

INTERNAL STAFF UPDATE*

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Commerce:

Our office has received correspondence from an employee of Century Aluminum Mt. Holly regarding the potential of the plant closing.

SC State:

Robert Nance, State Director for Congressman Jim Clyburn, phoned today to express the Congressman's dismay over a plan to temporarily close the museum at South Carolina State as part of cost cutting measures. He was asking for the Governor to call on the University to keep the museum open. Austin spoke to Milton Irvin who noted that the decision on the museum had not been made yet and would be before the Board of Trustees at the next meeting. Austin offered to make connections with other agencies to assist in properly storing the collection should the Board decide to temporarily close the museum.

De'Shaun Booker:

Below is a picture from the "Donuts with Police" event in St. George this past Saturday. De'Shaun is standing in uniform on the far left.



DOT:

Jack Kuenzie at WIS reported Monday that Confederate flags stolen in July from an historical marker (Jefferson Davis Highway) on US 1 leading into Lexington from Columbia (in the Oak Grove community) have been replaced. The Lexington County Sheriff's Department indicated to Kuenzie on Tuesday morning that either SCDOT or PRT replaced those confederate flags. SCDOT did not install or replace the flags and has no record of the flags being permitted.

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SCDOT did, however, place the Jefferson Davis Highway monument. The flags are approximately 4 feet **off** SCDOT Right of Way and onto Norfolk Southern' s Right of Way. Aerial photos show the flags have been there since at least 2003. Director Hall is going to reach out to Norfolk Southern on this issue today.

Emergency Management:

Today, Governor Haley sent a letter to the U.S. Small Business Administration requesting a disaster declaration for Charleston County due to at least 25 homes/businesses being damaged that were 40% or more uninsured. The request follows severe weather in Charleston County from August 30-31st that brought a record 6.47 inches of torrential rainfall within 3.5 hours, causing more than 215 evacuations from the North Charleston area alone. If approved, affected individuals/businesses could apply for low-interest loans to help them get back on their feet.

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