

## **INTERNAL STAFF UPDATE\***

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

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### **Front Desk – Refugees:**

Calls about refugees have significantly decreased. Ms. Sheila's calls were down from more than 600 on Monday to approximately 200 yesterday (13 were pro resettlement). Today, she received only about 50 calls.

### **Correspondence – Refugees:**

Hal has received 542 records about refugees, the majority of which are against allowing Syrians in state.

### **Legislative – Refugees:**

Yesterday, we received three additional letters from Senators Bright and Shealy and 13 GOP members of House Judiciary: Delleney, Burns, Gagon, Loftis, Pope, Simrill, Thayer, Bedingfield, Clemmons, Kennedy, D. Moss, Pitts, and G. Smith.

### **Legislative – Workforce Proviso Committee**

The Workforce Committee has conducted 222 electronic and in-depth telephone interview with business and industry leaders across the state, designed to assess workforce development needs in SC.

The most consistent messages coming out of these surveys were:

- Educate and prepare our workforce at a young age for manufacturing and STEM-related fields.
- Educate parents, teachers, and students about how manufacturing and other STEM-related fields have evolved.
- Continuously focus on STEM education and workforce readiness, both present and long-term need.
- Build collaboration among schools, business, and the state.
- More funding for education is critical.

### **Commerce – Volvo and DMV:**

Our office heard from Commerce that Volvo executives new to the Charleston area were having a difficult time with the North Charleston DMV. We reached out to Acting Director Laganelli, and his district manager is working to resolve the issues. Additionally, Beth will reach out to the Swedish embassy to start the process of getting a reciprocal agreement in place with the DMV regarding the issuing of international licenses.

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**CON – Reply Letter from FTC:**

Today, our office received a reply letter from the Federal Trade Commission regarding our November 13<sup>th</sup> letter requesting a review of H.3250, our CON bill. The FTC will study the bill and be in touch with our office shortly.

**DSS – DSNAP:**

All numbers are estimates until final reconciliation for federal report(s), and are subject to variation.

**Week Three Estimates (11/12 – 11/14)**

County	DSNAP Applications Received	DSNAP Applications Approved Onsite	DSNAP Applications Denied Onsite	Estimated Approval Rate
Fairfield	2,163	1,785	378	83%

**Week Two Estimates (11/2 – 11/6)**

County	DSNAP Applications Received	DSNAP Applications Approved Onsite	DSNAP Applications Denied Onsite	Estimated Approval Rate
Dorchester	9,579	8,400	1,179	88%
Lexington	7,266	6,357	909	87%
Richland	31,256	27,681	3,575	89%
Sumter	11,453	10,286	1,167	91%
TOTAL Estimate	59,554	52,724	6,830	89%

**Week One Estimates (10/27 – 10/29)**

County	DSNAP Applications Received	DSNAP Applications Approved Onsite	DSNAP Applications Denied Onsite	Estimated Approval Rate
Bamberg	895	794	101	89%
Calhoun	1,416	1,309	107	92%
Clarendon	2,922	2,716	206	93%
Colleton	2,549	2,255	294	88%
Lee	2,692	2,542	150	94%
Newberry	615	547	68	89%
Williamsburg	3,652	3,345	307	92%
TOTAL Estimate	14,741	13,508	1,233	92%

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**Total Estimates to Date (through Saturday, 11/14/15)**

DSNAP Applications Received	DSNAP Applications Approved Onsite	DSNAP Applications Denied Onsite	Estimated Approval Rate
76,458	68,017	8,441	89%

**Medical Incidents/Other Issues**

- *Horry County, 11/16/15:* At approximately 11:15 am, applicant Barbara Martin fell while exiting the building. Incident occurred at the exit outside of the elderly/handicapped designated certification/issuance area. Horry County EMS was on site and attended to Ms. Martin. She was released to her driver after an examination. Ms. Martin, who is 81 years of age, stated that her hip and elbow were sore, from the fall, but had no other complaints and did not feel it was necessary to go to the emergency room.
- *Berkeley County, 11/16/15:* A child in the tent that is being utilized to serve the elderly and disabled was playing with a parent’s key chain that also had a container of pepper spray attached. The child dispersed the pepper spray into the crowd in the tent. People began coughing, so we immediately evacuated the tent and moved everyone to another part of the large tent that was partitioned off. Everyone stated that they were fine and no one needed medical attention.

**De’Shaun Booker – Junior Trooper:**

Attached are pictures of De’Shaun Booker and Trooper Bob (SGT Beres) during recent visits to community events at (1) Coastal Carolina Fair; and (2) Family Day at the Boeing plant.

Coming up, De’Shaun will be touring a television station in Charleston with Trooper Bob. They will witness how the media interacts with and covers important law enforcement issues. De’Shaun will get to see the lights, cameras, and excitement of a TV studio in action. In early December, De’Shaun will kick-off the first Lunch Buddies Program event at his home school, St. George Middle – The Governor is scheduled to attend..

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**#GETEXCITED #Governor’s Carolighting2015**

Staff and family are cordially invited to the **49<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor’s Carolighting on Monday, November 30, 2015.** Festivities begin at 6:00pm and the program begins at 7:00pm (live broadcast) on the north side of the Statehouse. This event will include holiday music and festivities, Christmas remarks from the Governor, and the ceremonial lighting of the State Christmas Tree. A reception will be held in the Statehouse lobby following the program.

Please let Veldran and Mottel know if you are interested in volunteering at this magical event!

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Trooper Bob had asked DeShaun to work with him during a safety presentation at the Boeing plant. A few days in advance, he took him to the Coastal Carolina Fair after school for some fun on Thursday, November 5th. Trooper Bob and DeShaun spent time on rides and checking out the SCHP safety booth.



DeShaun helped Trooper Bob work the safety booth at Boeing on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> for their "Family Day." It was a six-hour event. The two handed out many safety materials and spoke with the hundreds of people that came to the table, as Trooper Bob promoted safe driving. It was a hot day, but DeShaun stayed well-hydrated, enjoyed some good food and meeting lots of new people.