

Annual Report

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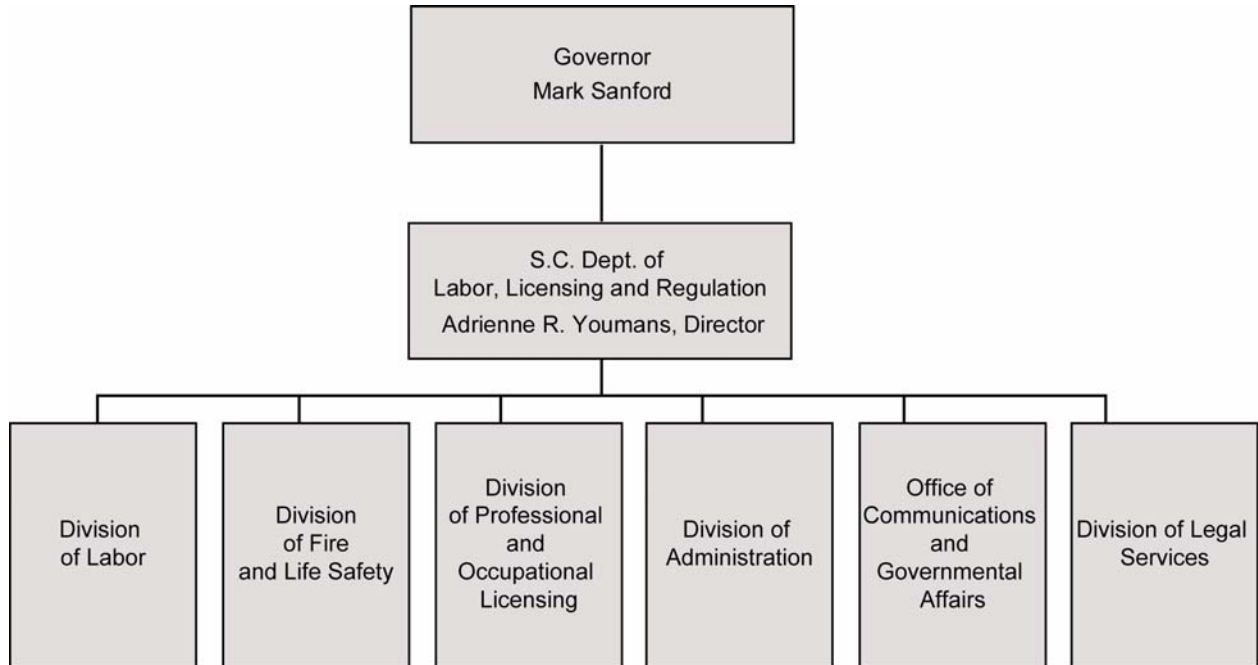
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Introduction

On Feb. 1, 1994, the South Carolina Legislature created the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) with Act 181 by combining 40 separate state agencies, including the Department of Labor, the State Fire Academy, the Office of the State Fire Marshal and 38 professional and occupational licensing boards. Legislators envisioned an organization that would promote efficiency and build accountability while delivering the highest level of customer service. The 1994 legislation empowered the Governor to appoint a director of LLR with the advice and consent of the Senate.



Currently, LLR administers more than 70 programs, from OSHA enforcement to professional and occupational licensing to educating the fire service.

LLR Locations

LLR's Director, Office of Communications & Governmental Affairs, Administration, Labor, Legal Services and Professional and Occupational Licensing (POL) are located within the Kingtree Building at 110 Centerview Drive in Columbia.

Fire and Life Safety is located at the S.C. Fire Academy campus on Monticello Trail in Columbia.

Agency Overview

Mission

The mission of the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation is to promote and protect the health, safety and economic well being of the public through regulation, licensing, enforcement, training and education.

Our mission goes hand-in-hand with the Governor's effort to raise personal incomes of South Carolinians by creating a better environment for economic growth, delivering government services more openly and efficiently, improving quality of life, and improving its state's education. LLR accomplishes its mission by:

- Promoting an environment of growth and innovation which allows regulated businesses and professionals to operate successfully and free of overly restrictive and unwarranted regulation.
- Providing cost efficient administration and periodic review of licensing and certification programs to assure the appropriate protection of the public.
- Conducting required inspections, complaint investigations, and enforcement activities in a manner that is fair, accountable and cost effective.
- Providing businesses and industry, the fire service, its licensees and the public relevant training and education programs.

Office of the Director

The Office of the Director is comprised of the Director and the Office of Communications & Governmental Affairs. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoints the Director.

[Governor Mark Sanford](#) appointed Adrienne Riggins Youmans as LLR Director in January 2003. The S.C. State Senate confirmed her Feb. 20, 2003.

Office of Communications & Governmental Affairs

Director **Jim Knight**

The Office of Communications & Governmental Affairs promotes and explains to the public the agency's goals, activities and services using a variety of media. Staff is responsible for the design, writing and publishing of all agency publications, including newsletters, brochures, booklets and posters. The office manages the agency's Web site, which provides the public access to the agency and its programs 24/7. It also manages the employee Web site, LLR Today.

Staff members serve as agency spokespersons to the media for all programs. The office manages requests from the public for information under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act to assure compliance with the law. Staff members work with chambers of commerce, trade associations, etc. to promote understanding and cooperation in carrying out the agency's mission.

The office is responsible for handling ombudsman duties for the agency, working as a liaison with the Governor's Office, legislative officials, state agencies and the general public to resolve constituent complaints.

The office also is responsible for coordinating, monitoring and reviewing proposed legislation, amendments, regulations and approved bills that affect boards, commissions and divisions under LLR. This includes legislation initiated by LLR and all relative legislation drafted by parties' external to the department.

FY2006 – 2007 Statistical Information

Web site

- Number of Visits to Agency Web site 9.5 million

Communications & Governmental Affairs Legislation

The 2007 meeting of the S.C. General Assembly was the first half of a two-year legislative session. LLR monitored 224 bills. Agency related legislation enacted during the 2007 session is listed below by effective date.

PRACTICE ACTS (01)

Act Number	Board/ Commission	Subject	Effective Date
0058	Engineers and Surveyors	Practice Act	June 6, 2007

BILLS PASSED (06) OFFERING STATUTORY CHANGES

Act Number	Board/ Commission	Subject	Effective Date
0039	Dentistry	Mobile Dental Facilities	June 1, 2007
0054	Building Codes Council	Building Codes and Modifications	June 6, 2007
0071	Pharmacy	90-day Supply; Electronic Prescription Act	June 13, 2007
0089	Fire Marshal	V-Safe; Fire Marshal Appointment	June 20, 2007

<u>0093</u>	Contractors	Fire Sprinkler Contractors	June 20, 2007
<u>0074</u>	Cemetery	Embalmers Signature; Unlawful to Collect Administrative Fee	July 13, 2007

BILLS PASSED (05) IMPACTING PROFESSIONS			
Act Number	Board/ Commission	Subject	Effective Date
<u>0045</u>	Manufactured Housing	Removal of Derelict Mobile Home	See Act for Effective Date
<u>0049</u>	Nursing	Critical Needs Nursing Initiative	June 5, 2007
<u>0113</u>	Cemetery	Ingress and Egress	June 27, 2007
<u>0099</u>	Pharmacy	DME Sales Tax Exemptions (phased-in decrease)	July 1, 2007
<u>0095</u>	Medical Examiners, Nursing	Surgical Technologists	January 1, 2008

REGULATIONS PASSED (08)			
Regulation	Board/ Commission	Subject	Effective Date
<u>3106</u>	OSHA	Article 1, subarticles 6, 7 and 8	December 22, 2006
<u>3092</u>	Accountancy	Licensure of CPA's and Practitioners	May 25, 2007
<u>3080</u>	Nursing	Nursing Program	May 25, 2007
<u>3103</u>	Optometry	Practice of Optometry	June 22, 2007
<u>3102</u>	Psychology	Practice of Psychology	June 22, 2007
<u>3104</u>	Building Codes Council	National Electrical Code	June 22, 2007
<u>3105</u>	OSHA	Reporting Fatalities	June 22, 2007
<u>3132</u>	OSHA	Subarticle 6	June 22, 2007

NOTICES PUBLISHED IN STATE REGISTER			
Type	Board/ Commission	Subject	Adopted
Public Interest	Medical Examiners	On-Call Physicians	July 28, 2006
Public Interest	Building Codes Council	Adoption of Building Codes	July, August, September, October and November 2006
Public Interest	Cemetery	Care and Maintenance Trust Fund	December 22, 2006
Public Interest	Fire Marshal	NFPA Notices 407, 10, 13D, 13R, 13, 14, 20 and 24	January 26, 2007
Public Interest	Fire Marshal	NFPA Notice 72	June 22, 2007

Administrative Services

Division of Administration
110 Centerview Drive
Kingstree Building
Columbia, S.C. 29210
(803) 896-4300

Administrative Management Team **Jerry Brown, Barbara Derrick, Parker Boulware and Lynn Rivers**

Administrative Services is responsible for providing administrative support services for the agency in accordance with state and agency policies and procedures and governing federal, state and local regulations. Administrative Services is directed by a management team and consists of four offices:

- Information Technology Office: provides expertise in development, implementation and maintenance of computer-based information systems and coordinates all information technology activities for the agency.
- Budget Office: responsible for coordinating the agency's budget and federal grants, the agency's strategic planning initiatives, and providing mail room services.
- Finance Office: responsible for directing fiscal functions of the agency and providing services and expertise in areas of procurement, property and vehicle management, and records management.
- Human Resources Office: responsible for providing services in the areas of consulting, policy development, employee relations, training, compensation, recruitment and employee benefits.

FY2006 – 2007 Statistical Information

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|----------------------------|--------|
| • Vouchers Processed | 10,861 |
| • On-line license renewals | 77,580 |

Division of Legal Services

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(803) 896-4485

Program Description:

This Division was created in 2004 by combining the Office of General Counsel and the Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE). In 2004, OIE was formed, merging all investigators and support staff from the Division of Professional and Occupational Licensing boards.

The Division of Legal Services handled the following cases during FY 07:

Division of POL cases	1,175
Division of Labor cases	39
Division of Fire	0

Office of General Counsel (OGC)

Chief General Counsel **Lynne W. Rogers**

The Office of General Counsel is charged with providing litigation and advice services to LLR programs.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE)

Assistant Deputy Director **Rion Alvey**

The Office of Investigations and Enforcement has the responsibility to investigate all complaints received within the Division of Professional and Occupational Licensing Boards (POL) to include the Office of Wages and Child Labor; and to enforce Board orders. OIE was created to allow for better utilization, training and efficiency of the investigative staff.

Statistical Information FY 2006 - 2007

- Complaints Received: 4,038
- Investigations: 4,508

Specific information about complaints and investigations can be found in each Board report.

