategic relationships with partner agencies such as the Secret Service, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), SC Society of Fire Service Instructors, and the SC Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators.
- Implementing the National Fire Academy (NFA) Electronic Data Sharing Project.
- Offering a virtual training program for dispatch agencies - Mayday for Telecommunicators.
- Adding an additional 15 live webinars to the Pre-Recorded Online Training website (24/7 access to the more than 30 recordings) at no cost to the agency.
- Expanding the quarterly Instructor Development Workshops to include EMS instructors.

**Training Manager/Deputy Superintendent:**

**Section Chief Terrell Brown**

The Fire Academy delivers training to the state's firefighters through regional delivery at the local fire department and through resident delivery at the Columbia campus.



The following chart represents the breakdown of programs delivered in the regions and number of students trained.

<i>Courses</i>	<i>R1</i>	<i>R2</i>	<i>R3</i>	<i>R4</i>	<i>R5</i>	<i>R6</i>	<i>R7</i>	<i>Reg Tot</i>	<i>R0</i>	<i>R8</i>	<i>R9</i>	<i>Res Tot</i>	<i>Total</i>
Catalog	108	19	4	0	0	0	92	223	132	1	0	133	356
CTC/HS	35	42	30	0	9	37	18	171	0	0	0	0	171
Direct	3	0	0	0	1	0	3	7	11	0	0	11	18
EMD Grants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	13	13
Industrial	7	1	1	0	2	5	1	17	45	0	69	114	131
NFA Grants	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	3	4
Online/Virtu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	0	0	63	63
Request	144	160	80	92	136	113	120	845	239	1	0	240	1,085
Retests	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
T-in house	113	55	74	157	322	152	24	897	10	0	0	10	907
<b>Yearly Total</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>2,162</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>2,749</b>
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<i>Students</i>	<i>R1</i>	<i>R2</i>	<i>R3</i>	<i>R4</i>	<i>R5</i>	<i>R6</i>	<i>R7</i>	<i>Reg Tot</i>	<i>R0</i>	<i>R8</i>	<i>R9</i>	<i>Res Tot</i>	<i>Total</i>
Catalog	1,267	226	23	0	0	0	901	2,417	1,659	23	0	1,682	4,099
CTC/HS	343	416	45	0	47	240	150	1,241	0	0	0	0	1,241
Direct	57	0	0	0	11	0	63	131	413	0	0	413	544
EMD Grants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	194	0	194	194
Industrial	73	6	0	0	15	30	31	155	613	0	531	1,144	1,299
NFA Grants	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	29	26	0	0	26	55
Online/Virtu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,034	0	0	1,034	1,034
Request	1,365	1,901	849	1,030	1,424	1,591	1,358	9,518	8,189	31	0	8,220	17,738
Retest	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
T-in house	1,027	438	524	2,514	3,659	1,944	115	10,221	38	0	0	38	10,259
<b>Yearly Total</b>	<b>4,132</b>	<b>2,987</b>	<b>1,441</b>	<b>3,573</b>	<b>5,158</b>	<b>3,805</b>	<b>2,618</b>	<b>23,714</b>	<b>11,972</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>12,751</b>	<b>36,465</b>

(Region 0 - Columbia, Region 8 - EMD Grant, Region 9 - Industry)

### Resident Training Chief:

### Section Chief Kristie Watson

Resident training is responsible for training activity on the Academy's campus in Columbia, as well as industrial, technical-level hazardous material, rescue, and aircraft rescue firefighting (ARFF) programs. This year, resident staff provided 911 courses for 13,149 students.

