



TEAM DPS HI-LIGHTS

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS
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The Road to Target Zero:

Summer off to a safer start with ZERO fatalities during Bike Weeks

South Carolina's summer got off to a safer start this year with ZERO motorcycle fatalities in Horry County during both Bike Week periods. Memorial Day fatalities were fewer this year as well. The enforcement and education surrounding Buckle Up, SC, Bike Weeks and the Memorial Day weekend were all geared toward keeping motorists safe on the roads and keeping traffic moving efficiently.

DPS also joined a national social media campaign to encourage motorists to Move Over and give officers and first responders room to work.

Director Leroy Smith encouraged the motoring public to re-think how we approach the summer travel season: "The period between Memorial Day and Labor Day has been called the 100 Deadly Days of Summer because fatalities typically rise as people are off from work and out of school, heading to vacation spots. I'm encouraging our troopers, officers and motorists to be part of the Target Zero Team and help change summer's reputation to the 100 SAFE Days of Summer."

Hurricane Season began June 1 and SCDPS joined other state and local agencies in a hurricane exercise on June 3 with a simulated lane reversal of evacuation routes. SCDPS will continue to work with SCEMD to educate the public about evacuation routes and staying safe in the event of a weather emergency.





Upcoming Events

STP SAFE Drive I-95
June 17-19, 2014

Men's Health Lunch & Learn
June 19, 2014
CG-52 at Noon

18th Directors' Walk (wear blue)
June 20, 2014
Honoring Men's Health Awareness Month

DPS Blowfish Games
June 21 - Blythewood Appreciation Night
July 12 - State Employee Appreciation Night

Lunch & Learn: Fight Stress!
June 25, 2014
CG-52 at Noon

South Carolina Deferred Compensation Lunch & Learn Coming in August
Date TBA

Tunnel to Towers 5k Run/Walk
September 19, 2014 at 7 p.m.

Open Enrollment
October 1-31, 2014

Fall Pre-Retirement Seminar
November 6, 2014



Message from Director Leroy Smith

TEAM DPS:

It has been a great spring and start to summer for us here at DPS. Our TEAM DPS Hi-Lights shows how active we have been in spreading the Target Zero message, honoring the outstanding work of our employees, and observing more somber occasions where we remembered our fallen troopers and fallen officers -- some from many decades ago.

We rounded out our spring activities with the kickoff of the Buckle Up, South Carolina Campaign and the introduction of our Target Zero 'Man on the Street' web video. These efforts represented the first real push for summer driving safety -- and it paid off. We saw two major victories at the beginning of our busy summer travel season -- ZERO motorcycle highway fatalities in Horry County during both Harley and Memorial Bike Weeks and a reduction in Memorial Day fatalities.

We also saw significant progress at the Legislature with the passage of important legislation including Emma's law, which expands and toughens the Ignition Interlock Device program for certain DUI offenders and texting and driving legislation, which has been signed into law by Governor Haley.

As we begin the summer driving season, I encourage you to keep up the great work in fatality and collision reduction. We have historically called the 100 days between Memorial Day and Labor Day the "100 Deadly Days of Summer." But based on an employee's suggestion, I urged motorists prior to Memorial Day to approach summer season with a different mindset. Let's call it the "100 SAFE Days of Summer." This is a worthy goal -- to ensure our highways are a safe place for people to travel -- during the summer and all year long. We want people to visit our great state and feel safe to return.

Finally, Hurricane Season is upon us. Capt. R.G. Woods and his Emergency Traffic Management Unit have been busy conducting exercises, including tabletop and lane reversal exercises.

Planning has also begun for July 4, Labor Day and Back to School Safety. I am hopeful that our efforts will continue moving us toward ZERO as we approach the second half of 2014. If you are planning some much-deserved time off this summer, please be safe and enjoy your families. Thank you, as always, for your diligence and hard work this spring season!



Hurricane Season Begins

Capt. R.G. Woods of the Emergency Traffic Management Unit conducts a tabletop exercise involving state and local emergency management officials, state and local law enforcement and county emergency coordinators. DPS, in conjunction with EMD, conducted a statewide hurricane exercise on June 3, simulating lane reversals. Hurricane season began June 1 and runs through Nov. 1.

2014 ANNUAL FATALITY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Families gather to remember the 767 men, women and children killed on SC roadways in 2013



Families and friends of loved ones killed on South Carolina roads last year came together for the annual memorial service in Columbia on April 26 to remember those they lost.

The service was held at Bible Way Church of Atlas Road. STP Col. Leroy Taylor delivered the message of hope. Taylor is a minister at Bible Way. In addition to the families and friends of those whose lives were lost in 2013, law enforcement and first responders representing agencies across South Carolina participated in the ceremony.

The memorial service has been held annually by the SC Department of Public Safety since 1988 to bring together families and friends of those lost and to educate the public in an effort to prevent future loss of life on the state's roads.

"The hurt and grief represented in this building are a reminder of our mission," said Director Smith. "We hurt with you. We see the effects of tragedy on our roadways constantly ... while working at the scene of a fatal collision, notifying the affected families, or educating the public on the number of lives lost each year.

"This is a constant reminder to us to refocus our efforts to reach Target Zero. Please know that we are committed, every single day, to be proactive in our enforcement, effective in our educational and media campaigns, and devoted to strengthening laws to help eliminate the loss of life on our roads."