Division of Labor

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737-9220

Program Description:

South Carolina and federal laws are the source of various rights employers and employees have in its employer/employee relationships. [LLR's Division of Labor](#) is one of several state and federal agencies that administers the laws. Occupational Safety and Health, payment of wages, child labor, migrant labor and mediation of disputes between unions and businesses fall under this division, as well as elevators and amusement rides.

Office of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

Administrator **Dottie Ison**

Program: **Compliance**

Manager **Anthony Wilks**

Program Description:

The purpose of the state Occupational Safety and Health Act is to ensure working men and women a safe and healthful working environment. To see that the objectives are met, the compliance field staff conducts inspections, which are reviewed by supervisors, to ensure compliance with safety standards and initiate enforcement procedures in cases of noncompliance.

Statistical Information FY 2006 - 2007

OSHA Inspections	1,616
Safety	1,477
Percent of safety inspections	91.4%
Safety inspections per inspector	134
Health	139
Percent of health inspections	8.6%
Health inspections per inspector	31
Inspections resulting in findings of in-compliance	310

Number of Violations		3,666
Serious	75.8%	2,778
Other than serious	23.9%	876
Repeat	0.2%	8
Willful	0.1%	4

Number of Inspections by Types		
Planned	74.5%	1204
Complaints	9.6%	155
Accidents and Fatality	3.2%	52
Referrals	2.8%	46
Follow-up	2.9%	47
Program-related	1.7%	27
Unprogram-related	5.3%	85
Monitoring		0

Program: Integrated Management Information System

Coordinator Julie Wall

Program Description:

This section has the responsibility to compile, analyze and prepare accurate data concerning safety and health inspections and activities that will assist in the management of the state Office of Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) program. Data collected is used to plan, direct and evaluate the OSH program and to provide objective information on which to base policy decisions. This section submits state inspection data to the federal OSHA Office for monitoring and evaluation of OSHA programs nationwide.

Program: Standards

Coordinator Gwen Thomas

On December 6, 2006, the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Division of Labor, Office of Occupational Safety and Health, promulgated the following revisions to existing South Carolina Regulations:

In Subarticle 6 (General Industry and Shipyard Employment):

Revisions to §§ 1910.20, 1910.95, 1910.120, 1910.134, 1910.440, 1910.441, 1910.178, 1910.266, 1910.1000, 1910.1001, 1910.1003, 1910.1017, 1910.1018, 1910.1020, 1910.1025, 1910.1026, 1910.1027, 1910.1028, 1910.1029, 1910.1030, 1910.1043, 1910.1044, 1910.1045, 1910.1047, 1910.1048, 1910.1050, 1910.1051, 1910.1052, 1910.1450, 1915.1000 and 1915.1001.

In Subarticle 7 (Construction):

Revisions to §§ 1926.60, 1926.62, 1926.800, 1926.1002, 1926.1101, 1926.1126 and 1926.1127, along with removal of 1926.1092.

In Subarticle 8 (Agriculture Operations)

Revisions to § 1928.53.

On June 7, 2007, the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Division of Labor, Office of Occupational Safety and Health, promulgated the following revisions to existing South Carolina Regulations:

Subarticle 6 (General Industry):

Revisions to §§ 1910.6, 1910.66, 1910.302, 1910.303, 1910.304, 1910.305, 1910.306, 1910.307, 1910.308 and 1910.399.

Regulation 71, Article I, Subarticle 3 §339 Reporting fatalities and multiple hospitalization incidents to OSHA with revisions to telephone contact number.

Requests for Information	Number of Calls/Responses
Standards Information	1,151
Technical Information/Advice	165
Standards Interpretation	262
General Information	287
Referrals	155
Letters	111
<u>E-mails</u>	<u>506</u>
TOTAL	2,637

Office of Occupational Safety and Health (OSH)

Program: OSHA Statistics

Administrator: Dottie Ison

Program Description:

The OSH Statistics Section in cooperation with the [U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), conducts the annual Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses by North American Industry Classification System [Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses](#) (NAICS) and the [Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries \(CFOI\) Program](#).

A relatively small percentage of the total private sector employers are required to report on the BLS survey. Data collected in this survey is based on uniform record-keeping requirements, which are mandatory under provisions of both the 1970 Occupational Safety and Health Act and corresponding state laws. The data compiled in this survey is used to provide a management tool for safety engineers and persons interested in measurements of work injuries and illnesses.

Statistical Information FY 2006 - 2007

Private Sector Statistics

Number of employees in S.C. private sector work force	1,534,906
Number of employees in S.C. public sector workforce	292,102
Number of businesses sampled – private and public	3,265
Number of reported private sector injuries/illnesses	44,500
Injury and Illness rate per 100 employees – private sector	3.6
Number of reported public sector injuries/illnesses	13,600
Injury and Illness rate per 100 employees – public sector	5.5
Number of fatal occupational injuries	93
- Private sector	85
- Public sector	8

South Carolina Occupational Health and Safety Review Board

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896-4370

Administrator: Joan Wilkie

Program Description:

Per South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976 (as amended), [41-15-600 through 41-15-640](#), the [South Carolina Occupational Health and Safety Review Board](#) is responsible for hearing and deciding contested cases resulting from citations and penalties and determining time periods for abatement of citations issued by the LLR Director. The Board consists of six members, one from each congressional district.

Board members	Congressional District	Number of Assigned Cases
James E. Sanderson, Jr.	1	7
Wilbur Lee Jeffcoat	2	8
James G. Padgett, III	3	7
Judy R. Brigman	4	7
Elaine L. Craft	5	7
Vacant	6	0
TOTAL CASES		36

Office of OSHA Voluntary Programs (OVP)

Program: OSHA Voluntary Programs

Manager Robert Laney

Program Description:

The Office of OSHA Voluntary Programs (OVP) provides safety and health courtesy inspections, technical assistance, and safety and health training to aid the business community in voluntary compliance with all areas of the Occupational Safety and Health Act. These services are free to both public and private sector employers. Safety and health consultations are confidential. Training resource materials, brochures, booklets, audio-visual programs, seminars, lectures and extended courses have been developed to assist employers in providing employees a safe and healthful work environment.

The Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) or Palmetto Star Program recognizes manufacturing facilities with exemplary safety and health records and reduced injury and illness rates.

Statistical Information FY 2006- 2007

	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY06	FY07
Amount saved in OSHA fines by businesses achieving compliance	5.0M	4.0M	3.0M	3.1M	2.6M	2.4M
Approved Palmetto Star sites	37	42	44	47	55	58

Program: Education and Training

Coordinator Robert Laney

Program Description:

Training classes are provided for employees and employers covering key safety issues facing workplaces today, such as OSHA's Rights and Responsibilities, Lockout/Tagout, and violence in the workplace. This service within OSHA Voluntary Programs provides a variety of training programs and presentations designed to reduce or eliminate safety and health hazards in the workplace. Upon request, training is available to employers and employees in the public and private sector and may take place on-site (requiring participation of 12 or more employees) or as a result of participating in one of the regional training programs coordinated by the training staff. In FY06, in excess of 500 training programs were delivered to employees throughout the state, resulting in more than 16,000 employees trained on various OSHA regulations and other safety and health issues.

Statistical Information FY 2006 - 2007

Number of training programs:	523
Number of contact hours:	15,451
Number of trainees:	16,408

General industry, health, and construction areas are covered in the training curriculum. Examples of training programs offered include, but are not limited to:

- OSHA Inspection Process
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Lockout/Tagout (LOTO)
- Trenching/Excavation
- Hazard Communication
- S.C. SMART- Safety Management & Accident Reduction Training
- Fall Protection (Construction)
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Violence in the Workplace
- Scaffolding (Construction)
- Permit Required Confined Spaces
- Industrial Trucks (Forklifts)
- OSHA Recordkeeping
- OSHA 10-hour General Industry & Construction Classes
- Electrical Safety

View a complete list of free workplace safety and health training programs at the [LLR Web site](#).

Program: Consultation Services

Coordinator Harvey Jessup
Ed Grantham

Program Description:

The goal of this program is to make worksites safer. Free consultations by safety and health professionals with expertise in safety and health workplace issues are provided to businesses and public sector employers. Consultants help employers identify and correct specific hazards, provide guidance in establishing or improving an effective safety and health program, and offer training and education for employers, supervisors and employees. The primary target of the program is smaller businesses in higher hazard industries or with especially hazardous operations. Consultations are independent of OSHA's enforcement activity, and records are kept confidential and separate from OSHA's enforcement program.

The only obligation of the businesses using these services is to correct imminent dangers and other serious job safety and health hazards in a timely manner.

Statistical Information FY 2006 - 2007

Number of Consultation requests	838
Number of Employees helped	6,337
Number of Workplaces visited	866
Number of Workplaces achieving compliance	866
Number of Workplaces referred to compliance	0
Types of consulting services rendered	866
- Courtesy inspections	843
- Technical assistance	4
- Follow-up visits	19
Number of Hazards identified	6,476
Number of Hazards corrected	6,476

Office of OSHA Voluntary Programs

Program: Palmetto Star

Coordinator: Sharon Dumit

Program Description:

The Palmetto Star Program recognizes qualified employers who exceed the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 in providing its workers a safe and healthy worksite. Any employer in North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Codes 31-33 may apply.

Palmetto Star sites are not expected to be perfect. But they are expected to effectively protect its workers from workplace hazards through its safety and health systems. A Palmetto Star site is one that has proven it is able to function independently of OSHA and is self-sufficient in its ability to control hazards at the worksite.

To qualify, an applicant must demonstrate management's commitment to safety, assess hazards that may be present within the workplace, maintain a system for hazard correction and control, provide employees safety and health training, and assure employee participation in safety and health programs. Finally, the company must have a total injury/illness incident rate and a total lost workday incident rate that is 50 percent or below the state average for the applicant's industry for each of the last three years.

Palmetto SuperStar sites are determined on a calendar year basis. These sites receive a one-year extension for continuing to meet program requirements.