Other projects include:

- Training 86 firefighters who graduated from the Academy's Firefighter Candidate School.
- Offering a Hybrid-Recruit class (July 24 - October 9) graduating nine recruits
- Delivering /picking up 147 Academy support trailers (23,234 trailer miles / 46,468 truck miles).
- Assisting with delivery of two Fire Investigation classes.
- Ensuring IFSAC and Pro Board compliance to maintain course accreditation.
- Increasing part-time instructors to aid in delivery of onsite and regional programs.
- Working with Hazardous Materials subject matter experts on an Industrial Hazardous materials program to meet specific requirements of OSHA 1910.120 geared toward industrial responders.
- Piloting two new advanced automobile extrication programs.
- Re-writing current high-angle rescue, confined space rescue, and water rescue programs to correspond to awareness, operations, and technician levels for the new 2021 NFPA 1006 standard.
- Delivering confined space and HazMat SC Emergency Management Division classes.
- Conducting two FEMA Structural Collapse Specialist programs.
- Hosting the first SCFFA Company Officer Academy.
- Hosting two ISFSI Live Fire Training courses, credentialing 49 instructors as Live Fire Instructors

**Curriculum Section Chief:****Section Chief Bonita Watters**

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

During FY 22, the section added a full-time grant position who serves as the Career Technology Center (high school), Volunteer Recruitment and Retention coordinator. The position bridges the relationships between the high school firefighter program instructors, regional coordinators, and SC Dept. of Education. The staffer also educates guidance counselors, so they have a better understanding of the firefighter curriculum and job placement.

**Development Coordinator:****Tyson Houston**

The Curriculum Development Section oversees the creation, update, and renewal of fire and emergency services curriculum. Staff developers work with Subject Matter Expert (SME) groups specifically drawn from the South Carolina fire service. Fire service courses are largely developed using best practices and performance requirements outlined by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards. This national standard established consensus used throughout the United States.

Course development is an ongoing process. Accredited courses such as Fire Instructor and the Firefighter Series debuted updated curriculum in 2021 and continue revisions throughout FY 22. Fire Officer Series curriculum was updated in FY 22 and will debut next fiscal year. Firefighter I and II, Fire Instructor I and II, and Fire Officer I and II curriculum represent a large segment of accredited certifications throughout the state. As such, they require a continued commitment of personnel and time.

Production and Curriculum Development work together to develop and provide the finest possible product for Academy students.

SME groups continue to review and update a number of curricula including:

Course Code	Course Title	Details
1124	Pre-Incident Plans/Fire Safety Surveys	Curriculum and Fire Marshal's Office
1158	Engine Operations	In development
2724	NFPA HazMat Technician	In development
1170	Basic Chainsaw Operations	New course, in final development stage

1870	Emergency Medical Technician	Updating and revising to match the style of fire curriculum. SMEs and developers are in final development stage.
2103	Fire Officer III	Updating to the current NFPA 1021 chapter for FOIII. New materials will start late next year.
2104	Fire Officer IV	Completed in FY 22. Received initial accreditation. First class offered in July 2022. This course is only offered on campus at SCFA.
2105	Fire and Emergency Services Admin.	New course, in planning/development process. Expected pilot in FY 23.
2727	HazMat Awareness	Updating to meet current NFPA 1072 Awareness level accreditation. Expected pilot in FY 24.
2728	HazMat Operations	Updating to meet current NFPA 1072 Operations level accreditation. Expected pilot early FY 24.
3310	Technical Rescue	Updating to NFPA 1006 Rope Rescue chapter. SMEs' updates and edits are in progress. Expected pilot in FY 23.
3316	High Angle	Updating to NFPA 1006 Rope Rescue chapter. SMEs' updates and edits are in progress. Expected pilot in FY 23.
3331	Auto-Extrication Operations	New SCFA course. Based on NFPA 1006 Auto Extrication chapter. Pilot complete. In final process. To be offered at Academy campus.
3350	Water Rescue	Revising to meet Awareness and Operations level of NFPA 1006 for water rescue
3392	Confined Space	Revising to meet Awareness and Operations level of NFPA 1006 chapter for Confined Space. Expected pilot in FY 23.
8697	UAS Intermediate Flight (Drone)	Curriculum assisting with course materials. Offered twice.



