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WORKING BRIEF:

### **Crime Victims Services Consolidation Announcement**

**Date:** Thursday, November 3, 2016

**Time:** 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

**Location:** Crime Victim Memorial Garden by Riverfront Park in Columbia, SC (near the Little Red School House) – Site visit will be done tomorrow.

**Purpose:** To announce the crime victims' services consolidation package, which includes merging multiple state entities into a new Crime Victims Services Division at the Attorney General's Office.

#### **Attendees:**

- Constitutional Officers: Nikki Haley and Alan Wilson
- State Officials: Leroy Smith, Marcia Adams, Veronica Kunz, Larry Barker
- Stakeholders: Laura Hudson, Sara Barber, Dean Kilpatrick, and potentially dozens of others
- Legislators: TBD

**Speakers:** TBD per NH

**Talking Points / Press Kit:** Becca is working on drafting these now, which will be comprehensive, focusing on all of the topline components and numbers as well as the historic significant of this announcement.

**Logistical Note:** Achieving the consolidation package will require the following three actions.

- (1) Nov. 2016 – Executive Order to be issued with the Announcement: To stand up a transition team to create a transition plan by January 2017;
- (2) Dec. 2016 – Legislation to be Prefiled: To be effective July 1, 2017, the start of the next Fiscal Year – All of the components are fleshed out but the bill will be drafted by Legislative Council – Laura Hudson and Alan Wilson are working to secure sponsors now;
- (3) TBD in 2017 – Executive Order to be issued when the Bill passes: To move the administration of victims grants from DPS to AG's Office concurrent with the passage of the legislation.