Statistical Information FY 2006 - 2007

Number of approved Palmetto Star sites	58
Number of approved Superstar sites	8
Number of initial evaluations conducted	1
Number of initial approvals for FY 06-07	2
Number of three-year re-evaluations conducted	15

Office of OSHA Voluntary Programs: Palmetto Star Sites

Palmetto Star Sites	Location	Approval Date
Milliken and Company	Gilliand Plant, Laurens, S.C.	05/31/94
Milliken and Company	Dewey Plant, Inman, S.C.	07/29/94
United Defense	Aiken, S.C.	09/30/94
* Milliken and Company	New Prospect, Campobello, S.C.	01/31/95
Milliken and Company	Barnwell Plant, Barnwell, S.C.	03/31/95
Milliken and Company	Cushman Plant, Williamston, S.C.	05/31/95
Milliken and Company	Judson Plant, Greenville, S.C.	07/31/95
* Milliken and Company	Gaffney Plant, Gaffney, S.C.	10/05/95
Milliken and Company	Gerrish Plant, Pendleton, S.C.	11/30/95
Milliken and Company	Monarch Plant, Union, S.C.	01/25/96
Milliken and Company	Auto Lamination, Spartanburg, S.C.	02/28/96
* Milliken and Company	Saluda Plant, Saluda, S.C.	04/30/96
Milliken and Company	Gayley Plant, Marietta, S.C.	08/30/96
Georgia Pacific	Prosperity Plant, Prosperity, S.C.	09/10/96
* Milliken and Company	Peerless Plant, Belton, S.C.	10/25/96
Milliken and Company	Gillespie Plant, Union, S.C.	12/05/96
Milliken and Company	Kingstree Plant, Kingstree, S.C.	01/27/97
Milliken and Company	Cedar Hill Plant, Jonesville, S.C.	02/10/97
Milliken and Company	Abbeville Plant, Abbeville, S.C.	06/12/97
Milliken and Company	Cypress Plant, Blacksburg, S.C.	07/07/97
* Tenneco Automotive	Monroe Anderson, Anderson, S.C.	07/07/97
Milliken and Company	Defore Plant, Clemson, S.C.	09/30/97

Milliken and Company	Excelsior/Union Plant, Union, S.C.	10/31/97
Milliken and Company	Sharon Plant, Abbeville, S.C.	02/26/98
Milliken and Company	Johnston Plant, Johnston, S.C.	04/10/98
* Jacobs Technology	Orangeburg, S.C.	04/10/98
Milliken and Company	McCormick Plant, McCormick, S.C.	04/30/98
* Black and Veatch	Cogen South North Charleston, S.C.	06/30/98
Honeywell	Greer, S.C.	07/15/98
Milliken and Company	Pendleton Plant, Pendleton, S.C.	09/30/98
* Milliken and Company	Honea Path Plant, Honea Path, S.C.	02/26/99
Milliken and Company	Magnolia Plant, Blacksburg, S.C.	03/10/99
International Paper	Log/Fiber, Georgetown, S.C.	03/12/99
Milliken and Company	Packaging Plant, White Stone, S.C.	02/23/00
Roger Milliken	Research and Customer Center Spartanburg, S.C.	05/31/00
Solutia, Inc.	Greenwood, S.C.	07/31/00
* Tyco Healthcare-Kendall/	Camden, S.C.	02/08/01
	Wateree	
Westvaco Forest Res. Div.	Summerville, S.C.	09/11/01
GE Medical Systems	Florence, S.C.	10/22/01
Milliken and Company	Enterprise Plant, Marietta, S.C.	11/15/01
Bridgestone/Firestone	Graniteville, S.C.	01/08/02
Milliken and Company	Sycamore Transportation/Distribution Center Clinton, S.C.	01/08/02
* FC Finishing	Union, S.C.	06/07/02
Jacobs Technology Inc.	Goose Creek, S.C.	06/04/03
Roseburg Forest Products	Holly Hill, S.C.	07/25/03
International Paper	Prosperity, S.C.	12/29/03
Milliken and Company	Hillcrest Plant, Simpsonville, S.C.	05/08/04
International Paper	Silverstreet, S.C.	08/27/04
Progress Energy	Sumter Construction Ctr, Sumter, S.C.	05/26/05
Firestone Bldg Products	Kingstree, S.C.	07/22/05
Nibco	Demark, S.C.	07/25/05
Computer Dynamics	Greenville, S.C.	10/14/05
Georgia-Pacific Sawmill	Prosperity, S.C.	10/24/05
Delavan	Bamberg, S.C.	12/01/05
Anmed	Anderson, S.C.	12/19/05
Milliken and Company	Cotton Blossom Plant, Spartanburg, S.C.	08/14/06
Osmose, Inc.	Rock Hill, S.C.	10/11/06
Roseburg Forest Products	Russellville, S.C.	02/21/07

*** Inactive sites**

Palmetto SuperStar Sites

- Milliken and Company, Dewey Plant
- Milliken and Company, Sharon Plant
- Milliken and Company, Cushman Plan
- Mead Westvaco South Region
- Milliken and Company, Excelsior Plant
- Milliken and Company, Abbeville Plant
- Georgia Pacific, Prosperity Plywood Plant
- International Paper, Santee Plant

Office of Elevators and Amusement Rides

Administrator

Duane Scott

Program Description:

Created in 1986, the office administers the [South Carolina Elevator Code](#) and the [South Carolina Amusement Ride Safety Code](#). To ensure compliance with both codes, the licensing staff of 16 inspectors conducts inspections of new and existing elevator facilities, amusement rides and bungee jumps.

Program: Elevator Safety Inspections

Administrator Duane Scott

Program Description:

Per [Chapter 16 of Title 41](#) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976 (as amended), the [Office of Elevators and Amusement Rides](#) administers regulations governing construction, alteration and installation of new elevators, escalators, dumbwaiters, handicapped lifts and moving walks. It also administers safety standards for existing facilities. All safety standards are national consensus standards in accordance with the American National Standards Institute. The office, and the private inspectors it licenses, inspects elevator facilities and issues operating certificates.

Since registration of elevators and related equipment formally began in July 1986, a total of 10,552 elevators and related equipment have been registered. The highest numbers of registered facilities are in Richland, Charleston, Greenville and Horry counties.

Fees for the inspections performed by the Office of Elevators and Amusement Rides are based on the contract price for new elevators under construction or the number of floors served by existing elevators.

Fiscal Year 2006 - 2007 Statistical Information

Number of Inspections	7,724
Inspections by State Inspectors	6,963
Inspections by licensed private inspectors	761

Office of Elevators and Amusement Rides

Program: Amusement Ride Safety Inspections

Administrator Duane Scott

Program Description:

Per [Chapter 18 of Title 41](#) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976 (as amended), the [Office of Elevators and Amusement Rides](#) administers regulations to guard against injuries in the assembly, disassembly and use of amusement devices at carnivals, fairs and amusement parks. The office, and any special inspector it licenses, inspects amusement devices and issues operating permits. Inspection fees are based on the type of device being inspected and are set by regulation no more than once per year.

Fiscal Year 2005 - 2006 Statistical Information

Number of Inspections	608
Resulting from accidents	0
Resulting from complaints	0

Program: Bungee Jumping Inspections

Administrator Duane Scott

Program Description:

The office began regulating the practice of bungee jumping in July 1994. In FY 2005-07, Myrtle Beach was the only site in the state with a bungee jumping device.

Office of Wages and Child Labor

Supervisor

Mark Dorman

Program Description:

The [Office of Wages and Child Labor](#) enforces the South Carolina Labor Laws regarding Payment of Wages and Child Labor. In 1986, the office was given new responsibilities and authority by passage of Act 380, a complete revision of the Payment of Wages Law. This Act requires employers to give written notice to employees of certain key terms and conditions of its wages, to pay according to this notice, and to keep records of the payments. LLR is authorized to make inspections, issue warnings and citations, and assess civil penalties for violations of the Act.

In 1989, the office was given new responsibilities by passage of Act 135, which is an amendment to state child labor laws. The amendment allows the agency to make findings concerning employers who engage in any oppressive child labor actions, to issue warnings and citations and assess civil penalties for violations of the Act.

This office was reorganized and placed under LLR's Office of Investigations and Enforcement, effective September 19, 2005.

Statistical Information FY 2006 - 2007

Wage violations cited	2,978
Wage complaints investigated	761
Average number of violations per investigation	3.9
Number of warnings issued	472
Number of citations issued	377
Child labor violations cited	30
Child labor complaints investigated	14
Average number of violations per investigation	2.1
Number of warnings issued	1
Number of citations issued	11
Wages collected for employees	\$750,071

Office of Labor- Management Mediation

Administrator

Jim Phillips

Program Description:

Per South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976 (as amended) 41-17-10, the LLR director is responsible for assisting in the settlement of labor disputes (except railroads and express companies doing business by rail). The [Office of Labor-Management Mediation](#) investigates industrial disputes, strikes, lockouts and its causes, and tries to help the two sides reach an agreement. When requested by both sides, a mediator will act as an arbitrator or appoint other arbitrators. In general, the Office of Labor-Management Mediation tries to eliminate the causes of misunderstanding and differences between organized labor and management.

This office also administers the South Carolina Right-to-Work Law ([41-7-10 through 41-7-90](#)), which provides that the rights of workers shall not be denied or abridged based upon its affiliation or non-affiliation with a labor union.

Statistical Information for FY 2006 - 2007

Number of collective bargaining employees involved in negotiations	6,516
Number of right-to-work cases	9
Number of collective bargaining agreements negotiated	46

Strikes reported	0
Work hours lost due to strikes	0
Workers involved in strikes	0

Division of Professional and Occupational Licensing (POL)

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Overview:

As an administrative unit within the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, the [Division of Professional and Occupational Licensing](#) provides services to 40 professional and occupational regulatory boards that are responsible for establishing minimum standards of competence and conduct for more than 270,689 licensees in South Carolina.

The 40 licensing boards protect the health, safety and well being of the citizens of South Carolina by issuing licenses to qualified individuals and businesses that provide services to consumers. The boards are composed of volunteer members, some of whom are appointed by the Governor, some appointed with advice and consent of the Senate, and some of whom are elected. Board members include licensed practitioners and members of the public. They serve as a direct link between the professionals they license and consumers. Most of the boards meet on a quarterly basis, and the meetings are open to the public.

Each board evaluates the qualifications of license applicants, grants licenses to those that qualify, and establishes regulations that set ethical and technical competence standards for the professionals it licenses. The boards also take disciplinary action against licensees whose conduct fails to meet the accepted standards of the profession.

The Division also serves as an educational resource to schools and colleges and provides staff to serve as speakers and presenters for professional association and other meetings.

Administrative areas	Number of Boards
Office of Business and Related Services Randall L. Bryant, Assistant Deputy Director	14
Office of Health and Medically Related Professions Ruby Brice, Assistant Deputy Director	14
Office of Property, Environmental, Design and Construction Services Robert L. Selman, Assistant Deputy Director	10

Office of Health and Medically Related Professions (OHMRP)

Occupational and professional licensing boards in the Office of Health and Medically Related Professions include:

- Board of Chiropractic Examiners
- Panel for Dietetics
- Board of Medical Examiners
- Board of Nursing
- Board of Occupational Therapy
- Board of Examiners in Opticianry
- Board of Examiners in Optometry
- Board of Physical Therapy Examiners
- Board of Podiatry Examiners
- Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists
- Board of Examiners in Psychology
- Board of Social Work Examiners
- Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
- Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Program Description:

The Board was created to protect the health and safety of the public by establishing qualifications for entry into the profession and by disciplining those chiropractic practitioners who violate South Carolina laws governing their profession.

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(803) 896-4719

Internet Web site:

<http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Chiropractors/>

Administrator:

Sondra D. Stephenson
stephensons@llr.sc.gov

Assistant Deputy Director:

Ruby Brice

Board Established:

1932

S.C. Code of Laws:

40-9-10, et. seq.

Regulation:

25-10, et. seq.