### **National Fire Academy (NFA)**

The Academy's partnership with the National Fire Academy includes offering several NFA Direct Delivery (on campus) as well as Regional delivery courses. Nine NFA direct delivery classes were taught at the Academy campus and six regional deliveries were taught in fire departments across the state.

Additionally, the annual "State Weekend" is held each year in July. In attendance were 60 South Carolina fire service members who enrolled in one of the six following courses:

- NFC: Challenging Issues
- FSSC: Who Protects Firefighters from Firefighters
- Strategies & Tactics for Initial Company Operations
- Executive Skills Series: Exercising Leadership Ethically
- Introduction to Unified Command for All Hazard Incidents
- Fire Investigation for First Responders

### **Production Coordinator:**

**Bob Simpson**

The Production unit includes visual media design and print shop services as well as online training. Staff provides photography, video, and technical support to the Curriculum Developers as well as work with the State Fire Marshal's Office, Emergency Response Task Force, and LLR to provide videos, photographs, and online training support for numerous events and projects.

Visual Media Designers deliver weekly videos for each of the on-campus recruit schools as well as a graduation video for each resident recruit class covering the eight weeks of training. With COVID restrictions, staff offered live-stream graduations for families and departments.

The "Print Shop" provides material for Academy courses and supports other areas of the agency, when requested. This chart shows the number of books printed onsite with cost and savings compared to the SC Department of Corrections print shop. The amount saved this year was more than \$126,000.

<b>Books Printed</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Savings compared to SCDC</b>
39,839	\$69,482.09	\$126,428.54

Online training continues to be a popular and convenient option for Academy students. The Academy uses Blackboard Collaborate, a real-time video conferencing tool that allows users to add files, share applications, and use a virtual whiteboard to interact with others.

Types of online training offered include:

- Pre-recorded online training which is lecture-driven. This training can be viewed at any time, at the convenience of the student.
- Online classes with specific start/end dates. Classes must be completed between those dates.
- Live Instructor-Led Virtual training courses. These classes are live and have a set schedule with required attendance sessions.

Using the online format, staff provided more than 8,700 students with open/independent, or hybrid training. This is an 18 percent increase in students from last fiscal year (7,383.). The increase is due, in part, to a 50 percent increase in the live instructor-led classes with the addition of the Instructor Recertification and Essentials updates.

ONLINE TRAINING					
Open/Independent/ Hybrid	Officer Training	Live Virtual Led	Pre-Recorded Training	Instructor Recertification & E7 Update	TOTAL
6,932	71	617	309	781	8,710

**Accreditation, Testing, and Certification Section Chief:**

**Section Chief Julie McCabe**

The Accreditation and Testing Section oversees adherence to IFSAC and Pro Board Accreditation requirements and processes certification examinations. Members of the Accreditation team attended the IFSAC Fall Meeting in Oklahoma where the Academy was awarded full re-accreditation for 20 courses. In addition to the 20 re-accredited levels, the Academy submitted and received Fire Officer IV accreditation approval from IFSAC and Pro Board.

Accredited level examinations are being transitioned to an optical mark reading web-based grading platform known as Intelligent Grading Solutions (IGS). The implementation of IGS has been ongoing as answer keys are added to the platform and staff is trained on its various features.



In preparation for Pro Board Re-accreditation, the Accreditation Coordinator, Andrela Riley, attended the annual Pro Board Conference in Florida. The Academy submitted its Pro Board Re-Accreditation application. Once the Committee on Accreditation reviews the application, Pro Board will schedule their site visit.

