# South Carolina Department of Public Safety

Protecting. Educating. Serving.















# Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)

The Department of Public Safety, South Carolina's largest law enforcement agency, is an internationally accredited organization. We received initial accreditation in 1998. Since then, the Department of Public Safety has continually maintained its accredited status. In November 2013, DPS was awarded Accreditation with *Excellence* along with the *Meritorious Award* through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), Inc.

















#### Our Mission

The South Carolina Department of Public Safety's (SCDPS) mission is to protect and serve the public with the highest standard of conduct and professionalism; to save lives through educating its citizens on highway safety and diligent enforcement of laws governing traffic, motor vehicles, and commercial carriers; and to ensure a safe and secure environment for the citizens of the state of South Carolina and its visitors.

#### **SCDPS DIVISIONS**

- Highway Patrol
- Immigration Enforcement
- Bureau of Protective Services
- State Transport Police
- Highway Safety & Justice Programs
- Support Divisions













## SCDPS Budget

- The current year budget for DPS is \$160,374,689.85.
- Breakdown of total expenses:

_	HP	50.55%
_	<b>Employee Benefits</b>	18.82%
_	Safety & Grants	15.96%
_	STP	7.02%
_	Admin	5.03%
_	BPS	2.49%
_	Hall of Fame	0.13%

General Funds expenditures made up 55.16%
 Other Funds expenditures made up 27.13%

Federal Funds expenditures made up 17.71%















### Facility Consolidations/Cost Savings

DPS has consolidated six offices in the Upstate area since 2012 (and two of the six were Telecommunications Centers). These consolidations resulted in a \$40,000 per year savings.

- The department has sought to invest in a limited number of new facilities and technology to make our operations more efficient and to upgrade existing technology in our Telecommunication Centers.
- A few years ago, DPS operated 13 TCCs across the state, and with the closing of Greenwood, DPS will operate four.













### Technology/Mobile Data

DPS law enforcement has been using in-car video for more than two decades, which has helped improve both officer and public safety.

The General Assembly recently appropriated \$1.3 million to implement the Mobile Data Project. Currently, DPS officers have wireless internet access in their vehicles. Once complete, officers will be able to communicate with the



Telecommunications Centers; be dispatched to calls for service; and clear those calls by using the computers in their vehicles. Officers will also be able to view driver's license, vehicle license, and criminal history information.













# Target Zero





#### Motor Vehicle Fatalities Trending Downward:

- We implemented the Target Zero highway safety strategy in 2012 because
  we believe that the only acceptable number of traffic deaths for our state
  and your family is ZERO. We are focused not on the <u>reduction</u> of fatalities
  but the <u>elimination</u> of fatalities through strong safety education, working
  with our safety partners, and through proactive enforcement.
- From 2003-2007, South Carolina averaged 1,046 traffic fatalities each year.
- From 2010-2014, that average dropped to 818 a 22 percent decrease;
- There were 96 fatalities involving Commercial Motor Vehicles in 2012; in 2014, that number had declined to 76.















#### Compliance Increasing





- In 2007, South Carolina's statewide safety belt usage rate was 74.5%. In 2014, the usage rate had increased to 90% -- the third consecutive year that the state achieved 90 percent or greater compliance;
- From 2003-2007 -- South Carolina averaged 415 DUIrelated traffic deaths each year;
- From 2009-2013, the state averaged 344 DUI-related traffic deaths -- a 17 percent decrease.













# Commercial Vehicle Safety and Law Enforcement

The State Transport Police operates two state-ofthe art weigh-in-motion facilities — one in Anderson Co., one in Dorchester.

- These systems are capable of measuring vehicle weight at normal traffic speeds without requiring vehicles to drive at reduced speeds or come to a complete stop.
- This allows commercial vehicles operating within state and federal regulations to forego stopping at the station completely; saving companies time and money.















# Police and Protection Services for the Capital Complex, Governor's Mansion, and State Offices

Bureau of Protective Services provides safety and security to the Statehouse Complex, Courts, Governor's Mansion and other State grounds and coordinate security during rallies, demonstrations, and civil disturbances. BPS benefits from training alongside and sharing resources with the Highway Patrol and State Transport Police.



















# Administering Law Enforcement and Highway Safety Grants to Law Enforcement Agencies

- Law Enforcement Network Partnership The SC Law Enforcement Network continues to encompass approximately 85% of the law enforcement agencies in the state covering each of the state's 16 Judicial Circuits. The SCLEN assists SCDPS with major enforcement efforts and engages in a variety of multi-jurisdictional traffic enforcement initiatives.
- Public Safety Coordinating Council The Council reviews
   summaries of all federal grant applications submitted through
   the OHSJP and makes final recommendations for funding of worthy
   projects in the arenas of highway safety, justice, juvenile justice and
   victims services. The OHSJP currently administers approximately \$24 million in grant funds.















### Community Outreach Involvement

DPS is very active in the community, focusing on building a good rapport and promoting a better understanding of law enforcement: Director Smith and agency employees participate in community and charitable events such as Special Olympics, raising more than \$100,000 for Special Olympics in 2014 and over \$5,000 for United Way of South Carolina; Other examples of community involvement include: Make-a-Wish Golf tournament, Lake Murray Polar Plunge, Tunnel to Towers Run, Out of Darkness Community Walk.















### Safety Education

- Our Community Relations Officers
   presented safety talks to more than
   18,000 military personnel stationed at
   Fort Jackson, Charleston Naval Base/Air
   Force Base, and Parris Island Recruit
   Depot last year;
- The Community Relations Officers conducted over 5,200 media interviews/contacts and gave over 520 safety presentations, reaching almost 50,000 participants with our Target Zero message in 2014.















# Corporate Partnerships/ Victims Services

- W8 2 TXT: DPS launched a partnership with Subway restaurants in 2012 to educate teen drivers about texting and driving; they were given wrist bands reminding them to Wait To Text; The W8 2 TXT theme is currently being used on overhead message boards on interstates around the state.
- Clickn' For Chicken: Beginning in May and through the summer, we will partner with Chick-fil-A restaurants to give motorists who are buckled up free Chick-fil-A sandwiches/coupons; this will kick off in May as part of our Buckle Up, SC campaign;
- Families of Highway Fatalities: DPS works alongside families who have lost someone in a motor vehicle collision to offer services such as the annual Highway Fatality Memorial Service, drawing hundreds of family members. The families also partner with our troopers for prom talks and other venues to speak about highway safety.

















### Community Advisory Council

DPS has created a Community Advisory Council in each of the seven Highway Patrol geographic Troops as a way to effectively and proactively connect with the citizens of our communities throughout the state on a grassroots level with the goal of strengthening our services to the citizens we serve. This council is a partnership between the community and SCDPS.













# Special Units/Programs

- DPS serves as the lead agency for ESF 16 during an Emergency Response such as Winter Storms or Hurricanes. DPS Emergency Traffic Management Unit is responsible for leading large scale evacuations (and assisting smaller law enforcement agencies with traffic management issues).
- Immigration Unit leads Human Trafficking Training for law enforcement agencies, solicitors and magistrates;
- Special events traffic (control) enforcement for Bike Weeks; Darlington Races; College football; Camden Horse races; Heritage Golf Classic.

















### **Specialized Units**

- Highway Patrol ACERT/CERT: available for civil disturbances/can assist BPS and other law enforcement as needed;
- Multi-Disciplinary Accident
   Investigation Team: highly skilled and trained investigators investigate some of the most complex motor vehicle collisions















## Closing and Questions

#### Director Leroy Smith, SCDPS