Board Member Slots:

8

How Appointed:

Election by district; top two candidates submitted to Governor

Board Meetings:

At least 3 times annually

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:

50 States

Licensure Period:

Biennially 7/1-6/30

Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:

Endorsement

Licensee Population Trend:

Increasing

Type of Exam:

National exam and
state exam on S.C.
rules and regulations

Statistical Information FY 2006- 2007

Licensee Category:

Number of Licensees

Doctor of Chiropractic

1,509

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	42
Investigations:	87
Formal Complaints:	4
Cease & Desist Orders:	2
Pending/Continuances:	3
Dismissed:	19
Consent Agreement:	2
Letter of Concern:	8
Total Adjudications:	38

Panel for Dietetics

Program Description:

The Panel regulates practitioners of dietetics and accepts applications for candidates to practice dietetics and nutrition in South Carolina. The Panel has adopted a code of ethics governing licensed dietitians. The panel establishes criteria for licensure and license renewal, investigates complaints and provides discipline and grounds for misconduct, including criminal penalties.

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Internet Web site:	http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Dietetics/
Administrator:	Deborah Ellington White whited@llr.sc.gov
Assistant Deputy Director:	Ruby Brice
Board established:	2006
S.C. Code of Laws:	40-20-50, et. seq.
Regulation:	Chapter 40
Board member slots:	7
How appointed:	By the Governor
Board meetings:	At least 2 meetings annually
Licensure Information:	
Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	50 States
Licensure Period:	Biennially 06/01-05/31
Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted:	Endorsement
Licensee Population Trend:	Increasing
Type of Exam:	Written Exam- National Exam

No statistical is available for the Panel because it was created in July 2006. Statistical data will not be available until Fiscal Year 07.

Board of Medical Examiners

Program Description:

The primary mission of the Board is to protect the public and to fulfill two major functions: (1) Licensing physicians, physician assistants, respiratory care practitioners, anesthesiologist's assistants, acupuncturists and CIS; and (2) Investigating and disciplining licensees found to be engaged in misconduct as defined in the Medical Practice Act, the Physician Assistant Practice Act, the Respiratory Care Practice Act and the Anesthesiologist's Assistant Practice Act. This includes illegal, unethical or incompetent conduct.

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Fax: (803) 896-4515
Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Medical/>
Administrator: Bruce Duke
dukeb@llr.sc.gov
Ruby Brice

Assistant Deputy Director: Ruby Brice
Board Established: 1920
S.C. Code of Laws: 40-47-10 et. seq.
Regulation: 81-10 et.seq.
Board Member Slots: 12
How Appointed: 8 elected members with advice and consent of Governor and Senate
4 Governor-appointed members with advice and consent of Senate

Board Meetings: Quarterly

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	50 states, 11 jurisdictions
Physicians	Biennially 7/1-6/30
Physician Assistants	Biennially 1/1-12/31
Respiratory Care Practitioners	Biennially 3/1-2/28
Anesthesiologist Assistants	Biennially 1/1-12/31
Endorsement Accepted:	No
Licensee Population Trend:	Increasing

Statistical Information FY 2006- 2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	18,778
Physicians	15,836
Physician Assistants (Board administers jurisprudence)	569
Respiratory Care Practitioners	2,245
Acupuncturists	71
Anesthesiologist Assistants	10
Cardiovascular Invasive Specialists	0
Polysomnography Technologists	47

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	378
Investigations:	896
Dispositions:	334
Dismissed (Licensee)	225
Consent Agreement	16
Final Order	16
Letter of Caution	24
Relinquishment	1
Suspension	21
Revocation	1

Board of Nursing

Program Description:

The purpose of the Board is to assure the safe and effective practice of nursing in South Carolina. The Board licenses qualified individuals as Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), Registered Nurses (RNs), or Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs). Complaints are investigated and disciplinary action is taken whenever necessary.

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Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Nursing/>
Administrator: Joan Bainer
bainerj@llr.sc.gov
Ruby Brice
Assistant Deputy Director: Ruby Brice
Board Established: 1935
S.C. Code of Laws: 40-33-10, et. seq.
Regulation: 91-10, et. seq.
Board Member Slots: 10
How Appointed: By the Governor with advice and consent of the S.C. State Senate
Board Meetings: Every 2 months

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession: 50 states,
11 jurisdictions
Licensure Period: Biennially 5/1-4/30
Endorsement Accepted: Yes
Licensee Population Trend: Increasing
Type of Exam: National Exam
privatized

Statistical Information FY 2006 - 2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	57,106
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)	11,535
Registered Nurse (RN)	42,660
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)	2,911

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	504
Investigations:	
Dispositions:	406
Dismissed:	140
Consent Agreements:	152
Final Orders:	47
Letters of Caution:	28
Letters of Warning:	0
Relinquishment:	7
Voluntary Surrenders:	7
Suspensions	6
Revocations	0

Board of Occupational Therapy

Program Description:

The Board examines and issues licenses to qualified occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants. The Board also investigates complaints involving therapists and occupational therapy assistants and disciplines practitioners when necessary.

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Columbia, SC 29211-1329
Telephone: (803) 896-4683
Fax: (803) 896-4719
Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/OccupationalTherapy>
Administrator: Kate K. Cox
coxk@llr.sc.gov
Assistant Deputy Director: Ruby Brice
Board Established: 1977
S.C. Code of Laws: 40-36-10, et. seq.
Regulation: 94-1, et. seq.
Board Member Slots: 7
How Appointed: By the Governor with advice and consent of the S.C. Senate
Board Meetings: Quarterly

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession: 50 States
Licensure Period: Biennially 3/16-3/15
Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted: Endorsement
Licensee population trend: Increasing
Type of Exam: National exam

Statistical Information FY 2006 - 2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	1,673
Occupational Therapist	1,193
Occupational Therapy Assistants	480

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	6
Investigations:	12
Dispositions:	2
Ongoing	9
Dismissals	2
Formal Accusations	2

Board of Examiners In Opticianry

Program Description:

The mission of the Board is to protect the health and safety of the public by regulating the practice of opticianry in South Carolina. The Board administers a practical examination to all Opticianry candidates, licenses qualified opticians and contact lens dispensers, registers apprentices, and disciplines opticians and apprentices if necessary. Licensees and apprentices are required to attend continuing education classes.

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Fax: (803) 896-4719
Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Opticians/>
Administrator: Angie Combs
 combsa@llr.sc.gov
Assistant Deputy Director: Ruby Brice
Board established: 1978
S.C. Code of Laws: 40-38-5, et. seq.
Regulation: 96-101, et. seq.
Board member slots: 7
How appointed: Peer nominations, election, approved by Gov.
Board meetings: Biennial
Licensure Information:
 Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession: 22 States
 Licensure Period: Biennial
 Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted: Neither
 Licensee Population Trend: Increasing
 Type of Exam: National Board Exam and Board administered Practical Exam

Statistical Information 2006 - 2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	762
Opticians	475
Contact Lens Dispensers	185
Registered Apprentices	102

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	14
Investigations:	19
Dispositions:	4
Dismissed:	2
Letter of Caution:	1
License Revoked	1

Board of Examiners in Optometry

Program Description:

The mission of the Board is to protect the health and safety of the public by regulating the practice of optometry in South Carolina. The Board licenses qualified optometrists and disciplines if necessary. Policies are developed to assist licensees in providing quality vision care to the public. Licensees are required to attend continuing education classes.

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Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Optometry/>
Administrator: Angie Combs
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Assistant Deputy Director: Ruby Brice
Board Established: 1917
S.C. Code of Laws: 40-37-5, et. seq.
Regulation: 95-1, et. seq.

Board Member Slots:	7
How Appointed:	Peer nominations, election, approved by Governor
Board meetings:	Quarterly
Licensure Information:	
Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	50 States
Licensure period:	Biennial
Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted:	Endorsement
Licensee population trend:	Increasing
Type of Exam:	National Board Exam; Jurisprudence Exam

Statistical Information FY 2006 - 2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees
Optometry	693

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	3
Investigations:	15
Dispositions:	7
Dismissed:	8
Stay of Suspension through 2 Modifications of Board Order	1
Letters of Caution:	0

Board of Psychology

Program Description:

The Board regulates practitioners of psychology, accepts applications and conducts examinations for candidates to practice psychology in South Carolina. The Board has adopted a code of ethics governing licensed psychologists. The Board investigates complaints and provides discipline.

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Telephone:	(803) 896-4664
Fax:	(803) 896-4719
Internet Web site:	http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Psychology/
Administrator:	Patricia F. Glenn glennp@llr.sc.gov
Assistant Deputy Director:	Ruby Brice
Board established:	1968
S.C. Code of Laws:	40-55-10, et. seq.
Regulation:	Chapter 100
Board member slots:	8
How appointed:	By the Governor
Board meetings:	At least 5 meetings annually

Licensure Information:	
Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	50 States
Licensure Period:	Biennially 12/1-11/30
Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted:	Endorsement
Licensee Population Trend:	Increasing
Type of Exam:	Written Exam- National Exam Oral Exam - Board Administers

Statistical Information FY 2006 - 2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees
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Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	7
Investigations:	10
Dispositions:	5
Dismissed	3
Cease and Desist	1
Formal Complaints	1

Board of Physical Therapy**Program Description:**

The Board administers, coordinates and enforces regulations relating to physical therapy in South Carolina. This involves the registration of all physical therapists and physical therapist assistants. The Board evaluates qualifications of applicants and investigates persons engaged in the practice of physical therapy in order to protect the public from unauthorized and unqualified practitioners.

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(803) 896-4655

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(803) 896-4719

Internet Web site:<http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/PhysicalTherapy/>**Administrator:**

Veronica Reynolds
reynoldsv@llr.sc.gov

Assistant Deputy Director:

Ruby Brice

Board Established:

1952

S.C. Code of Laws:

40-45-10, et. seq.

Regulation:

101-1, et. seq.

Board Member Slots:

9

How Appointed:

By the Governor

Board meetings:

Quarterly

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	50 States
Licensure Period:	Biennial 1/1-12/31
Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted:	Endorsement
Licensee Population Trend:	Increasing
Type of Exam:	National

Statistical Information FY 2006 -2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	3,469
Physical Therapist	2,308
Physical Therapist Provisional	0
Physical Therapist Assistant	1,158
Physical Therapist Assistant Provisional	3

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	12
Investigations:	79
Dispositions:	59
Dismissed:	59
Consent Agreements:	1
Final Order:	1
Relinquishment	1

Board of Podiatry

Program Description:

This Board issues licenses to qualified practitioners in podiatric medicine who have received proper training and education in the field. The Board investigates consumer complaints and provides discipline if necessary.