Staff issued 2,715 IFSAC seals and 514 Pro Board certificates. Specifically, these charts indicate:

<b>IFSAC - Testing for Certification</b>					
<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Tested</b>	<b>1st pass</b>	<b>Retests</b>	<b>Total Pass</b>
1153	Firefighter I	290	161	26	187
1154	Firefighter II	836	499	74	573
1155	Recruit Firefighter I	558	296	37	333
1156	Recruit Firefighter II	254	76	14	90
1402	Hybrid NFPA Firefighter I	80	16	1	17
1403	Hybrid NFPA Firefighter II	45	17	4	21
2100	Fire Officer I	461	207	38	245
2102	Fire Officer II	271	142	13	155
2103	Fire Officer III	104	91	0	91
3400	Airport Firefighter	140	95	9	104
4165	Fire & Life Safety Educator I	137	85	0	85
4171	Fire Instructor I	633	400	35	435
4172	Fire Instructor II	152	52	9	61
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>3961</b>	<b>2137</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>2397</b>

Challenge Exams					
4500	Fire Instructor I	2	2	0	2
4501	Fire Fighter I	254	60	17	77
4502	Fire Fighter II	63	34	3	37
4503	D/O Pumper	59	19	7	26
4504	Fire Officer II	1	1	0	1
4506	Hazardous Materials Operations	75	51	4	55
4509	Emergency Vehicle Driver	19	18	18	1
4514	Fire & Life Safety Educator I	1	1	0	1
4515	D/O Aerial	33	19	1	20
4516	D/O MWS	19	9	9	1
4517	Fire Instructor II	1	1	0	1
4519	Fire Officer II	1	1	0	1
4520	Hazardous Materials Operations	147	54	17	71
4524	Fire Investigator	49	21	3	24
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>724</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>318</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>		<b>4685</b>	<b>2428</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>2715</b>

## RECIPROCITY & EQUIVALENCY ACTIVITY

# 469

Requests

# 1,779

Courses Granted  
Reciprocity

# 3,703

Courses Granted  
Equivalency  
(Includes FEMA ICS courses)

ProBoard Levels	Number Issued
Firefighter I	228
Firefighter II	107
DO Pumper	1
DO Aerial	1
DO MWS	1
Airport FF	9
ARFF	21
Fire Officer I	27
Fire Officer II	20
Fire Officer III	10
Fire Investigator	12
Fire Life Safety Educator I	13
Fire Instructor I	38
Fire Instructor II	9
HMA	8
HMO Core CH 5	5
HMO Core 6.2	2
HMO Core 6.2 6.6	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>514</b>

**Emergency Medical Services Training (EMS) Section Chief:**

**Section Chief Julie McCabe**



The EMS Section oversees SC Fire Academy EMS course delivery and manages SC Dept. of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC), National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT), and American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI) training sites.

In FY 22, the EMS Section began updating EMT curriculum to the new Jones & Bartlett 12th Ed. textbook. EMS subject matter experts continue to work with the Curriculum section to update lesson plans. The new curriculum is expected to be released next year.



Additionally, eight initial EMT courses were held around the state. The National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) cognitive exam was attempted by 66 students, with a first-time pass rate of 76 percent. Additionally, the Reduction of Opioid Loss of Life courses (see chart) trained almost 3,800 students.

Reduction of Opioid Loss of Life (ROLL)		
Class	Total Courses	Students Trained
1821 Instructor	39	246
1822 Practitioner	273	3,546

Effective in May 2022, SC DHEC's new regulations (61-7) allow EMTs to teach as lead instructors in initial EMT programs. EMS Section Chief Julie McCabe was re-appointed as the SC DHEC Training Committee Secretary. Chief McCabe agreed to serve as the BLS/BFA Technical Chair for the Skills USA State Competition in Greenville in March 2021. The EMS Section also hosted its first National Fire Academy six-day EMS Quality Management course providing EMS students the critical components, background and principles associated with the implementation, or enhancement, of a department's Quality Management Program.



Notable equipment acquisitions include the donation of a 2008 International Ambulance from Lancaster County EMS. The EMS Section added an EZ Glide Stair Chair, Scoop Stretchers, and an MCI Command Pack as well as upgraded to Preston CPR manikins in the Recruit BLS and EMS training programs.