Last year, the state had almost 770 fatalities on our roads, which was only the third time in 50 years that the death toll has been below 800.

The service was an opportunity -- not only to remember those whose lives were lost -- but to give families an opportunity to meet each other and connect.

DPS set up a booth to educate those attending about its Families of Highway Fatalities program, which serves as a resource to help them through their loss.

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TROOPER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Troop 2: L/Cpl. James C. Ashley, Post B/Abbeville-Greenwood

Troop 3: S/Tpr. Luke D. Perry, Post C/Greenville

Troop 4: S/Tpr. A. Scott Darby, Post C/Chester-Fairfield

Troop 5: L/Cpl. John W. Ellis II, Post B/Dillon-Florence-Marion

Troop 6: L/Cpl. Mark E. McDonald, Post B/Colleton-Dorchester

Troop 7: S/Tpr. Steven M. Williams, Post B/Orangeburg-Calhoun

Troop 8: Cpl. Bradley D. Dowis, K-9/Greenville

Troop 9: L/Cpl. Todd J. Proctor, Multi-Disciplinary Accident Investigation Team/Charleston

Troop 10: Cpl. James F. Jordan, Insurance Enforcement, Pee Dee

Troop 11: Cpl. William T. Rhyne, Headquarters (Community Relations Officer)
Cpl. Rhyne works in Troop Three, Greenville



L/Cpl. Salvatore Cirencione, Troop 1, Lexington, 2013 Trooper of the Year

2013 TROOPER & TCO OF THE YEAR

MARCH 28, 2014

Troopers and TCOs from each area of the state were honored as winners representing their area of the state. One overall winner was named for Trooper of the Year and Telecommunications Officer of the Year. L/Cpl. Salvatore Cirencione, Troop One/Midlands area, was chosen as the statewide Trooper of the Year. Telecommunications Officer Britanie Bratcher, Troop Three/Greenville area, was chosen as overall TCO of the Year.

“I am so proud of the way these men and women have represented TEAM DPS,” said SCDPS Director Leroy Smith. “Today was a day of celebration when we came together with our families -- and as a family -- to applaud our heroes. I extend my deep gratitude to each of our winners for a job well done.”

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TCO Britanie R. Bratcher, Greenville TCC, 2013 TCO of the Year

TCO OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

TCO Von L. Carrigg Jr., Blythewood TCC

ATS Carl F. Devault III, Florence TCC

TCO Mahailey D. Amos, Charleston TCC

TCO Tamesha L. Strong, Greenwood TCC

50 YEARS OF SERVICE:

Ronnie Horton, SCHP Telecommunications

MEDAL OF VALOR:

L/Cpl. Salvatore Cirencione, Troop One

S/Tpr. Luke D. Perry, Troop Three

Cpl. Jon V. Eddins, Troop Four

L/Cpl. Johnnie L. Godfrey, Troop Four

L/Cpl. James G. Miller, Troop Four

L/Cpl. Douglas J. Sarvis, Troop Five

L/Cpl. Micah K. Frost, Troop Five

DIRECTOR'S HERO AWARD WINNERS

Trooper Adam H. Crouch, Troop One

L/Cpl. Mark E. McDonald, Troop Six

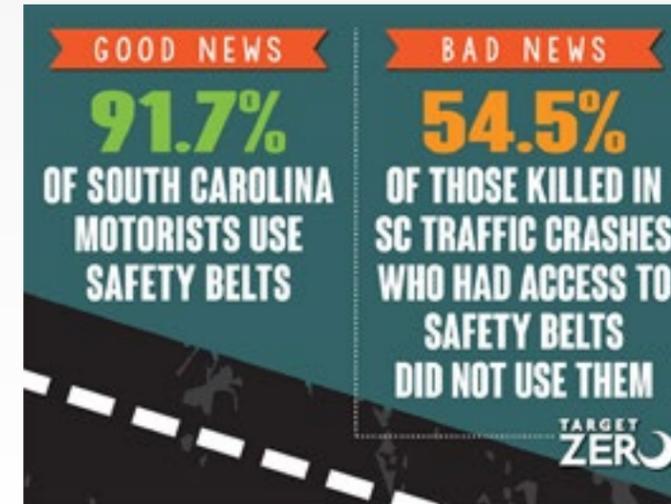
SCDPS KICKS OFF BUCKLE UP, SC FOCUSING ON REDUCING UNBELTED FATALITIES, UNVEILS TARGET ZERO SAFETY VIDEO



SCDPS kicked off its annual "Buckle Up, SC. It's the law and It's enforced" campaign at a press event on May 14. The event was held at the SCDOT auditorium, in conjunction with the announcement of the partnership between DOT and DPS to display traffic fatality counts and highway safety messages on the DOT variable message boards throughout the state. DPS officers, along with other partner law enforcement agencies statewide, cracked down on safety belt violations during the enforcement period, which ran from May 19 – June 1.

In addition, DPS unveiled a new video, titled "Target Zero: The Public Speaks," which features interviews with citizens across South Carolina and their perceptions of traffic fatalities in the state.