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Columbia, SC 29211-1289

Telephone: (803) 896-4685
Fax: (803) 896-4515
Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Podiatry/>
Administrator: Bruce Duke
dukeb@llr.sc.gov
Assistant Deputy Director: Ruby Brice
Board Established: 1935
S.C. Code of Laws: 40-51-10, et. seq.
Regulation: 134-10, et. seq.
Board Member Slots: 5
How Appointed: Congressional district election, candidates are then confirmed by the Governor with advice and consent of S.C. Senate

Board meetings: Semi-annual

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession: 50 States
Licensure Period: Biennial 1/1-12/31
Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted: No
Licensee Population Trend: Increasing
Type of Exam: National exam and Board-administered practical exam; PMLEXIS exam

Statistical Information FY 2006 - 2007

Licensee Category	Number of Licensees
Podiatrist	154

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	1
Investigations:	11
Dispositions:	11
Dismissed:	8
Letter of Caution	2

Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Psycho-Educational Specialists

Program Description:

The Board maintains quality counseling and therapeutic services in South Carolina by licensing qualified professionals. The Board provides examinations and licenses for professional counselors, marriage and family therapists, and psycho-educational specialists who have received appropriate education, experience, and have passed the required examination. The Board investigates complaints and disciplines when necessary.

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Telephone: (803) 896-4658
Fax: (803) 896-4719
Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Counselors/>
Administrator: Kate K. Cox
coxk@llr.sc.gov
Ruby Brice
1985

Assistant Deputy Director:
Board Established: 1985
S.C. Code of Laws: 40-75-10, et. seq.
Regulation: 36-10, et. seq.
Board Member Slots: 9
How Appointed: By the Governor
Board meetings: Quarterly

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession: 50 States
Licensure Period: Biennially 9/1-8/31
Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted: Endorsement
Licensee Population Trend: Fluctuating
Type of Exam: National Exam

Statistical Information FY 2006 - 2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	2403
Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	1,490
Licensed Professional Counselor – Interns (LPC-I)	221
Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist (LMFT)	222
Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist - Interns (LMFT-I)	21
Licensed Professional Counselor – Supervisor (LPC-S)	225
Licensed Professional Counselor – Supervisor In Training (LPC-SIT)	3
Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist – Supervisor (LMFT-S)	39
Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist – Supervisor In Training (LMFT/SIT)	0
Licensed Professional Educational Specialist (LPES)	182

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	16
Investigations:	45
Dispositions:	24
Dismissals:	12
Formal Accusations:	2
Letters of Caution:	4
Reinstatements:	1
Revocation:	1
Consent Order with Conditions:	1
Cease & Desist	1

Board of Social Work Examiners

Program Description:

The Board reviews applicant credentials and licenses social workers that practice in the state. The Board licenses five levels of social workers. The Board investigates complaints against licensees and disciplines licensees when it is determined to be necessary.

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Telephone: (803) 896-4665
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Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/SocialWorkers/>
Administrator: Patricia F. Glenn
glennp@llr.sc.gov

Assistant Deputy Director: Ruby Brice
Board Established: 1968
S.C. Code of Laws: 40-63-5, et. seq.
Regulation: Chapter 110
Board Member Slots: 7
How Appointed: By the Governor with S.C. Senate confirmation
Board meetings: At least 5 annually

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession: 50 States
Licensure Period: Biennially 1/1-12/31
Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted: Reciprocity
Licensee Population Trend: Increasing
Type of Exam: National Written Exam

Statistical Information FY 2006 - 2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	3,971
Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker (LBSW)	1,081
Licensed Masters Social Worker (LMSW)	1,860
Licensed Independent Social Worker – Clinical Practice (LISW-CP)	900
Licensed Independent Social Worker – Advanced Practice (LISW-AP)	32
Licensed Independent Social Worker - CP & AP (Dual)	78

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	28
Investigations:	47
Dispositions:	18
Dismissed	12
Cease and Desist	3
Hearings	5
Formal Complaints	4

Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Program Description:

This Board's primary responsibility is to protect the public through the regulation of professionals who practice Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology. The Board investigates complaints and disciplines when necessary.

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Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Speech/>
Administrator: Veronica Reynolds
 reynoldsv@llr.sc.gov
Assistant Deputy Director: Ruby Brice
Board Established: 1974
S.C. Code of Laws: 40-67-5, et. seq.
Regulation: 115-1, et. seq.
Board Member Slots: 5
How Appointed: By the Governor with advice and consent of the S.C. Senate
Board meetings: Quarterly

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession: 48 States
 Licensure Period: Biennially 4/1-3/31
 Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted: Endorsement
 Licensee Population Trend: Same
 Type of Exam: National

Statistical Information FY 2006 - 2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	1,408
Speech-Language Pathologist	1,208
Speech-Language Pathologist – Intern	35
Speech-Language Pathologist – Assistant	9
Audiologist	156
Audiologist – Intern	0

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	8
Investigations:	25
Dispositions:	15
Dismissed:	7
Letter of Caution:	2
Consent Agreement:	2
Final Order:	0

Board of Veterinary Examiners

Program Description:

The Board of Veterinary Examiners aims to protect citizens by ensuring that only qualified and competent veterinary practitioners and animal health technicians operate in South Carolina. The Board establishes requirements for practitioners and enforces those requirements. The Board investigates complaints and disciplines when necessary.

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Telephone: (803) 896-4598
Fax: (803) 896-4719
Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Veterinary/>
Administrator: Sondra D. Stephenson
 stephensons@llr.sc.gov
Assistant Deputy Director: Ruby Brice
Board Established: 1920
S.C. Code of Laws: 40-69-10, et. seq.

Regulation: 120-10, et. seq.
Board Member Slots: 9
How Appointed: Election by district; Top two candidates submitted to Governor
Board meetings: 4 Annually

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession: 50 States
 Licensure Period: Biennially 1/1-12/31
 Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted: Neither
 Licensee Population Trend: Increasing
 Type of Exam: National exam and Board exam on S.C. rules and regulations

Statistical Information FY 2006 - 2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	1,463
Veterinarian	1,296
Animal Health Technician	167

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	59
Investigations:	115
Formal Complaints	6
Cease & Desist Orders	4
Consent Agreements	1
Dismissed:	52
Pending/Continuances	3
Letters of Concern:	13
Total Adjudications	79

Office Business and Related Services (OBRS)

Occupational and professional licensing boards in the Office of Business and Related Services include:

- Board of Accountancy
- Athletic Commission
- Auctioneers Commission
- Board of Barber Examiners
- Cemetery and Perpetual Care Board
- Board of Cosmetology
- Board of Dentistry
- Board of Registration for Foresters
- Board of Funeral Service
- Board of Registration for Geologists
- Long Term Health Care Administrators Board
- Massage and Bodywork Panel
- Board of Pharmacy
- Pilotage Commission

Board of Accountancy

Program Description:

The Board examines applicants and issues certificates and licenses to certified public accountant, public accountant, and accounting practitioners. The Board may discipline certificate and license holders, prescribe rules and regulations, investigate complaints, and in general, regulate the practice of accounting in South Carolina.

Mailing Address:

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Telephone:

(803) 896-4770

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(803) 896-4554

Internet Web site:

<http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/accountancy>

Administrator:

Doris E. Cubitt, CPA
cubittd@llr.sc.gov

Assistant Deputy Director:

Randall L. Bryant

Board Established:

1915

S.C. Code of Laws:

40-2, et. seq.

Regulation:

1-21, et. seq.

Board Member Slots:

9

How Appointed:

By the Governor, recommendation profession association

Board Meetings:

6 annually

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	50 states, 5 jurisdictions
Endorsement Accepted:	Endorsement
Licensee Population Trend:	Increasing
Licensing Period	January 1 - December 31

Statistical Information FY 2006-2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	8,093
Certified Public Accountants	5,122
Public Accountants	20
Accounting Practitioners	136

Accounting Firms In-State Registration	1,137
Accounting Firms Out-of-State Registration	403
Practice Privilege Registration	1,275

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	32
Investigations:	30
Dispositions:	33
Board Action	1
Cease and Desist	6
Consent Orders	4
Dismissed (Licensee)	14
Dismissed (Unlicensed)	3
Letter of Concern	1
Revocation	2
Revocation/Permanent	1
Voluntary Surrender	1

Athletic Commission

Program Description:

The Commission directs, manages and controls professional boxing, wrestling, sparring events, exhibitions and performances occurring in South Carolina. The Commission stresses protection of the participants of permitted events. The Commission inspects event and applies disciplinary actions whenever necessary in accordance with State and Federal laws.

Mailing Address:

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P.O. Box 11329
Columbia, S.C. 29211-1329

Telephone:

(803) 896-4571

Fax:

(803) 896-4484

Internet Web site:

<http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/athletic/>

Administrator:

Randall L. Bryant
bryantl@llr.sc.gov

Assistant Deputy Director:

Randall L. Bryant

Board Established:

1984

S.C. Code of Laws:

40-81, et. seq.

Regulation:

20-10, et. seq.

Board Member Slots:

8

How Appointed:

By the Governor

Board Meetings:

2 Annually

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	42 states, 0 jurisdictions
Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:	Neither
Licensee Population Trend:	Fluctuating
Licensing Period	Annually January 1

Statistical Information FY 2006-2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	807
Announcer	11
Boxer	88
Judge	10
Kick Boxer	0
Manager	6
Second	67
OTSB	248
Promoter	20

Referee	20
Timekeeper	5
Trainer	3
Wrestler	211
Boxing Permits	17
Kick Boxing Permits	0
OTSB Permits	8
Wrestling Permits	93

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	1
Investigations:	0
Inspections	0
Dispositions:	0

Auctioneers Commission

Program Description:

The Commission is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Auctioneers' Law, which establishes specific standards of conduct for practitioners to protect the public. Auctioneers, apprentice auctioneers and auction firms are licensed and regulated.

Mailing Address:	110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Bldg PO Box 11329 Columbia, S.C. 29211-1329
Telephone:	(803) 896-4853
Fax:	(803) 896-4484
Internet Web site:	http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/auctioneers
Administrator:	Lenora Addison-Miles milesl@llr.sc.gov
Assistant Deputy Director:	Randall Bryant
Board Established:	1977
S.C. Code of Laws:	40-6 et. seq.
Regulation:	14-10, et. seq.
Board Member Slots:	5
How Appointed:	By the Governor
Board Meetings:	Quarterly

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	17 states, 0 jurisdictions
Endorsement Accepted:	Reciprocity
Licensee Population Trend:	Increasing
Licensing Period	Biennial June 30

Statistical Information FY 2006-2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	1,284
Auctioneers	1,120
Auction firms	164

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	13
Investigations:	30
Dispositions:	14
Dismissed (Licensee)	14

Board of Barber Examiners

Program Description:

The Board is responsible for licensing all barbers, barbershops, barber colleges, and instructors. The Board is also responsible for conducting examinations of barbers and instructors. Regular inspections are made in all barbershops and barber schools. In addition, the Board investigates complaints and provides discipline when necessary.

Mailing Address:

110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Bldg
PO Box 11329
Columbia, S.C. 29111-1329

Telephone:

(803) 896-4491

Fax:

(803) 896-4484

Internet Web site:

<http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/barber>

Administrator:

Eddie L. Jones
jonese@llr.sc.gov

Assistant Deputy Director:

Randall L. Bryant

Board Established:

1937

S.C. Code of Laws:

40-7, et. seq.

