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GOVERNOR McMASTER SIGNS OSS BILL

Several staff were on hand to witness the signing of the Offender Specialist Act. "This was a big day. The Offender Supervision Specialist Act will allow Probation, Parole and Pardon to work more efficiently, more economically and do a better job saving the wear and tear on a lot of Agents and allow us to do a better job for the people of the state." Governor Henry McMaster said these words in his welcome address at a ceremonial bill signing on July 18th for the Offender Supervision Specialist (OSS) Bill. SCDPPPS Director Jerry Adger had the honor to speak to the press and legislative guests about the important work the Agents and OSS staff do each day to carry out the PPP mission. He reported to the audience about

the successful statistics made possible by the OSS initiative, including a caseload ratio reduced by 47% in the four largest counties. Representative Mike Pitts of Laurens, the sponsor of the bill, then relayed his gratitude to the Governor for his support of law enforcement funding. Senator Gerald Malloy of Darlington told the story of how PPP's sentencing reform accomplishments have saved state taxpayers more than \$30 million since 2010.



DIRECTOR RECEIVES NEW BADGE

Last November, Deputy Director for Field Operations Mike Nichols unveiled a drawing of the new Agent badge at the Agency's 75th Anniversary Gala. The redesign of the badge represents months of collaboration, research, and thoughtful consideration, all of which culminated in a badging ceremony on July 24, 2017 during the AIC meeting at the Bill Rogers Community Connections Center. On hand to present SCDPPPS Director Jerry Adger with his badge were SLED Chief

Mark Keel (right) and Major Cliff Weir. Director Adger presented badges to Chief Deputy Director Jodi Gallman, Deputy Director Nichols, Field Operations C-1 staff, Agents in Charge and Assistant Agents in Charge.



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HEYWARD A. HINTON ASSOCIATE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR HEARINGS AND POLICY MANAGEMENT

The Division of Hearings and Policy Management includes Administrative Hearings, the Office of General Counsel, and the Office of Accreditation Management.

Divisional Goal: The Division of Hearings and Policy management will meet the CALELA accreditation guidelines within the Director's expectations and timeframe; continue to ensure the Department is operating within the statutory and policy guidelines; work toward getting all Hearing Officers nationally certified while working with all stakeholders to improve the effectiveness of the Violations Matrix process.



DEREK A. BROWN ASSOCIATE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR PAROLES, PARDONS AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

The Division of Paroles and Pardons includes the Office of Parole Board Support, the Office of Parole Examinations, the Office of Rehabilitative Services and the Office of Program Planning and Development.

Divisional Goal: Through the use of evidence-based data, this division will provide sound and appropriate recommendations regarding the re-entry of offenders to society. Distinct programs and cognitive behavioral education will be used to address the needs of our offender population. While respecting the rights of victims and supporting the Parole Board, we will promote a pro social citizen.



JEFFREY A. HARMON DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Office of Professional Responsibility includes Internal Audits, Quality Assurance and Risk Management.

Office Goals: The staff within OPR will conduct activities designed to detect, prevent and deter inefficiency, waste, fraud, corruption, abuse of power and other illegal activities in all Agency processes. This includes personnel matters, training, practices and policies. The Office of Professional Responsibility will work to assist in improving the Agency's overall work performance and reputation in our state and nationally.

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WILLIAM J. "JASON" EVANS
DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT

The Procurement section includes Procurement Services, Property Management, Mail Operations, Printing Services, Shipping/Receiving, and the Law Enforcement Supply Warehouse.

Section Goal: The Goal of the Procurement Office is to carry out the responsibilities of providing outstanding services to our internal customers and compliance with the governing laws and regulations of the State of South Carolina. The Procurement Office seeks the best overall value of the goods and/or services procured for our agency through open, inclusive, and fair competition without sacrificing quality.



PAUL J. ANGUS
DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

The Office of Human Resources Management includes Classification and Compensation, Recruitment Services, and Employee Benefits.

Section Goal: The goal of the HRM Office is to ensure support of agency mission, goals, and objectives while assisting in making effective and efficient use of employee resources and safeguarding the personal and career development of each individual employee. We will strive to create a satisfactory and rewarding work environment which is responsive to customer's needs, while ensuring compliance with Agency policies, procedures, state and federal laws, rules, and regulations.



**The SCDPPPS "Office of Public Information (OPI)"
responds to all media inquiries, including
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests,
pursuant to departmental policies."**