The video (left) is currently being shown online and at events around the state. You can view the video here: <http://youtu.be/re7aXvciMN8>



Keeping South Carolina safe

Myrtle Beach Bike Weeks

May Was Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

Thousands of motorcycles and bike enthusiasts roared into Myrtle Beach for Harley Bike Week May 9-18 and to Atlantic Beach for the Memorial Weekend Bike Rally May 23-26. DPS representatives and CROs greeted the crowds and distributed motorcycle safety materials at both events. "Combined, we handed out 7,200 bags with our LOOK safety message, 4,000 wristbands, 2,000 key chains and 700 kickstand plates" said Sgt. Bob Beres, CRO Unit Commander. "Both rallies were well-attended and some of the same people return to our booth year after year. Our handouts make an impression. Some in the crowd still carried last year's bags so we know our safety messages are staying around throughout the year."



Ride Smart



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9th Annual DUI Enforcement Recognition & 2013 Law Enforcement DUI Challenge Ceremonies

The SC Department of Public Safety recognized law enforcement officers and agencies on April 2 for their efforts in 2013 to enforce the state's DUI laws and remove impaired drivers from South Carolina roadways.

SCDPS presented awards to officers and agencies in several categories and held drawings for agencies to win equipment and vehicles during the 9th Annual DUI Enforcement Recognition and 2013 Law Enforcement DUI Challenge Ceremonies.

The following is a complete list of winners:

Officer of the Year (categories based on size of agency):

11-25 officers: Corporal Christopher Arthur King, Surfside Beach Police Department, 55 DUI arrests

26-50 officers: Sergeant James Steele, Camden Police Department, 24 DUI arrests

51-100 officers: Lt. Franklin Scott Myers, Kershaw County Sheriff's Office, 50 DUI arrests

101 or more officers: Patrolman First Class Jonathan W. Lawrence, North Charleston Police Department, 100 DUI arrests

Rookie of the Year: Officer Nicole D. Solorzano, Surfside Beach Police Department, 10 DUI arrests

Highway Patrol Trooper of the Year: Lance Corporal Jeffrey L. Fortner, Troop 7, (Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Hampton, and Orangeburg Counties), 83 DUI arrests

Highway Patrol Troop of the Year: Troop 5 (Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Marlboro, Marion and Williamsburg counties), 3,556 DUI arrests

State Transport Police District of the Year: State Transport Police, District 2 (Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, and Saluda counties), 8 DUI arrests

South Carolina Law Enforcement Network Award: 15th Circuit Law Enforcement Network (Horry and Georgetown counties)

Agency of the Year (categories based on size of agency):

1-10 officers: Bonneau Police Department, 47 DUI arrests

11-25 officers: York Police Department, 86 DUI arrests

26-50 officers: Lexington Police Department, 221 DUI arrests

51-100 officers: Kershaw County Sheriff's Office, 163 DUI arrests

101 or more officers: Charleston County Sheriff's Office, 162 DUI arrests



Edgefield County was recognized for going over a year with ZERO highway fatalities. SCDPS Director Leroy Smith and SCDOT Acting Secretary Christy Hall presented the Target Zero Hero award to Senator Shane Massey and Representative Bill Hixson, joined by other Edgefield County officials.



Fort Mill Police Department and Bennettsville Police Department were the winners of a fully equipped police vehicle, shown above.

Several agencies qualified to draw for one of 20 digital in-car video systems or two fully equipped police vehicles to use in DUI enforcement efforts. Those drawings took place live at the ceremony.

Police Vehicles:

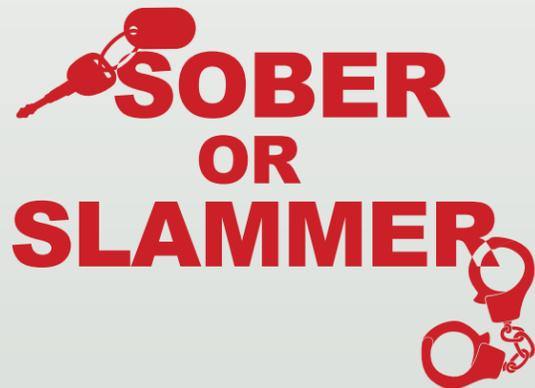
- Fort Mill Police Department
- Bennettsville Police Department

Digital in-car video systems:

- Spartanburg County Sheriff's Department
- Orangeburg Public Safety Department
- Kershaw County Sheriff's Office (2)
- Ridgeland Police Department (2)
- Greenwood Police Department (2)
- North Augusta Department of Public Safety
- Williston Police Department
- Fountain Inn Police Department
- Greenville County Sheriff's Office
- Mauldin Police Department
- Traveler's Rest Police Department
- Bonneau Police Department
- Isle of Palms Police Department
- Hanahan Police Department
- Mount Pleasant Police Department
- Cottageville Police Department
- Forest Acres Police Department



In addition, nominated officers were recognized as DUI Heroes and received pins in bronze, silver or gold to honor their DUI arrest accomplishments in 2013.



Visit the newly designed SCLN website at scdps.gov/scln

SCDPS Participates in Junior League of Columbia's Annual Touch a Truck Event to Benefit Charities



SCHP was represented by Tpr. Dale Green - Troop 1/ Post C; L/Cpl. Tony Cannaday - Troop 8/Region 1; and CRO, L/Cpl. David Jones



Fallen Trooper Memorial Service: *We Must Never Forget*

DPS held its annual Fallen Trooper Memorial Ceremony on May 2. SCHP dedicated a new marker as part of the ceremony. The marker commemorates the date the memorial was placed on SCDPS grounds -- July 27, 2012. Families enjoyed time with each other and reflected on the lives of the 50 troopers lost. The memorial ceremony, which traditionally was held in the fall or winter, was moved to the spring for the first time last year to align with other state and national ceremonies recognizing the fallen during May.