In addition to EMS responsibilities, the EMS Section Chief acquired the liaison responsibilities to the State EOC. Partial activation of the SEOC occurred in January due to a Winter Weather event. State Fire staff also participated in the statewide Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) held in March.

EMS Course Delivery	Total Courses	Total Successful Students
1801 BLS (Recruits)	5	100
1802 Basic First Aid (Recruits)	4	101
1820 Initial EMT	8	79
1824 BLS for Healthcare Provider	26	235
1827 Initial EMR	2	18
1828 PHTLS	1	11
1844 EVOS	7	64
1829 TECC	1	14
1830 AMLS	2	7
1836 Basic First Aid	7	51
1839 ASHI PALS	1	6
1842 PHTLS for First Responder	1	6
1846 Med. Control Workshop	1	9
1821 ROLL TTT	14	48
1820 ROLL Practitioner	78	1,328
9031 SC DHEC Orientation	2	39
1811 EMR Renewal	6	64
1834 EMT Refresher (20 hr.)	1	3
1835 EMT Refresher (24 hr.)	4	37
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>2,220</b>



### **Administration Program Supervisor:**

**Sherri Bush**

This section processes registrations, confirmations and transcript updates, issues certificates (except IFSAC certifications), and assists with the Fire Portal. Staff continue to cross-train, maintain the schedule for fire and non-fire events on site, and work together with DOTS on the database reconstruction project.

There are two offices in this section: Registrars and Records. More than 11,000 registrations for resident (on-site) and online courses were processed by the Registrar's office. The chart below is a yearly compilation of administrative tasks performed by the Records office. More than 1,800 course packages were processed for 26,000 students. These figures do not include IFSAC course packages.

Course Packages	Students	Certificates	Letters	No Shows	Retest	Certificate Reprints
1,868	26,269	18,031	743	2,299	646	127

### Facilities Maintenance Manager:

**Greg Bass**

#### Maintenance Section

This section provides maintenance, landscaping, and janitorial services for the 208-acre training site. This includes buildings, grounds, systems, props, support equipment, trailers, and vehicles.

An online Fire Academy Maintenance Request System is utilized to provide better accountability and cost tracking. During FY 22, there were 345 submitted requests and 341 were completed for a 98 percent completion rate. The Division spent \$17,587 on the completed requests.

Other projects include:



- Running power to the Fire Investigation pods. This creates an intentional "short-circuit," providing a more realistic training environment.
- Upgrading remaining Fire Alarm panels (nodes).
- Installing roof vents and providing preventative maintenance service for Academy trailers.
- Replacing chairs for classrooms and Denny Auditorium.
- Fabricating a second-stage extension in the Denny Auditorium.
- Displaying a vintage 1947 Mack engine inside the Denny Auditorium.
- Installing new window blinds in Buildings 2 and 3.
- Installing shore power in the Fire Station.
- Installing air purifiers in various campus locations.
- Installing new transfer switches for campus lift stations.





- Mounting new overhead LED lights in the Fire Station bay.
- Locating and permanently marking our private sewer line and adding it to South Carolina 811.

**Hospitality Section**

Feeding and lodging are essential services provided to on-site customers. The Hospitality staff furnish meals and dormitory rooms to support site operations and operates the Academy’s retail General Store. Staff prepared and served 20,297 meals and housed 1,215 students in the dormitory. General Store sales totaled \$45,735.

The Academy dormitory rooms are semi-private with two students assigned to each room. Each room has bathroom facilities, a television, refrigerator, and alarm-clock radios. Single-occupancy rooms may be offered on a space available basis for an additional fee. A gym, laundry, and break room are also available.



Projects include:



- Updating software for cash register,
- Introducing women’s apparel (polo’s and T-shirts),
- Supporting the 2022 Fire Conference, and
- Painting interior cafeteria wall (see photo) creating a fresh and modern look.

