

From:

To:

Date: 12/15/2015 10:34:00 AM

Subject:

---

ON BACKGROUND: We are aware that 2 Syrian refugee families are being resettled in South Carolina - one family of two has already arrived and we have been informed that a family of nine have been approved for resettlement.

There has been no communication from the federal government to the governor's office that these Syrian refugees were being resettled in South Carolina. One of the benefits of our state administering the Refugee Resettlement Program State Plan is access to this type of notification. Only through our partnership with the South Carolina Department of Social Services and the resettlement agency, did we learn that Syrian refugees were arriving in our state.

We communicated to our law enforcement partners that Syrian refugees are arriving in South Carolina and trust that they will ensure proper measures are taken for security purposes.