DPS Teams Up With DMV for Weekend Safety Fairs

DPS used the rollover vehicle, half car and other safety materials to educate motorists visiting DMV offices on the weekends. Upcoming events:

- July 12, 2014, Rock Hill DMV
- August 9, 2014, Aiken DMV





SC Law Enforcement Officers Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies

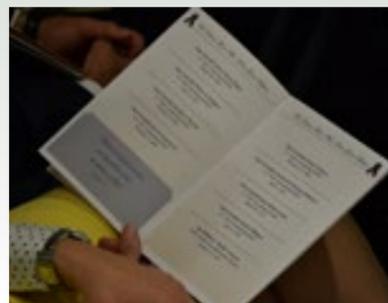


The SC Law Enforcement Officers Hall of Fame held induction ceremonies on May 7, 2014, for 18 South Carolina law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Three of those officers were killed in 2013 and the others were discovered to be line-of-duty deaths through research in the past year. Another induction ceremony was held May 21 for nine state constables/SLED officers.

“Today is a special day in the law enforcement community because it is when we gather to honor our fallen,” said Director Smith. “Regardless of when these men served, when they died, regardless of the agency they served or the uniform they wore, they served the Great State of South Carolina, and this induction ceremony represents our effort to say these sacrifices will never be forgotten.”

The SC Law Enforcement Officers Hall of Fame is part of the SC Department of Public Safety. It was established by legislative act in 1974. By that act, its purpose was defined “as a memorial to law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty and in recognition of the selfless dedication of all law enforcement officers in the day-to-day performance of their duties.” With the current inductions, 341 officers who have given their lives in service to the people of South Carolina are honored in the Hall of Fame Memorial Room.

Visit the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Hall of Fame on the web:
www.scdps.gov/hof



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Health & Wellness



Steps to Take for Healthy Living

Palmetto Health Community Outreach delivered an exciting Lunch & Learn on April 28, 2014. Participants learned simple ways to boost their overall health and received information on the “I Pledge” program, a self-paced six-week agenda that encourages participants to eat 100 fewer calories per day and take 2,000 more steps per day. Keep reading for more details about “I Pledge.”

Reminder: The next Directors’ Walk is on **June 20th at 11:45**



Healthy Palmetto: I Pledge

Pledge to take 2,000 more steps and eat 100 fewer calories each day for six weeks. This program is designed to help you make healthier choices throughout the week and get points while doing so!

[Register by clicking here](#)

DPS Couch to 5K Training Program!

Are you ready to get active? Join members of TEAM DPS as we prepare to run or walk in the upcoming Tunnel to Towers 5K on September 19, 2014. Stay tuned for more information regarding dates and times for training!

(Read more about Tunnel to Towers on page 27)



Team DPS Presented the History of TARGET ZERO to Highway Safety Officials From Around the Country



SCDPS hosted a team of highway safety professionals from around the country on March 24, 2014, to discuss the agency's Target Zero initiative. The team, compiling a report titled "Advances in Safety Program Practices in 'Zero-Fatality' States", visited SCDPS on its first stop of a seven state tour to research and discuss states that are utilizing the Target Zero philosophy in their highway safety efforts. Presenters from around the agency, as well as from partner state agencies, provided insight on the history of Target Zero in South Carolina, the strides that have been made since its implementation, and what is planned for the future to try and achieve the goal of zero traffic fatalities. The panel was complimentary of all facets of the program and plans to include its findings in a report to be published at the conclusion of its research. The report will help states share tactics to improve existing Target Zero practices, as well as serve as a guide for states looking to implement their own Target Zero highway safety plan.

Learn more about **TARGET ZERO** at www.scdps.gov/tz

STP Colonel Leroy Taylor, Along with SC Trucking Association, Honors Safest Truck Fleet and Driver Members

The South Carolina Trucking Association (SCTA) has named the safest truck fleets and drivers in the state. During its recent spring awards banquet in Columbia, more than 60 awards were presented to SC fleet operators and their employees for their exceptional highway and work-related safety records.

"These awards are presented to the safest, most professional fleets in South Carolina. Their management and drivers are committed to safety," said Rick Todd, president of the SCTA.

Some of the winners included:

SC Driver of the Year – Timothy Glover, Milliken & Company, Clinton

SC Technician of the Year Winner – Ralph Offhaus, Shealy Truck Centers, Duncan

SC Grand Truck Safety Winner – Superior Carriers, Spartanburg

SC Most Improved Truck Safety Winner – Atlantic Bulk Carriers, Columbia



Pictured L to R: State Transport Police Col. Leroy Taylor, Timothy Glover, FMCSA Division Administrator Chris Hartley, and SCTA President Rick Todd

STATE TRANSPORT POLICE HONORS 4 NEW GRADUATES | March 7, 2014



Pictured from left to right: Lt. K.B. Melvin, Officer Ryan E. Ousley - District 6; Officer Blake E. Connor - District 5; Officer Joshua L. Gasque - District 5; L/Cpl. John T. Phillips - District 4; and Col. Leroy Taylor

Officers Ousley and Connor graduated from the Criminal Justice Academy (Basic 607) on November 11, 2013. Connor received the Clifford A. Moyer Marksmanship Award for the class. Gasque was a pre-certified officer and Phillips a pre-certified officer and a transfer from within SCDPS.