**Emergency Response Program Manager:**

**Chief Ken Kerber**

This section assists local, regional, and state governments in times of need. Emergency Response provides subject matter experts, guidance, and on-scene professional resources during natural or man-made disasters or emergencies that overwhelm local resources. They provide responses to all phases of firefighting, structural collapse, helicopter rescue, water rescue, and hazardous materials incidents. This response can range from sending subject matter experts to providing hundreds of responders to assist with a large-scale disaster. In addition, it supports LLR’s role in emergency support functions within the State Emergency Response Plans and day-to-day operations.



The Emergency Response logo is comprised of three individual patches. These include (clockwise, left to right) SC-Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team (HART), SC Emergency Response Task Force 1, (ERTF), and SC Firefighter Mobilization (FFMOB).



Emergency Response operates out of a 15,000-square-foot building on the SC Fire Academy campus. Currently, housing nearly \$8 million worth of equipment, the team is capable of being transported by land, sea, or air.

Specifically:

- **South Carolina Helicopter Aquatic Rescue Team** is a collaborative effort between the State Urban Search and Rescue Task Force (SC-TF1) under the direction of S.C. LLR, Office of the State Fire Marshal, S.C. Emergency Management Division, and the Army National Guard Aviation Unit based at McEntire.
- **South Carolina Emergency Response Task Force 1** is an Urban Search and Rescue team providing a coordinated response to disasters in urban environments. Emphasizing location and extrication of victims trapped in largely populated areas, the Task Force is capable of responding to State and National disasters including earthquakes, hurricanes, widespread tornadoes, and man-made technological and terrorist events. The team is capable of being transported by land, sea, or air.
- **South Carolina Firefighter Mobilization** provides service and support through a statewide mutual aid assistance agreement utilizing the state's 46 counties. The system allows firefighting and rescue resources to be effectively and efficiently moved throughout the state to assist during local, regional, and statewide disasters or emergencies.

Staff continues to respond to emergencies and disasters not only across South Carolina, but also across the nation. As part of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), the team is also available for response to jurisdictions outside the state. South Carolina HART, South Carolina Emergency Response Task Force 1, and Firefighter Mobilization have developed a reputation of excellence and professionalism across the Search and Rescue Community. They have been a part of a number of search and rescue related advancements, especially in utilizing software to track damage assessment after natural and man-made disasters and setting training standards for a HART Team.

### **SC-TF1 and SC-HART Program Manager:**

### **Section Chief Shon Hamilton**

The SC Emergency Response Task Force (ERTF) offers initial and long-term responses to natural and man-made disasters. Its primary focus is to provide immediate resources to local and regional fire service agencies. ERTF continues to partner with the South Carolina National Guard to offer a statewide helicopter aquatic rescue program.

ERTF had 31 total activities during FY 22, with 9,378 hours of training/response. The Task Force hosted the annual SUSAR (State Urban Search and Rescue) Conference, which was attended by USAR Teams from across the United States and Canada. This was accomplished with the help of 144 members from SC-TF1, which included the Boat and HART teams. These two teams train in addition to the standard requirements for Urban Search and Rescue (USAR).

SC-TF1 had a busy year preparing for and responding to hurricanes, including Hurricane Ida, which was the strongest hurricane to hit





Southeastern Louisiana since Hurricane Katrina. In addition, the Team was also on “stand by” for other storms in the Gulf Region – specifically in Louisiana. There were also numerous exercises and training events.

