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## SCDOT Participates in Statewide Hurricane Lane Reversal Exercise

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) participated in actual roadside drills in Wednesday's state lane-reversal hurricane evacuation exercise on June 7, 2016. This drill is held annually at the start of the hurricane season, beginning June 1 and ending on November 31.

SCDOT is one of the agencies serving as part of "Team South Carolina" to coordinate and deploy assets that create four major evacuation routes where lanes are reversed. The lane reversals allow coastal residents and visitors to use all possible lanes to travel west away from the coast. Those four routes are:

- US 501 from Horry County to Marion County.
- I-26 from Charleston, Dorchester, Orangeburg, Calhoun and Lexington Counties to the Columbia area.
- US 21 from the Beaufort County to US 17 at Gardens Corner.
- US 278 from Hilton Head.

During this exercise, SCDOT Maintenance workers travel to their pre-designated locations along these routes

to deploy barrels and cones creating lane reversals. Workers deploy the barrels on roadsides and shoulders for the drill so as not interrupt traffic. However, during an actual evacuation, barrels would be deployed on the travel lanes, intersections and exits. Other SCDOT staff members are involved in monitoring the flow of traffic from the Traffic Management Centers and deploying traffic control devices such as message boards along the routes that would be reversed.

Secretary of Transportation Christy Hall stressed the importance of the annual exercise. "South Carolina conducts this drill to test our readiness prior to each hurricane season. With well over one million residents and visitors on the coast, our ability to move that many people and vehicles out of harm's way is absolutely crucial." She added, "Our SCDOT workers prepare and train prior to this statewide event and take their roles very seriously. They know that lives are at stake," she said.

Secretary Hall went on to thank the other agencies involved in the coordination of the drill, including the SC Department of Public Safety and the Highway Patrol, the National Guard, SC Department of Natural Resources and other state and local law enforcement agencies that provide traffic control along the lane reversal routes.







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