2013 MARK H. COATES AWARD WINNERS



Pictured left to right, first row: Capt. G. Owens, TFC D.G. Askins (Troop 7), LuAlice Coates, Beverly Coates, S/Tpr. M.B. Sarvis (Troop 5), L/Cpl. D.W. Jenkins (Troop 4), Col. Mike Oliver
Pictured left to right, second row: L/Cpl. J.H. Pruitt (Troop 3), L/Cpl. M.D. Harrison (Troop 8), TFC B.M. Lynch (Troop 2); L/Cpl. A.L. Antley (Troop 1); not pictured: S/Tpr. G.B. Rogers (Troop 6)

The Mark H. Coates Award is a highly distinguished honor presented to South Carolina State troopers who have excelled in aggressive criminal enforcement. The scope of the award includes arrests made in: trafficking illegal drugs; recovery of occupied stolen vehicles; currency seizures; capture of convicted felons in possession of a firearm; fugitive apprehension; and counterfeit charges.

Basic 615 Graduation | May 9, 2014



HP Col. Mike Oliver with the award winners from CJA Basic 615; all special award winners were from SCHP. Patrick J. Goshorn, J.P. Strom Award; Yakabir J. Cobb, Director's Physical Fitness Award; Chad J. Goetzman, class leader and Clifford A. Moyer Marksmanship Award and STP Col. Leroy Taylor (Col. Taylor was keynote speaker)

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BPS 2013 Officer of the Year | April 8, 2014



BPS held its Officer of the Year ceremony on April 8 at the State House. Pictured: Chief Wise, L/Cpl. Darren Coleman, L/Cpl. Luis Morales (Overall Officer of the Year), L/Cpl. Michael Stewart and Director Smith. Not pictured: Lance Corporal Jennifer Wilson and L/Cpl. Kelly Randall

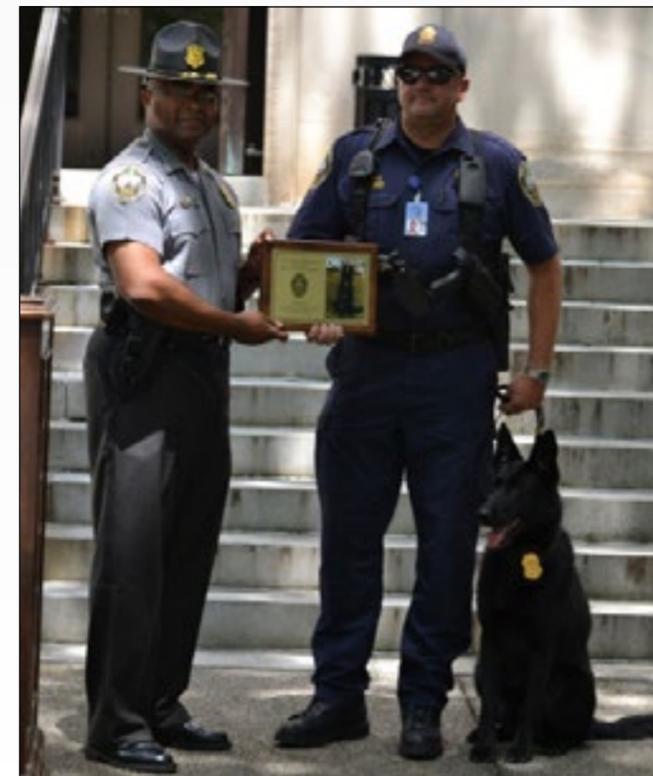
SCHP Employee of the Quarter

April 3, 2014



Front row from left to right: Cpl. L.D Johnson (Troop 11/Liaison Unit); Tpr. S.M. Lowder (Troop 1); L/Cpl. W.C. Bishop (Troop 2); Cpl. S.A. Sherriff (Troop 11/Training); Tpr. M.D. Sceviour (Troop 6); Col. Oliver; Second row from left to right: L/Cpl. M. Gethers (Troop 7); L/Cpl. B.S. Quinn (Troop 4); L/Cpl. G.L. Carter (Troop 3); Cpl. J.T. Leach (Troop 9); Cpl. W.S. Owens (Troop 5).

BPS Retires K-9 Arka, Welcomes Newest K-9s, Cane & Castor



Left to right: Chief Wise, Cpl. Andy Schmidt (Cane), Director Smith, and Cpl. David Spivey (Castor)

Cane is a black Lab and an ex-military explosive detection canine. Castor is a 2-year-old Belgian Malinois and is trained to detect explosives. Cpl. Spivey graduated from K-9 handler school the first of March. Arka was retired at a ceremony on June 10 and there was a badge-pinning for the newest BPS team members, Cane and Castor.

Upstate Law Officers Honored at Banquet

Lt. Stacy Craven of the South Carolina Highway Patrol was honored as Pickens County's officer of the year for his professionalism and cooperation with local agencies.

"He comes to work each day willing to do whatever it takes to do the job," said the committee that nominated Craven. "He is always willing to lend a hand for others."

Lieutenant Craven became a member of the South Carolina Highway Patrol in February 1989. He was recently promoted to Lieutenant and is currently assigned to Troop Three Headquarters. However, he spent 13 years of his career supporting Pickens County and three years as the Post Commander of Oconee and Pickens Counties.