**SC-HELICOPTER AQUATIC RESCUE TEAM (SC-HART)**

When there are dire circumstances, SC-HART continues to be called upon to assist. There were a number of calls during the past fiscal year. Calls include:

SERVICE REQUEST	DATE	RESPONSE TYPE	DETAILS
Oconee County Emergency Management	Aug. 1, 2021	HART	Two female patients were stranded in “The Narrows” of the Chattooga River, one injured and the other physically unable to hike out. Aircrews were notified. HART arrived on scene, patients were airlifted and met EMS at Mountain Rest Fire Department.
Greenville County Emergency Management	Aug.20, 2021	HART	Missing hiker with possible broken back. Made contact with patient and discovered an ankle injury. Ground crews could not evacuate. Due to weather, mission was flown at first light.
Louisiana Hurricane Ida	Aug. 29, 2021	Type I Flood/Swift Water Rescue Team	The weeklong response involved primary searches of damaged structures and to recon road conditions.
Oconee County Emergency Management	Oct. 4, 2021	HART	Assist with the rescue of a fisherman who had been lost for several days and found by ground rescuers in an area of the Chattooga River below Big Bend. Area was not accessible on the Georgia side of the river. Patient successfully retrieved.
Pickens County	May 14, 2022	HART	Injured hiker rescued on top of Table Rock. After placing the patient in a rescue basket by local rescue crews, the patient was successfully hoisted to the helicopter. After landing, patient was transferred to Pickens County EMS.

SC-HART members are also SC-TF1 members, and must stay current with not only their own department's requirements, the Urban Search and Rescue requirements, but also with the SC-HART requirements - which include military standards.

Team members put in numerous hours of classroom and practical training. To maintain current levels, SC-HART members complete training for its rescuers no less than every 90 days.



Team members practice a vast number of scenarios. This includes training during the day and at night, on flat and mountainous terrain, in flood and swift water. They also train to care for ambulatory as well as immobile patients ranging in age from infants to senior citizens.

Members of the team also learn how to deal with potential hazards such as sustaining serious injuries or becoming trapped by rising water or on the side of a cliff.



### **Statewide Firefighter Mobilization Coordinator:**

### **Section Chief Chad Beam**

Firefighter Mobilization (FFMOB) is a coordinated response for resources to help any agency once local mutual aid resources have been exhausted. Not only can Firefighter Mobilization mobilize personnel, but it can also mobilize specialized equipment. Firefighter Mobilization is also available to assist any department in training, scenario building for exercises, and response.

With the continued need for an instant notification tool need, FFMOB collaborated with the SC Emergency Management Division and Palmetto EOC creators, which is the state's common operating picture. FFMOB will start using a new notification tool, which is incorporated into Palmetto EOC. This allows two-way communication between local departments and FFMOB. This will enhance the FFMOB system throughout South Carolina. For example, with the click of a button, it provides a system allowing for instant text/email notification of a mobilization need as well as the ability for the department to provide available equipment and to receive deployment approval. This is also designed so that department personnel are not required to log in or maintain any type of database.

During FY 22, FFMOB assisted with 11 service requests (see chart). Every request was fulfilled with the help of the South Carolina fire service.

SERVICE REQUEST	DATE	TYPE	MOBILIZATION DETAILS
Fountain Inn Fire Dept	August 2021	Funeral coverage/ Non-LODD	Assisted with local mutual aid coverage and funeral planning for Chief Dale Watson (retired)
Abbeville County	September 2021	Endangered missing person	Mobilized three counties and a canine SAR
City of Columbia Fire Dept	September 2021	Funeral coverage/ LODD	Mobilized six departments
Darlington County	October 2021	Scrap yard fire	Mobilized eight departments to assist the County with a large fire that went multiple operational periods
Laurens County	November 2021	Endangered missing - juvenile	Mobilized two counties, two local county SAR teams, and one regional US&R team to assist
Easley Fire Dept	January 2022	Abandoned mill fire	Mobilized 12 departments to assist with a fire that went multiple operational periods
Abbeville County	April 2022	Missing person	Mobilized two departments and one county SAR team to assist the County
Allendale County	April 2022	Tornado	Mobilized SC-TF4, SC-TF1 COMU, and Palmetto IST for a tornado touchdown
Abbeville County	April 2022	Funeral coverage/Non-LODD	Assisted the County with local mutual aid requests for firefighter funeral coverage (non-LODD).
Darlington County	May 2022	Scrap yard fire	Began stages of mobilizing for a fire - request canceled before units were en route.
Pickens County	June 2022	Endangered missing - elderly	Mobilized eight departments, to include two local county SAR teams to assist the County



On a regular basis, Firefighter Mobilization briefs the seven Regional Mobilization Coordinators and Assistant Regional Mobilization Coordinators. Firefighter Mobilization also includes the Communications team from SC-TF1. This has proven to be a major success in providing communications support to requesting agencies allowing for communication networks to be set up and on-scene programming to ensure interoperability.

