



South Carolina Department of Natural Resources

Law Enforcement Division FY 2017

Purpose: Enforcement of recreational and commercial hunting, fishing and boating regulations. Provide educational opportunities to the public in the areas of hunter and boater safety. Administer outreach programs to youth encouraging participation in outdoor sports such as hunting, boating, fishing, shooting sports and archery sports.

Law Enforcement is responsible for patrolling 30,111 square miles of land, 460,000 acres of lakes, 8,000 miles of rivers, and 3,000 miles of coastal waters across SC

FIELD OPERATIONS

- The SCDNR continues as the lead state agency in search and rescue operations, resulting in **11,644** hours conducting SAR missions.
- Law Enforcement Officers documented **30,980** violations resulting in 8,336 summons and 22,644 warnings in FY 16/17.
- Daily patrols resulted in **141,590** fishermen and hunters being checked.
- SCDNR officers provide daily assistance to local law enforcement partners with general calls for service and use of SCDNR K-9 units.
- SC is currently 7th in the nation in registered vessels. Officers spent **52,253** hours on boat patrols. This resulted in 96,211 boats being inspected and issuance of 13,294 summons/warnings for boating violations.
- Collaborated with Land, Water and Conservation Division in the development of flood inundation maps for search and rescue missions.
- LE provided assistance to our federal, state, and local law enforcement partners totaling **24,823** hours during FY 16/17. These details included:
 - Hurricane Matthew evacuation lane reversal – 237 officers deployed.
 - Hurricane Matthew post storm response – 173 officers deployed.
 - Assisted counties with abandoned/damaged vessels post storm. In Beaufort County staff assisted with documenting 65 abandoned vessels and removal of 25 vessels.
 - Memorial Weekend Bike Festival – 96 officers deployed
 - State House Events – 71 officers deployed
 - » Black Lives Matter Rally
 - » Confederate Flag Detail
 - » MLK at the Dome Rally
 - Dive Team assistance for evidence and non-boating related drownings.
- SeaHawk – Intelligence Analyst provided assistance during:
 - Charleston Mother Emanuel AME Church Shooting
 - Civil security during North Charleston PD Officer Slager trial

- Inclement Weather Interstate Detail – 40 officers deployed

EDUCATION & OUTREACH

- **18,900** students participated in Hunter Education and Boater Education courses.
- SCDNR has the only self-contained Virtual Boating Simulator in the nation. **15,000** people used this equipment at 45 events around SC in 2016.
- Currently there are **50,000** youth involved with our Archery in the Schools Program in over 358 schools across SC.
- SC hosted the NASP World Championship event in Myrtle Beach in which 4,000 youth archers participated.
- Scholastic shooting sports program began in 2015. 525 youth shooters have participated in SCDNR sponsored events with an additional 2,000 people spectating at these events. At just one event this year, approximately 60,000 rounds were spent during competition.
- The Take One Make One program continues to be a success in introducing youth to outdoor sporting opportunities. 65 TOMO hunts were conducted involving 255 participants allowing many youth to harvest their first deer or turkey.
- **23,085** people visited our TOMO trailers at 106 events in 2016.
- The Property Watch Program has currently more than 2,700 property owners or lessees enrolled to combat trespassing on private property across SC.
- Officers conducted 3,161 public presentations regarding hunting, fishing and boating related issues.
- LE regions held 26 youth fishing rodeos across the state with 2,900 youth participating.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/HOMELAND SECURITY

- The SCDNR Emergency Management & Homeland Security section works with other state and local agencies in preparation for natural and man-made disasters.
 - Hurricane evacuation and security deployment plans.
 - Flood response plans.
 - Inclement weather deployment plans.
 - Port of Charleston – Security Project SeaHawk – Intelligence Analyst assists with high level investigations.
 - Nuclear response plans for nuclear facilities in SC Plants include Vogle, Catawba, Oconee and VC Summer.
 - Participated in more than 30 multi-agency Homeland Security Operations this past year.

INVESTIGATIONS

- The SCDNR Investigations section conducted more than 30 fatality investigations on boating or hunting related fatalities.
- During 2016, staff investigated 930 open marine thefts, resulting in 156 criminal cases.
- 140 boating related accidents were investigated.
- In FY 16-17, 629 marine events and 355 marine dealer permits were issued.
- 2,200 boating aids to navigation are inspected annually and maintained across SC.
- 10 Boating Safety Action Force alcohol saturation patrols were conducted resulting in 22 days of specific saturation patrols across SC.
- SCDNR Divers spent 1,904 man hours diving working aquatic investigations and recoveries.

COMMUNICATIONS

- The SCDNR Communications Center is a 24-hour and 365-day manned public safety dispatch center. During 2016, **14,661** calls for service were handled.
 - 861 properties were registered for night hunting during the 2016 four month season.
 - 2,034 Palmetto Pride (Litter Buster) calls were handled in 2016.
 - System maintenance of 21 repeater towers, 46 control stations, and 8 master sites are handled internally by the communications manager.
 - Almost 3,000 radios are maintained in vehicles, vessels, hand-held portables and aircraft internally.

TRAINING

- The Training Staff provided 1,137 classroom hours of training FY 16-17.
- Staff are responsible for maintaining SCCJA certification requirements

for 244 Class 1 officers, 91 Class 3 officers and 66 reserve DLEO certifications.

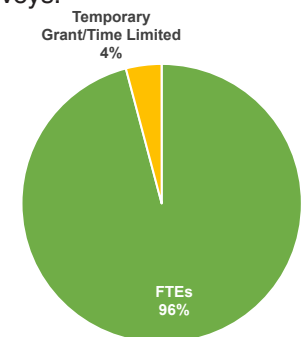
- Staff continues to provide training to enhance professional law enforcement leadership through external providers such as:
 - FBI Carolina Command College
 - FBI National Academy
 - National Association of Conservation Law Enforcement Chiefs (NACLEC) leadership training academy
 - State Human Resources Certified Public Manager training program

AVIATION

- The Aviation Unit conducted 187 flights resulting in 692 flight hours.
- 278 flight hours of SCDNR Law Enforcement flights.
- 38 flight hours assisting other law enforcement agencies with flights such as prisoner extradition, drug detection and eradication, and highway safety.
- 130 hours of search and rescue flights.
- 29 hours surveying Hurricane Matthew post-storm response needs and damage surveys.
- 7 flight hours assisting with pre-storm surveillance for hurricane evacuation assisting SCEMD/SCDPS.
- 142 flight hours of biological research related surveys.

| Employees | |
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| FTEs | 303 |
| Temporary Grant/Time Limited | 13 |
| Total | 316 |

FTEs consist of Sworn Officers 245 and 58 Non-sworn Officers



| Expenses | Amount |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| General Fund Recurring | \$14,485,699 |
| General Fund One Time | \$1,334,805 |
| Earmarked | \$4,376,935 |
| Restricted | \$3,730,904 |
| Federal | \$5,292,204 |
| Total Expenses | \$29,220,547 |