Regulation:

17-10, et. seq.

Board Member Slots:

6

How Appointed:

By the Governor

Board Meetings:

Bi-Monthly

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	44 states, 0 jurisdictions
Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:	Endorsement
Licensee Population Trend:	Increasing
Licensing Period	Biennially 6/30

Statistical Information FY 2006-2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	8,513
Registered Barbers	2,066
Apprentice Barbers	119
Master Hair Care Specialist	2,182
Shampoo Assistant	9
Manicurist	12
Barber Shop License	1,558
Barber School License	24
Instructor License	495
Student Permit	561
On-the-job Training Permit	322
Hair Braiders Registration	1,077
On-the-job Training Manicurist	2
Master Hair Care Apprentice	86

Complaint / Investigation / Inspection Information

Complaints Received:	8
Investigations:	9
Inspections:	872
Dispositions:	7
Dismissed (Licensee)	3
Citations	4

S.C. Perpetual Care Cemetery Board

Program Description:

Perpetual Care Cemeteries are regulated to insure that the trust funds held for the cemetery are administered with sound business practice to ensure that funds are available in perpetuity for the care and maintenance of the cemetery.

Mailing Address: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingtree Bldg
PO Box 11329
Columbia, S.C. 29211-1329

Telephone: (803) 896-4677
Fax: (803) 896-4484
Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/cemetery>
Administrator: Doris E. Cubitt
cubittd@llr.sc.gov
Randall L. Bryant

Assistant Deputy Director: 2003
Board Established: 40-8, et. seq.
S.C. Code of Laws: None
Regulation: 7
Board Member Slots: By the Governor
How Appointed: Quarterly
Board Meetings:

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession: 40 states, 0 jurisdictions
Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted: None
Licensee Population Trend: Decreasing
Licensing Period: Annually 12/31

Statistical Information FY 2006-2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
Perpetual Care Cemeteries	115

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	24
Investigations:	31
Inspections:	
Dispositions:	10
Consent Agreements	2
Dismissed (Licensee)	8

Board of Cosmetology

Program Description:

The Board licenses and regulates cosmetologist, cosmetology instructors, cosmetology schools, salons, booth renters, nail technicians, estheticians. The Board investigates complaints and disciplines when appropriate.

Mailing Address: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingtree Bldg
PO Box 11329
Columbia, S.C. 29211-1329

Telephone: (803) 896-4568
Fax: (803) 896-4484
Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/cosmetology>
Administrator: Eddie L. Jones

Assistant Deputy Director:	jonese@llr.sc.gov
Board Established:	Randall L. Bryant
S.C. Code of Laws:	1934
Regulation:	40-13, et. seq.
Board Member Slots:	35-10, et. seq.
How Appointed:	7
Board Meetings:	By the Governor
	Bi-Monthly

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	44 states, 0 jurisdictions
Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:	Endorsement
Licensee Population Trend:	Decreasing
Practitioners Licensing Period	Practitioner Biennially 3/10
Salons and Schools Licensing Period	Salons Biennially 6/30

Statistical Information FY 2006-2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	30,985
Booth Renters	4,056
Esthetician	942
Instructors Estheticians	28
Instructors Nail Technicians	18
Instructors Registered Cosmetologist	508
Nail Technicians	2,909
Registered Cosmetologist	16,556
Salons	5,874
Schools	94

Complaint / Investigation / Inspection Information

Complaints Received:	22
Investigations:	54
Inspections:	3,921
Dispositions:	32
Cease and Desist	2
Citation	2
Complaint Dismissed	2
Consent Agreement/Public	6
Dismissed (License)	18
Dismissed (Unlicensed)	2

Statistical Information FY 2005 - 2006

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	33,490
Registered Cosmetologist	18,236
Esthetician	907
Nail Technician	3,059
Booth Renter	4,420
Cosmetology School	90
Cosmetology Instructor	530
Esthetician Instructor	26
Nail Technician Instructor	21
Salon	6,201

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	50
Investigations:	43
Inspections:	6,274
Dispositions:	
Dismissed:	36
Hearings:	0

- Consent Orders: 0
- Pending: 18

Board of Dentistry

Program Description:

The Board oversees examinations, licensing certification, annual re-registration and regulation of dentists, dental hygienists, dental laboratory, technicians, and ortho-technicians in South Carolina. The Board investigates complaints, conducts disciplinary hearings, and maintains data for the public, state and federal agencies.

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Telephone:	(803) 896-4596
Fax:	(803) 896-4599
Internet Web site:	http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/dentistry
Administrator:	Kennard Buxton buxtonk@llr.sc.gov
Assistant Deputy Director:	Randall L. Bryant
Board Established:	1875
S.C. Code of Laws:	40-15, et. seq.
Regulation:	39-10, et. seq.
Board Member Slots:	9
How Appointed:	By the Governor
Board Meetings:	4-5 Annually

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	50 states, 3 jurisdictions
Endorsement Accepted:	Neither
Licensee Population Trend:	Increasing
Licensing Period	7/1 to 6/30 (Annually)

Statistical Information FY 2006-2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	8,756
Dental Assistant	3,282
Dentist	2,479
Dental Hygienist	2,784
Dental Instructor	4
Dental Instructor Specialist	8
Orthodontic Technician	10
Dental Technician	164
Dental Volunteer	19
Volunteer Hygienist	1
Volunteer Specialist	5

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	110
Investigations:	194
Dispositions:	77
Cease and Desist	4
Consent Agreement/Public	6
Dismissed (Licensee)	51
Letter of Caution	13
Letter of Reinstatement Denied	1
No Issue Found	1
Public Reprimand	1

Board of Registration for Foresters

Program Description:

The Board registers those who are qualified by education and experience to perform professional forestry work for private landowners, wood using industries, state and federal agencies and other woodland owners. It receives complaints, conducts investigations and levies appropriate actions against those who violate the forestry laws.

Mailing Address: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Bldg
P.O. Box 1329
Columbia, S.C. 29211-1329

Telephone: (803) 896-4498
Fax: (803) 896-4484
Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/forestry>
Administrator: Lenora Addison-Miles
milesl@llr.sc.gov
Randall L. Bryant

Assistant Deputy Director: 1961
Board Established: 48-27, et. seq.
S.C. Code of Laws: 53-1, et. seq.
Regulation: 7
Board Member Slots: By Governor
How Appointed: Quarterly
Board Meetings:

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession: 15 states, 0 jurisdictions
Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted: Reciprocity
Licensee Population Trend: Decreasing
Licensing Period: Biennial June 30

Statistical Information FY 2006-2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
Registered Forester	806

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	0
Investigations:	0
Inspections:	0
Dispositions:	0

Board of Funeral Service

Program Description:

The Board of Funeral Service regulates standards for funeral service, including embalmers and funeral directors. The Board issues funeral home permits and licenses, provides regular inspections for funeral homes, and keeps records of apprentices. The Board maintains a file of public complaints concerning licensees and the disposition of complaints.

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Telephone: (803) 896-4497
Fax: (803) 896-4484
Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/funeral>
Administrator: Doris E. Cubitt

Assistant Deputy Director:	cubittd@llr.sc.gov Randall L. Bryant
Board Established:	1955
S.C. Code of Laws:	40-19, et.seq.
Regulation:	57-01, et. seq.
Board Member Slots:	11
How Appointed:	By the Governor
Board Meetings:	6 Annually

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	50 states, 0 jurisdictions
Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:	Endorsement
Licensee Population Trend:	Increasing
Licensing Period	

Statistical Information FY 2006-2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	2,265
Funeral Director	661
Funeral Director and Embalmer	1,035
Funeral Establishments	528
Embalmer	41

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	40
Investigations:	21
Inspections	140
Dispositions:	20
Board Action	2
Cease and Desist	1
Consent Agreement/Public	4
Dismissed (Licensee)	9
Letter of Caution	3
Revocation	1

Board of Registration for Geologist

Program Description:

The Board administers and enforces South Carolina law governing the conduct of geologist. It evaluates qualification, receives complaints, provides discipline and supervises applicant examinations for licensure.

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P.O. Box 11329
Columbia, S.C. 29211-1329

Telephone:

(803) 896-4498

Fax:

(803) 896-4484

Internet Web site:

<http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/geologists>

Administrator:

Lenora Addison-Miles
milesl@llr.sc.gov

Assistant Deputy Director:

Randall L. Bryant

Board Established:

1986

S.C. Code of Laws:

40-77, et. seq.

Regulation:

131-1. et.seq.

Board Member Slots:

5

How Appointed:

By the Governor

Board Meetings:

Twice Annually

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	31 states, 0 jurisdictions
Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:	Both
Licensee Population Trend:	Increasing
Licensing Period	Biennial June 30

Statistical Information FY 2006-2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	641
Professional Geologist	632
Geologist In Training	9

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	1
Investigations:	2
Inspections	0
Dispositions:	1
Consent Agreement/Public	1

Board of Long Term Health Care Administrators

Program Description:

To develop and enforce standards for individuals who practice as nursing home administrators and community residential care facility administrators. The Board licenses qualifies individuals oversees continuing education for the profession, offers and administrator-in-training program, investigates complaints and takes disciplinary action when required.

Mailing Address:

110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Bldg
P.O. box 11329
Columbia, S.C. 29211-1329

Telephone:

(803) 896-4544

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(803) 896-4555

Internet Web site:

<http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/longtermhealthcare>

Administrator:

Lee Ann F. Bundrick
bundricl@llr.sc.gov

Assistant Deputy Director:

Randall. L. Bryant

Board Established:

1971

S.C. Code of Laws:

40-35, et. sq.

Regulation:

93-10, et. seq.

Board Member Slots:

10

How Appointed:

By the Governor

Board Meetings:

Quarterly

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	50 states, 0 jurisdictions
Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:	Reciprocity w/ passing score on Natl. Exam
Licensee Population Trend:	Static
Licensing Period	Annually 6/30

Statistical Information FY 2006-2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	1,010
Community Residential Care Facility Administrator (CRCFA)	573
Dual (NHA + CRCFA)	135
Nursing Home administrators (NHA)	302

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	63
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Investigations:	162
Inspections	0
Dispositions:	89
Administrative Dismissal	21
Cease and Desist	1
Consent Agreement/Public	8
Final Order	38
Letter of Caution	1
No Issue Found	14
Probation	2
Relinquish License	1
Voluntary Surrender	2

Massage / Bodywork Panel

Program Description:

Administrative licensure is provided for qualified massage / bodywork therapist. This is LLR's first administrative licensure program with an appointed advisory panel to develop standards and regulations and a separate disciplinary panel to review and determine appropriate actions for those who may be in violation of the law.