The SCERTF continues to expand in terms of demands, capabilities, and expertise. Staff will also continue to grow, improve, and be prepared to respond to any emergency within South Carolina or anywhere in the United States, if requested.

### ***Division Wide Operations Program Manager:***

***Chief George Stapleton***

The Division-Wide Operations section serves as the focal point for division-wide support of all sections within the Division of Fire and Life Safety (State Fire) and our relationships with LLR. The section's full-time staff includes personnel representing Procurement, Finance, Risk Management, and the Palmetto Incident Support Team (IST). This section also manages grants, insurance, capital improvement projects, uniforms, and fleet operations/activities for the Division.

### ***Developments, Activities, and Select Accomplishments***

This section provides the administrative support for Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plan (CPIP) projects. In FY 22, these included the resurfacing of the existing State Fire parking lot, the creation of a new parking lot next to the Urban Search and Rescue building, upgrades to the HVAC equipment, and architectural plans to renovate campus-wide bathroom facilities.

Staff members enhanced the customer service experience using the Fire Portal by giving customers the choice to receive invoice statements either electronically or via US mail. Within the web-based system, the choice to pay any invoice electronically remains an option.

### ***Incident Support Team Manager:***

***Section Chief Doug Spinks***

The Palmetto Incident Support Team (IST) remains active. There were two emergency deployments including deployments to:

- Louisiana - in support of statewide emergency response operations for Hurricane Ida, and
- Hampton County, SC - with a rapid response to a tornado outbreak. The IST assisted with coordination of secondary searches with SC Task Force 6 and follow-up damage assessment with the County and the Lowcountry Incident Management Team.



At State Fire, the Palmetto IST also assisted with several planned events including the State Fire Marshal Community Risk Reduction Summit, the State Fire Academy Executive Chief Officer Weekend, and the US Secret Service Workshop. In Myrtle Beach, the IST partnered with the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association which hosted the annual weeklong Fire and Rescue Conference. This is the first year the IST supported the annual conference.

Three members of the IST were chosen to present workshops at the annual All Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT) conference in Denver. Staff also provided audio-visual classroom support to the conference for the third consecutive year.

Two position-specific training courses, the All-Hazards Resource Unit Leader (RESL) and All-Hazards Situation Unit Leader (SITL), were conducted to provide valuable position-specific training to IST members as well as other partner agencies such as the Pee-Dee IMT, Lowcountry IMT, SC Emergency Management, and the Louisiana State Fire Marshal's Office.



The IST also conducted its second Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) with South Carolina Task Force 1 (SCTF1). The ORE involved multiple operational periods internally between SCTF1 and the IST, for 15 rostered positions. The ORE allowed the IST to exercise and test many team processes and procedures, gain experience, and improve interaction with SCTF1.

### ***Risk Management:***

### ***Section Chief Doug Spinks***

Risk management activities included updating campus safety equipment and reconvening the State Fire Safety and Compliance Task Force, an internal safety committee that oversees accidents, injuries and preventive safety measures for the State Fire Campus and external activities. As part of the Safety and Compliance Task Force, an internal Emergency Response Team conducted four eight hour training sessions on response policies, Incident Command, basic fire behavior (fight or flight), and practical hose line and live fire extinguisher drills.

As part of the State Emergency Response Team (SERT), staff also participated in multiple-day full-scale exercises and several other training events. Internally, multiple policies and safety practices were created and enhanced.



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