From left to right: 13th Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins, Lt. Stacy Craven (Troop 3), Capt. Michael Warren (Troop 3, SChP), and Sheriff Rick Clark of Pickens County



L/Cpl. Sal Cirencione was recognized by the Legislature for being named Trooper of the Year

Troopers Visit the Shriners Hospital for Children in Greenville

Troopers visited the Shriners Hospital for Children in Greenville on Wednesday, March 26, 2014. L/Cpl. Steve McCarley of the Troop 8 Region II SIT Team coordinates a visit with the hospital each year for a chance for the kids to visit with troopers and pass out safety information and other goodies.



Front Row Center: Patient Savannah Betsill; Second Row L-R: L/Cpl. W.R. Griffith (T8); L/Cpl. L.S. McCarley (T8); L/Cpl. J.L. Griffith (T3); Lt. B.S. Ward (T8) and Cpl. G.J. Elgin (T8), Capt. G. Owens (Troop 8/ACE) not pictured



2014 BIGGEST LOSER CONTEST RESULTS



Phil Riley (OHSJP), Patty Duggan (OHR), Lt. Walker (STP), and Wanda Uswa (SCDMV)

On March 11, 2014, a group of DPS and DMV employees dedicated themselves to a seven week health and weight loss competition. This competition required a great deal of discipline and commitment as each one of the participants fought to become the 2014 Biggest Loser. These participants were not only pushing themselves to become healthier individuals, but they also had their eyes on the top prize, \$620 in cash!

During the seven week long competition, participants learned about healthy eating, proper nutrition, and physical activity. With the help of PEBA's Health Educator, Diane Conte, this program yielded great results and an exciting finale!

On April 22, 2014, the final weigh-in was conducted and the results were in. The program was a huge success, resulting in a combined weight loss of over 230 pounds. Our top four participants lost over 20 pounds each! However, only one could be named Biggest Loser 2014. With a total weight loss of 28.6 pounds, this year's winner was Lt. Tony Walker from the State Transport Police! Lt. Walker attributes a lot of his success to revamping his diet and cutting out processed foods and sugar and also doing regular interval training. Please congratulate Lt. Walker on his great achievement and new title of 2014 Biggest Loser!

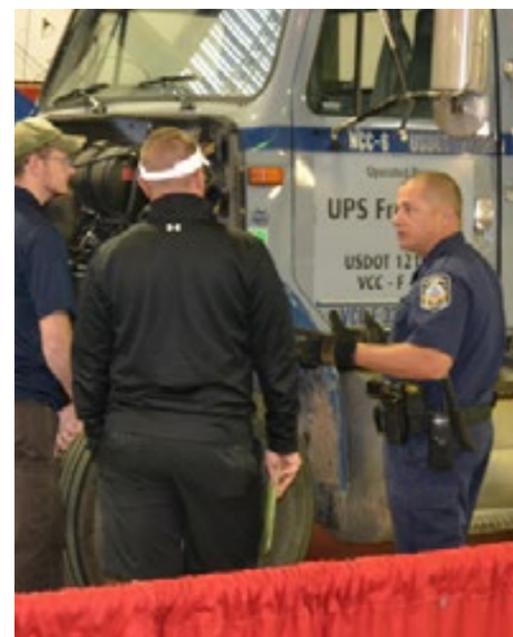


STP Holds Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Fair in Florence

On Thursday, April 24, the South Carolina State Transport Police held a Commercial Vehicle Safety Fair at the Eastern Carolina Agricultural Fair in Florence. The State Transport Police conducted this CMV Safety Fair in partnership with the South Carolina Trucking Association, the South Carolina Department of Transportation, the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

The CMV Safety Fair was a free event for all attendees of the Commercial Motor Vehicle industry to include owners, operators, mechanics, safety managers, dispatchers, and the general public who might want to learn more about how to be safe and drive safely around commercial motor vehicles.

This CMV Safety Fair was aimed at making South Carolina roads safer through knowledge and understanding of Commercial Motor Vehicle laws and regulations. It gave everyone in the commercial motor vehicle industry the opportunity to attend sessions held by State Transport Police Officers and Compliance Review Agents as well as Federal Motor Carrier Agents. In these sessions the officers and agents discussed all aspects of CMV rules and regulations as well as state laws pertaining to commercial vehicles.



Richard Ray promoted to lead Telecommunications



Capt. R.L. Ray was promoted as the Highway Patrol Telecommunications Unit Commander.

New SCHP Troop Four CRO



L/Cpl. Gary Miller is the new Community Relations Officer for Highway Patrol Troop Four, which includes Cherokee, Union, York, Chester, Fairfield, Chesterfield and Lancaster counties.

L/Cpl. Miller, who has been with the Highway Patrol since 2007, will serve primarily as the Troop Four spokesperson for the Highway Patrol but will take media call for other areas of the state as well.