Mailing Address:

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P.O. Box 11329
Columbia, S.C. 29211-1329

Telephone:

(803) 896-4490

Fax:

(803) 896-4484

Internet Web site:

<http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/massagetherapy/>

Administrator:

Eddie L. Jones
jonesl@llr.sc.gov

Assistant Deputy Director:

Randall L. Bryant

Board Established:

1997

S.C. Code of Laws:

40-30, et. seq.

Regulation:

77-100, et. seq.

Board Member Slots:

5

How Appointed:

By the Governor

Board Meetings:

At the call of LLR

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	17 states, 0 jurisdictions
Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:	Endorsement
Licensee Population Trend:	Increasing
Licensing Period	Biennially 6/30

Statistical Information FY 2006-2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
Massage Therapist	2,881
	2,881

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	14
Investigations:	35
Inspections	0
Dispositions:	9

Cease and Desist	4
Dismissed (Licensee)	2
Dismissed (unlicensed)	2
Letter of Caution	1

Board of Pharmacy

Program Description:

The Board protects the health and safety of the public by: Enforcing laws and regulations governing pharmacies; Performing routine biennial inspections of drug outlets and pharmacies; Issuing licenses to pharmacists, permits to drug outlets and pharmacies, registrations to technicians and certifications of pharmacy technicians and pharmacy interns, administering the reciprocity process to qualified pharmacists from other states; Receiving and investigating complaints; Conducting administrative hearings against pharmacists, permit holders, technicians and interns; Developing laws and regulations necessary in the regulation of the pharmacy profession.

Mailing Address:

110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Bldg
P.O. Box 11329
Columbia, S.C. 29211-1329

Telephone:

(803) 896-4700

Fax:

(803) 896-4596

Internet Web site:

<http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/pharmacy>

Administrator:

Lee Ann F. Bundrick, R.Ph

bundricl@llr.sc.gov

Randall L. Bryant

1876

Assistant Deputy Director:

Board Established:

S.C. Code of Laws:

40-43, et. seq.

Regulation:

99-15, 99-43 et.seq

Board Member Slots:

8

How Appointed:

By the Governor

Board Meetings:

5 Annually

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	50 states, 0 jurisdictions
Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted:	Reciprocity
Licensee Population Trend:	Increasing
Licensing Period:	Annually
Pharmacist	5/1-4/30
Permits	7/1-6/30
Technician Registration	7/1-6/30

Statistical Information FY 2006-2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	16,668
Pharmacist	5,646
Pharmacist Assistant	3
Pharmacy Technician	7,079
Pharmacy Intern	628
Pharmacy	3,312

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	88
Investigations:	256
Inspections	772
Dispositions:	149

Administrative Dismissal	12
Cease and Desist	1
Citation	14
Complaint Dismissed with No Action	1
Consent Agreement/Public	41
Dismissed (Licensee)	23
Final Order	3
Letter of Caution	21
Public Reprimand	1
Relinquish License	15
Revocation	11
Revocation/Permanent	1
Suspension	4
Voluntary Surrender	1

Pilotage Commission

Program Description:

No licenses are issued through LLR. The Commission licenses qualified harbor pilots for the ports of Charleston, Port Royal, Georgetown and/or Little River. The Commission approves all applicants and places them into the apprenticeship program for training and qualification for licensure. The Commission takes appropriate disciplinary action when necessary.

Mailing Address:

110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Bldg
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Columbia, S.C. 29211-1329

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Fax:

(803)896-4484

Internet Web site:

<http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/pilotage>

Administrator:

Randall L. Bryant
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Randall L. Bryant

Assistant Deputy Director:

Board Established:

1872

S.C. Code of Laws:

54-15, et.seq.

Regulation:

136-01, et.seq.

Board Member Slots:

16

How Appointed:

13 by the governor, 3 ex-officio

Board Meetings:

Monthly

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession: 26 states, 0 jurisdictions

Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted: Neither

Licensee Population Trend: N/A

Licensing Period

Statistical Information FY 2006-2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
Pilots	20

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received: 0

Investigations: 0

Inspections: 0

Dispositions: 0

Office of Property, Environmental, Design and Construction Services (OPEDACS)

Occupational and professional licensing boards in the Office of Property, Environmental, Design and Construction Services include:

- Board of Architectural Examiners
- Building Code Council
- Contractors' Licensing Board
- Engineers and Land Surveyors Board
- Environmental Certification Board
- Manufactured Housing Board
- Real Estate Appraisers Board
- Real Estate Commission
- Residential Builders Commission

Board of Architectural Examiners

Program Description:

The Board's mission is to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of South Carolina by registering and regulating architects to ensure competent practitioners in the profession. The Board establishes standards of conduct, investigates complaints, and engages in disciplinary action when necessary.

Mailing Address:

110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Bldg., Suite 201
P.O. Box 11419
Columbia, S.C. 29211-1419

Telephone:

(803) 896-4408

Fax:

(803) 896-4427

Internet Web site:

<http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Architects/>

Administrator:

Jan B. Simpson
simpsonj@llr.sc.gov

Assistant Deputy Director:

Robert L. Selman

Board Established:

1917

S.C. Code of Laws:

40-3, et. seq.

Regulation:

11-1, et. seq.

Board Member Slots:

6

How Appointed:

By Governor

Board Meetings:

5 Annually

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:

55 jurisdictions

Licensure Period:

Individual

Annually 7/1 to 6/30

Firms

Annually 1/1 to 12/31

Endorsement Accepted:

Reciprocity

Licensee Population Trend:

Increasing

Statistical Information FY 2006 - 2007

Licensee Category:

Number of Licensees:

Individual

4,885

Firm

3,659

1,226

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:

31

Investigations:	62
Dispositions:	43
Cease and Desist	8
Consent Agreement	10
Dismissed (Licensee)	4
Indefinite Suspension	1
Letter of Caution	19
No Investigation	1

Boilers Safety Program

Program Description:

The Boiler Safety Program (2005 Act 59) was passed by the South Carolina General Assembly May 18, 2005, requiring the S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) to promulgate regulations for safe installation and inspection of boilers.

The legislation establishes certification requirements for boiler inspectors and provides for boiler inspection timeframes, criteria and reporting requirements. Beginning June 1, 2006, each boiler used, or proposed to be used in South Carolina, must be registered with LLR and inspected annually or biennially. The registration deadline was May 31, 2007.

Mailing Address:

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(803) 896-5171
(803) 896-4404

Telephone:

Fax:

Internet Web site:

<http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Boilers/>

Administrator:

Michael Anderson
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Assistant Deputy Director:

Robert Selman

Board Established:

2005

S.C. Code of Laws:

Title 41, Chapter 14

Regulation:

S.C. Regulation 71, Article 9

Board Member Slots:

How Appointed:

Board Meetings:

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	50 states, jurisdictions
Licensure Period:	
Boiler Inspector	Every 5 years
Endorsement Accepted:	
Licensee Population Trend:	

Statistical Information FY 2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	99
Boiler Inspector	99
Boiler Registrations	3,609

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	0
Investigations:	0
Dispositions:	0

Building Codes Council

Program Description:

The Building Codes Council approves modifications to codes submitted for use by municipalities and counties. The Council assures statewide consistency by adopting nationally recognized building codes. The Council also monitors the design, construction and sale of modular buildings offered for sale within South Carolina. In addition, the Council registers building code enforcement officers and administers the state accessibility statute and regulations.

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Telephone:	(803) 896-4688
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Internet Web site:	http://www.llronline.com/POL/BCC/
Administrator:	Gary F. Wiggins wigginsg@llr.sc.gov
Assistant Deputy Director:	Robert L. Selman
Board Established:	1972 – Building Codes Program 1974 – Accessibility Program 1984 – Modular Buildings Program 1997 – Code Enforcement Officers Program
S.C. Code of Laws:	6-8, et. seq. (Bldg. Code Enforcement Officers) 6-9, et. seq. (Building Codes) 10-5, et. seq. (Const. & Renov. of Pub. Bldgs.) 23-43, et. seq. (Modular Bldgs. Const. Act)
Regulation:	8-105, et. seq. (BBC Regis., Fees & Disciplinary Procedures) 8-210, et. seq. (BCC Administration) 19-400, et. seq. (Barrier Free Design Standard) 19-460, et. seq. (Modular Bldg. Const. Act)
Board Member Slots:	Code Enforcement Officers Registration Program and the Modular Building Program are represented by the same 16 members
How Appointed:	Code Enforcement Officers Registration Program and the Modular Building Program are appointed by the Governor
Board Meetings:	The Council meets quarterly and at the call of the Chair

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	36 states, jurisdictions
Licensure Period:	Biennially
Endorsement Accepted:	None
Licensee Population Trend:	Static

Statistical Information FY 2006 -2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	1,000
Modular Manufacturer	126
Building Official	651
Modular Manufacturer Representative	191
Modular Third Party	9

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	15
Investigations:	21
Dispositions:	11
Cease and Desist	1
Letter of Caution	1
No Issue Found	8
No Jurisdiction	1

Statistical Information FY 2006 - 2007

BUILDING CODES COUNCIL- Code Enforcement Officers Registration	
Licensee Category	Number of Licensees:
	612
Building Official	122
General Combination Inspector	153
Residential Combination Inspector	92
Specialty Inspector	97
Limited	46
Provisional	102
BUILDING CODES COUNCIL – Modular Buildings Program	
Licensee Category	Number of Licensees:
	303
Modular Building Manufacturer	112
Modular Building Manufacturer's Representative	191

Complaint / Investigation Information

BUILDING CODES COUNCIL- Code Enforcement Officers Registration	
Complaints Received:	6
Investigations:	6
Dispositions:	12
Dismissed	4
Cease and Desist Orders:	1
Consent Agreements	1
Pending	5
Other (Letter of Caution)	1

Board of Contractors

Program Description:

The Board's mission is to regulate the practice of general and mechanical contracting, burglar and fire alarm system businesses and fire protection sprinkler contractors. The Board investigates complaints and disciplines contractors as necessary.

Mailing Address:

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Columbia, S.C. 29211-1329
(803) 896-4686

Telephone:

Fax:

Internet Web site:

<http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Contractors>

Administrator:

Michael Anderson
andersonm@llr.sc.gov

Assistant Deputy Director:

Robert L. Selman

Board Established:

1936

S.C. Code of Laws:

40-11 et. seq. (Gen. and mech. contractors)
40-79 et. seq. (Burglar and fire alarm contractors)
40-10 et. seq. (Fire sprinkler system contractors)
29-1 thru 10 et. seq. (Gen. and mech. contractors)
29-70 thru 110 (Fire sprinkler system contractors)

Regulation:

9

Board Member Slots:

How Appointed:

By Governor

Board Meetings:

Quarterly

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession: 50 states, jurisdictions
Licensure Period:
General Contractor Biennially even years
Mechanical Contractor Biennially odd years

Burglar Alarm	Biennially
Fire Alarm	Biennially
Fire Sprinkler	Biennially

Endorsement/Reciprocity Accepted: AL, GA, MS, NC, PA, TN, TX, UT
(Limited number of classifications)

Licensee Population Trend: Fluctuating

Statistical Information FY 2006 - 2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	15,020
General Contractor	8,201
Mechanical Contractor	5,724
Burglar Alarm	531
Fire Alarm	362
Fire Sprinkler	202

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	255
Investigations:	501
Dispositions:	266
Administrative Dismissal	3
Board Action	4
Cease and Desist	6
Citation	61
Complaint Dismissed with No Action Taken	6
Consent Agreement/Public	24
Corrective Action/Dismissed	13
Dismissed (Licensee)	116
Dismissed (Unlicensed)	10
Letter of Caution	20
No Jurisdiction	2
Revocation	1

Board of Engineers and Surveyors

Program Description:

The Board administers laws and regulations governing the practice of engineering and land surveying in the state. The Board's primary goals are to ensure that only properly qualified and competent engineers and land surveyors are licensed to practice; to promote technical competency and ethical standards consistent with the Rules of Professional Conduct applicable to engineers and land surveyors; and to appropriately discipline practitioners who are found guilty of violating laws governing engineering and land surveying.