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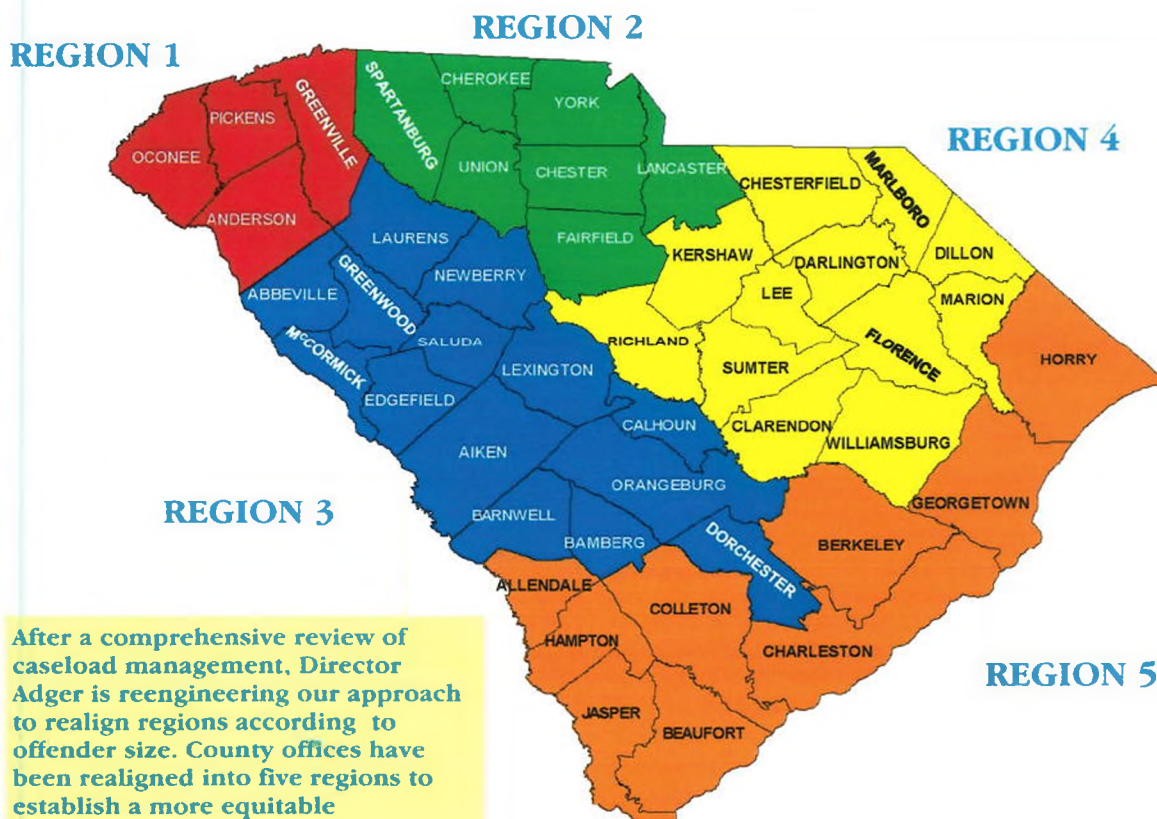
DIRECTOR PRESENTS FIRST LEGISLATIVE AWARD

SCDPPPS Director Jerry Adger recently presented Representative Mike Pitts of Laurens, with an honorary badge and the Agency's first Legislative Award for his work in sponsoring the Offender Supervision Specialist Act that recently was signed by Governor McMaster. The ceremony occurred following an information sharing meeting and presentation from Assistant Regional Director Jennifer Brice on implementation of domestic violence specialized caseloads. Also participating in the meeting were Laurens County Sheriff Don Reynolds, SCDPPPS Chief Deputy Director Jodi Gallman, Deputy Director for Field Operations Mike Nichols, Associate Deputy Director for Information Services Patrice Boyd McAdams, Director of Professional Responsibility Jeff Harmon, Director of External Affairs Debbie Parker, Director of Public Information Pete O'Boyle, and Laurens County Agent-In-Charge Chad Gambrell. Rep. Pitts was praised for his support of and contributions to the mission of the Department throughout the legislative session.



Pictured are Director Adger, Rep. Mike Pitts, and SCDPPPS' Laurens County Agent-in-Charge Chad Gambrell.

REGIONAL REALIGNMENT



After a comprehensive review of caseload management, Director Adger is reengineering our approach to realign regions according to offender size. County offices have been realigned into five regions to establish a more equitable distribution of resources.

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PPP BIDS ADIEU TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR MITCHELL



Robert Mitchell, Deputy Director for Legals and Policy Management retired with 35 years of service on June 30, 2017. Many colleagues and friends, including several former employees, convened in the Central Office Parole Hearing Room in early July to bid Robert a fond farewell. Attendees were asked to write a note with a favorite memory of Robert and to sign a poster-sized card. During the celebration, Robert was presented with a plaque of all five badges worn during his tenure at PPP, as well as the newly assigned (and retired) badge. He received an Agency Resolution as well as a parole certificate with very "special and spouse-approved" conditions.

Joined by his wife and children, Robert expressed sincere appreciation for the many years of camaraderie and excellence he experienced all the years he spent at PPP. We wish Robert well on his retirement as he closes one long, 35-year chapter and opens another a little closer to his love of singing—as the music director for a local church.

PPP IN THE COMMUNITY



Several Agents from the Richland County Office participated in Columbia's National Night Out kick off at the Drew Wellness Center on July 28th (left) and the Community Social Event on Columbia's Main Street on August 1st.



Agents from the Charleston County Office were among several officers who lined up outside the Charleston Police Department on July 31st to salute Chief Greg Mullen as he retired with over 30 years of service to the force and as the Chief of Police for the last decade.



PPP Book Nook

Working with People By Joanne Levine

Working with People: The Helping Process presents an engaging discussion of the theoretical foundation of human service practice, promotes the development of practice skills, integrates the topics of advocacy throughout, and encourages social work students to be more reflective in their work. It introduces basic components of working with people—observation, assessment, communication, and intervention.

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Jerry B. Adger
Director

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AGENCY MISSION

To **prepare** offenders under our supervision toward becoming productive members of the community;

to **provide** assistance to the victims of crimes, the courts and the Parole Board; and

to **protect** public trust and safety.