Promotions | SCHP

March 14, 2014



Lt. G.T. Levine
Troop 1



Cpl. R. Harp
Troop 1



Cpl. E.M. Koty
Troop 1



Sgt. Q.D. Hallman
Troop 2



F/Sgt. R. Sabb
Troop 3



F/Sgt. M.C. Carson
Troop 3



Lt. L.K. Guempel
Troop 4



Sgt. R.D. Trevathan
Troop 5



Cpl. T.N. Vieau
Troop 6



Cpl. D.P. Dodson
Troop 7



Cpl. G.A. Folk
Troop 7



Sgt. D.J. Gamble
Troop 11



GEM Award Recipients | March 14, 2014



Trent Smith
Office of Information Technology



Randi Runkles
Office of General Counsel



Lynn Graham
Office of Highway Safety & Justice Programs



Christy Baker
Office of Financial Services



Susan Terry
Office of Financial Services



Alex Wilcox
Office of Human Resources



Sgt. Dwayne Brunson
Bureau of Protective Services



Warren Ganjehsani
Office of General Counsel



Shakwana Woodard
Office of Human Resources



Rob McManus
Office of Highway Safety & Justice Programs



Trish Truesdale
Office of Human Resources



Senorita Sullivan
Office of Human Resources



Courtney Wiles
SCHP - Troop 8



Cpl. Jeremy S. Heaton
SCHP - Troop 2



Cpl. Joseph W. Tate
SCHP - Troop 4



S/Tpr. Charles W. Ross
SCHP - Troop 4



L/Cpl. Mark L. Meadows
SCHP - Troop 8



Lt. Tara Laffin
SCHP - HQ



Nick Babin
SCHP, Communications Manager

Not Pictured:
Mallory Sharpe
Office of Human Resources
Kim Oliver
Office of Financial Services
Alicia Green
State Transport Police
Glenn Ashe
Office of Financial Services
David Findlay
State Transport Police

GEM recipients and awards continued on next page

CALEA Accreditation with Excellence Award



Top picture from left to right: Director Leroy Smith, Vickie Wise, and Major Jerry Moore;
Bottom picture from left to right: Chief Zackary Wise and Director Leroy Smith

Chief Wise Graduates From CPM



BPS Chief Zack Wise was honored by the State Office of Human Resources and Budget and Control Board for completing the Certified Public Managers course. The graduation was held at State Archives on May 22.

From left to right, first row: Col. Mike Oliver, Col. Leroy Taylor, Sid Gaulden, Chief Wise, Leshia Wise, Director Smith

From left to right, second row: Maj. J. Hancock, Chief Kenneth Phelps, Ed Harmon, Phil Riley.



Dyshay D. Scott of Immigration Enforcement Unit (IEU) was honored as the 2013 Employee of the Year for IEU on March 14, 2014.

Pictured left to right: Director Leroy Smith, Dyshay, and Lt. E.C. Johnson



(GEM Awards for March 14, 2014 continued) Communications Office was recognized for their work on the new SCDPS web site. From left to right: Sherri Iacobelli, Lt. Kelley Hughes, Morgan Taylor, Hang Le, and Scott Poovey



2014 State Service Awards | May 5, 2014

On May 5, 2014, SCDPS held a ceremony honoring the agency's public servants that have dedicated 10, 20, and 30 years of service to the great State of South Carolina. The agency was honored to have guest speaker, Chief Deputy Paul Butler of the Horry County Sheriff's Office. Chief Deputy Butler shared thoughts on leadership and service and challenged us all to work actively to make a difference each and every day. Congratulations to all state service award recipients and thank you to those who made the ceremony a great success!

30 Years of Service

- Karl Boston
- Capt. Richard Shell
- Col. Leroy Taylor
- Susan Terry

20 Years of Service

- Sgt. Therese Alford
- L/Cpl. Michael Alveshire
- Cpl. Gregory Chandler
- L/Cpl. Jonathan Craig
- L/Cpl. Ronald Deal
- Mr. Earl Dean
- Sgt. Derrick Gamble
- L/Cpl. Johnnie Godfrey
- L/Cpl. Stephen Graves
- Maj. John Hancock
- L/Cpl. Robert Hoffman
- L/Cpl. Marc Jennings
- Cpl. Andrew Schmidt
- L/Cpl. William Simpson
- Vince Smalls
- Trent Smith
- Cpl. Joseph Tate
- Chief Zackary Wise
- Lt. Tara Laffin
- L/Cpl. Grover Maherg
- L/Cpl. Steve McCarley
- Cpl. James O'Donnell
- Sgt. Craig Opperman
- Cpl. Mark Perry

10 Years of Service

- Sandra Adams
- S/Ofc. William Jacobs, Jr.
- Thelma Jeffcoat
- Cpl. Earl McAbee
- Stephanie Meetze
- John Moore
- Rainbow Moore
- Brent Peele
- Michael Shull
- Iris Stroble



Public Servant of the Year
GLENN ASHE

Congratulations to Glenn Ashe for being named DPS Public Servant of the Year. He serves as the Facilities Manager for SCDPS and SCDMV building complex in Blythewood, as well as other DPS offices throughout the state. In the past year, Glenn was responsible for building several new offices on two floors in the DPS building while maintaining the day-to-day operations of the headquarters buildings during an extremely cold winter season. His leadership saved the agency thousands of dollars in the build-out costs for the new offices and in repairs to both buildings due to the freezing temperatures.

Glenn continues to look at various ways to save DPS and DMV money when it comes to operating the Blythewood buildings. He was also responsible for a very smooth and orderly move by Highway Patrol into its new facilities in Rock Hill and Orangeburg.

Additionally, Glenn will throw out the first pitch at the Columbia Blowfish game at the Blythewood Appreciation Night Saturday, June 21.

