

Executive Order 2002-27
(September 11, 2002)

WHEREAS, it has been one year since the horrific 9-11 terrorists attacks upon our nation; and

WHEREAS, in response to those attacks and to facilitate a coordinated approach to homeland security issues facing South Carolina, the Governor's Security Council was established on October 17, 2001, as set forth in Executive Orders 2001-34 and 2001-36; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the Governor's Security Council has coordinated with and sought the input of all state, local, and federal public safety, emergency, and health agencies involved with homeland security issues; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina's local law enforcement and emergency response agencies are an active and meaningful component of the team that has been involved with the work of the Governor's Security Council; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Security Council should play an integral role in formulating a comprehensive and coordinated planning and funding approach to counter terrorism measures in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, to enhance our efforts in maintaining peace, tranquility and good order in the State and to provide a comprehensive planning and funding approach to counter terrorism, it is appropriate now to formally expand the membership of the Governor's Security Council to include representatives of South Carolina's leading law enforcement and emergency response organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of South Carolina, the membership of the Governor's Security Council, created by Executive Order 2001-34 and amended by Executive Order 2001-36, is hereby increased to include the State's Chief Information Officer and a representative from each of the following associations: South Carolina Emergency Management Association, South Carolina Police Chiefs' Association, South Carolina Fire Chiefs' Association, South Carolina State Fireman's Association, South Carolina EMS Association, South Carolina Sheriffs' Association, so that the total council is now comprised of the following persons:

Special Advisor to the Governor for Homeland Security (Chairman)
Adjutant General
Chief of the State Law Enforcement Division
Director of the Department of Public Safety
Executive Director of the Department of Health and Environmental Control
Director of the South Carolina Emergency Preparedness Division
State Fire Marshal

Director of the State Division of Aeronautics
Executive Director of the Department of Transportation
Speaker of the House of Representatives
President Pro Tem of the Senate
Special Agent in Charge for South Carolina of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources
Director of the Department of Parole, Probation, and Pardon Services
State's Chief Information Officer
President (or his designee) of the South Carolina Emergency Management Association
President (or his designee) of the South Carolina Police Chiefs' Association
President (or his designee) of the South Carolina Fire Chiefs' Association
President (or his designee) of the South Carolina State Fireman's Association
President (or his designee) of the South Carolina EMS Association
President (or his designee) of the South Carolina Sheriffs' Association

The Security Council is further directed to develop a comprehensive counter terrorism strategy for South Carolina, to include recommendations to the Governor for organizational and funding plans.