10 YEARS OF SERVICE



10 Years of Service from left to right: Brent Peele, Sandra Adams, and Iris Stroble

20 YEARS OF SERVICE



20 Years of Service from left to right: Maj. John Hancock, Sgt. Derrick Gamble, L/Cpl. Stephen Graves, Chief Zackary Wise, L/Cpl. Robert Hoffman, Trent Smith, Earl Dean, Vince Smalls, L/Cpl. William Simpson

30 YEARS OF SERVICE



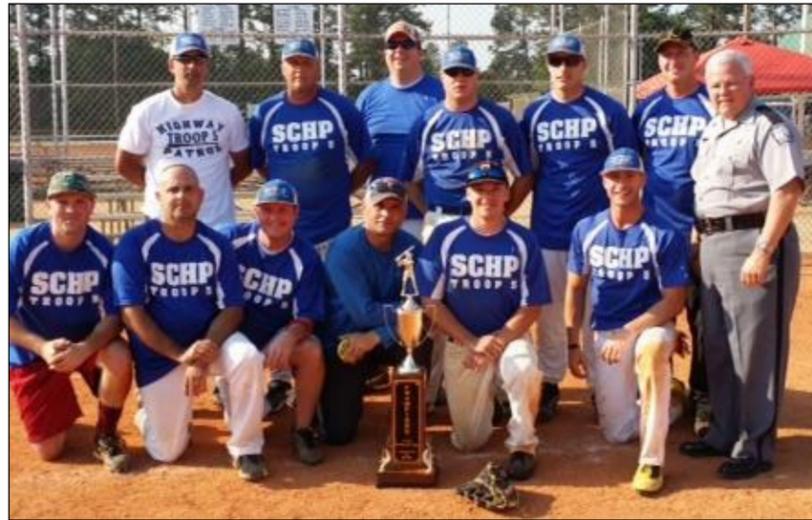
30 Years of Service from left to right: Col. Leroy Taylor, Susan Terry, Director Smith, Capt. Richard Shell, and Karl Boston with Director Smith

2014 SPRING AWARDS & PROMOTIONS



SCHP Troop Five Wins Colonel's Cup Trophy

More than \$15,000 Raised at Special Olympics Tournament on April 23, 2014



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DPS Participates in Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run | May 9



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SAVE THE DATE, TEAM DPS:



Columbia Blowfish Baseball Games

Join TEAM DPS out at the ballpark for two great ball games. Free tickets are available to DPS employees, friends, and family for the games on June 21, 2014 and July 12, 2014. Come out for some game day festivities including: "Blowie" the Mascot Race, pre-game catch with the players, and much more!

Columbia Blowfish Baseball Game: June 21, 2014 - Blythewood Appreciation Night (DPS, DMV, CSC and Town of Blythewood)
Columbia Blowfish Baseball Game: July 12, 2014 - State Employee Appreciation Night

Stay tuned to your e-mail for ticket information!

DPS is Currently Seeking :

Telecommunications Specialist III
SCHP State Trooper
State Transport Police Officer
Bureau of Protective Services Officer



Tunnel to Towers 5k Run/Walk

September 19, 2014 | 7:00 PM

<https://www.crowdrise.com/T2TSouthCarolina> (see how SC is getting involved with T2T)

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/2014-tunnel-to-towers-5k-run-walk-columbia-sc-registration-10764850959> (Register today!)

SC MIDLANDS FIRST RESPONDERS HISTORIC REMEMBRANCE MEMORIAL

Stephen Siller
Tunnel to Towers
5K RUN & WALK
SOUTH CAROLINA

SUPPORTED BY
LEXINGTON
MEDICAL CENTER

FRIDAY ★ SEPTEMBER 19, 2014 ★ 7:00 P.M.

MISSION: We will never forget September 11, 2001 and honor our first responders and military heroes.

For sponsor information or to register, visit T2TRun.org or call Katie Shearouse at (803) 798-4979.

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The Siller Family started the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation to honor the memory of their brother, Stephen, a New York City firefighter (FDNY) who lost his life on September 11, 2001 after strapping on his gear and running through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel to the Twin Towers.

The goal of the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation is to continue Stephen's legacy by supporting our nation's first responders and service members. Building for America's Bravest, a program of the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, constructs specially adapted smart homes for our most catastrophically injured service members. Learn more at www.T2TRun.org



Gary Hooker (OIT/right) retirement with Barry Langley and IT staff



Dyshay Scott (IEU/right) with Lt. E.C. Johnson



Homer Edwards (OSAPI/left) retirement with Maj. Jerry Moore



Cheryl Hinson (OHR/Left) with Tosha Autry, OHR Director

DPS says goodbye to several employees who are retiring or moving on to other positions.

Health & Wellness Committee Members

Alex Wilcox	Capt. Russell Wilson	Morgan Taylor
Senorita Sullivan	Emily Thomas	Nikki Steele

The 2014 Health & Wellness Committee has been established to help promote healthy living within the agency. The committee hopes to share valuable information and bring exciting events and activities to the agency in an effort to encourage healthy living.

If you have any questions or suggestions for the committee, please reach out to one of the members listed above. Contact AlexWilcox@scdps.gov if you are interested in joining the committee.



Capt. J.C. Filyaw, Troop 6, retirement with Col. Mike Oliver