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Columbia, S.C. 29211-1597

Telephone:

(803) 896-4422

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(803) 896-4427

Internet Web site:

<http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Engineers/>

Administrator:

Jan B. Simpson
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Assistant Deputy Director:

Robert L. Selman

Board Established:

1922

S.C. Code of Laws: 40-22, et. seq.
Regulation: 49, et. seq.
Board Member Slots: 8
How Appointed: By the Governor

Board Meetings: 5 Annually

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession: 50 states, jurisdictions
 Licensure Period:
 Engineering and Land Surveying: Biennially
 Certificate of Authorization: Biennially
 Endorsement Accepted: Reciprocity
 Licensee Population Trend: Increasing

Statistical Information FY 2006 - 2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	17,021
Engineering and Land Surveying	14,042 June 30
Certificate of Authorization	2,978 March 31

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	82
Investigations:	109
Dispositions:	81
Cease and Desist	1
Complaint Dismissed with No Action Taken	3
Consent Agreement/Public	36
Dismissed (Licensee)	24
Dismissed (Unlicensed)	1
Letter of Caution	15
Public Reprimand	1

Board of Environmental Certification

Program Description:

The purpose of the Board is to license qualified individuals to protect the environment for the citizens of South Carolina. These licensees include operators of water treatment plants, water distribution systems, wastewater treatment plants, pools and spas, well drillers and bottled water machines. If necessary, the Board will discipline individuals who do not comply with requirements.

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Internet Web site: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Environmental/>

Administrator: Dona J. Caldwell
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Assistant Deputy Director: Robert L. Selman

Board Established: 1966

S.C. Code of Laws: 40-23, et. seq.

Regulation: 51-1, et. seq.

Board Member Slots: 9

How Appointed: By Governor

Board Meetings: 6 Annually

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	50 states, jurisdictions
Licensure Period:	Annually
Biological Wastewater Operator	
Bottle Water Operator	
Swimming Pool/SPA Operator	
Water Distribution Operator	
Physical/Chemical Wastewater Operator	
Well Driller	
Water Treatment Operator	
Endorsement Accepted:	Reciprocity
Licensee Population Trend:	Static

Statistical Information FY 2006 - 2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	12,809
Biological Wastewater Operator	2,893
Bottle Water Operator	17
Swimming Pool/SPA Operator	3,030
Water Distribution Operator	2,033
Physical/Chemical Wastewater Operator	2,031
Well Driller	675
Water Treatment Operator	2,130

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	39
Investigations:	91
Dispositions:	13
Dismissed (Licensee)	9
Dismissed (Unlicensed)	1
Letter of Caution	2
Letter of Warning	1

Board of Manufactured Housing

Program Description:

The Board enforces and coordinates federal and state laws governing the manufactured housing (mobile home) industry. The Board licenses manufacturers, retail dealerships, sales persons, contractors, installers and repair persons. The Board investigates consumer complaints against licensees. The Board is the administrative agency for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and is required to investigate and enforce federal manufactured housing construction and safety standards.

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Telephone:	(803) 896-4682
Fax:	(803) 896-4814
Internet Web site:	http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/ManufacturedHousing
Administrator:	David F. Bennett bennettd@llr.sc.gov
Assistant Deputy Director:	Robert L. Selman
Board Established:	1976
S.C. Code of Laws:	40-29, et. seq.
Regulation:	79, et. seq
Board Member Slots:	10 members and 1 ex-officio member
How Appointed:	By Governor
Board Meetings:	Bi-monthly

Licensure Information:

Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	22 states, jurisdictions
Licensure Period:	Biennially
Endorsement Accepted:	No
Licensee Population Trend:	Fluctuating

Statistical Information FY 2006 -2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	1,063
Manufactured Housing Contractor	222
Retail Dealer	264
Manufacturer	51
Manufactured Housing Installer	35
Manufactured Housing Repairer	6
Multi-Lot Salesperson/ Retail Salesperson	484

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	81
Investigations:	141
Dispositions:	99
Admin Fine/Monetary Penalty & Another Action	1
Administrative Dismissal	1
Board Action	5
Cease and Desist	1
Complaint Dismissed with No Action Taken	1
Dismissed (Licensee)	1
Dismissed (Unlicensed)	85
Order/Bond Claim	1
Probation	1
Suspension	1

Real Estate Appraisers Board**Program Description:**

The Board establishes qualifications for appraiser certification and licensure, administers examinations, investigates complaints, provides discipline, and regulates all other matters pertaining to the conduct and activities of real estate appraisers.

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Telephone:	(803) 896-4400
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Internet Web site:	http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/REAB/
Administrator:	John R. Pitts pittsj@llr.sc.gov
Assistant Deputy Director:	Robert L. Selman
Board Established:	1991
S.C. Code of Laws:	40-60, et. seq.
Regulation:	137, et. seq.
Board Member Slots:	7
How Appointed:	By the Governor
Board Meetings:	Quarterly

Licensure Information:	
Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	50 states, jurisdictions
Licensure Period:	

Real Estate Appraisers Licenses	Annually
Endorsement Accepted:	Endorsement
Licensee Population Trend:	Increasing

Statistical Information FY 2006 -2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	3,282
All Real Estate Appraisers:	3,282
Apprentice Appraiser	879
Certified General Appraiser	787
Certified General Mass Appraiser	16
Certified Residential Appraiser	927
Certified Residential Mass Appraiser	32
Licensed Appraiser	573
Licensed Mass Appraiser	68

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	87
Investigations:	121
Dispositions:	63
Civil Penalty and Reprimand	1
Complaint Dismissed with No Action Taken	1
Consent Agreement/Public	13
Dismissed (Licensee)	29
Dismissed (Unlicensed)	1
Letter of Caution	10
No Investigation	2
Relinquish License	3
Revocation	2
Voluntary Surrender	1

Real Estate Commission

Program Description:

As a regulatory office, the Commission establishes qualifications for licensure to practice real estate, ensures licensee compliance, disciplines licensees for violations of the law, and recommends legislation, which protects the public without stifling innovation and growth within the real estate industry.

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Internet Web site:	http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/REC/
Administrator:	John R. Pitts pittsj@llr.sc.gov
Assistant Deputy Director:	Robert L. Selman
Board Established:	1956
S.C. Code of Laws:	40-57, et. seq.
Regulation:	105, et. seq.
Board Member Slots:	9
How Appointed:	House and Senate members elect one person from each congressional district; Governor appoints two public members; Commission elects one at-large member.
Board Meetings:	6 Annually
Licensure Information:	
Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	50 states, jurisdictions

Real Estate Licensure Period: Biennially, June
 Endorsement Accepted: Reciprocity
 Endorsement or Reciprocity Accepted: (GA, NC, KY & WV):
 Other states must take S.C. licensing exam.
 (The Commission renews half its licensees each year-approx. 20,000 each June.)
 Licensee Population Trend: Increasing

Statistical Information FY 2006 -2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	49,649
Active Real Estate Licensees:	49,649
Broker	5,230
Broker In Charge	7,515
Property Manager In charge	844
Property Manager	1,134
Salesman	24,202
Salesman (Provisional)	3,007
Inactive Broker	1,718
Inactive Property Manager	537
Inactive Salesman	5,334
Timeshare Registrant	128

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	369
Investigations:	311
Dispositions:	219
Cease and Desist	6
Complaint Dismissed and No Action Taken	4
Consent Agreement/Public	26
Corrective Action/Public	28
Dismissed (Licensee)	130
Indefinite Suspension	1
Letter of Caution	12
Probation	1
Public Reprimand	1
Revocation	2
Suspension	1
Voluntary Surrender	1

Residential Builders Commission

Program Description:

The Commission licenses all residential builders and registers all specialty contractors in residential construction doing business in the state. Additionally, the Commission receives and investigates complaints from homeowners who are having problems with builders or specialty contractors.

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(803) 896-4696

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(803) 896-4656

Internet Web site:

<http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/ResidentialBuilders>

Administrator:

Charles W. McAlister
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Assistant Deputy Director:

Robert Selman

Board Established:

1974

S.C. Code of Laws:

40-59, et. seq.

Regulation:

106, et. seq.

Board Member Slots:	7
How Appointed:	By the Governor
Board Meetings:	Monthly
Licensure Information:	
Number of states and jurisdictions that license same profession:	5 states, jurisdictions
Licensure Period:	Biennially
Endorsement Accepted:	Reciprocity
Licensee Population Trend:	Increasing

Statistical Information FY 2006 - 2007

Licensee Category:	Number of Licensees:
	27,122
Home Builders	10,373
COA Certificate of Authorization	25
Electrical	2,047
HVAC Heating and Air	830
Home Builders Inspector	1,415
Plumbing	1,373
Specialty	11,059

Complaint / Investigation Information

Complaints Received:	618
Investigations:	1,328
Dispositions:	918
Administrative Dismissal	18
Board Action	2
Cease and Desist	5
Citation	230
Complaint Dismissed with No Action Taken	9
Consent Agreement/Public	32
Corrective Action/Dismissed	2
Dismissed (Licensee)	430
Dismissed (Unlicensed)	10
Letter of Caution	46
No Issue Found	7
Order	33
Order -- Do Not Renew	61
Order/Bond Claim	23
Revocation	9
Voluntary Surrender	1

Division of Fire and Life Safety

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The Division of Fire and Life Safety serves as the fire safety focal point for South Carolina, maintaining a statewide delivery system for fire prevention, protection and training services. The division provides leadership, guidance and services needed by the fire service to carry out its responsibilities at the local level. The Office of the State Fire Marshal and the S.C. Fire Academy comprise the division.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal also has licensing and permitting responsibilities for all LP Gas dealers, installers and resellers; public firework displays; proximate audience fireworks displays; explosives storage, use manufacture, and sale; and fire equipment dealers statewide. The State Fire Academy provides training to the fire service – paid, volunteer and industrial. The Academy also provides training for police, emergency medical services personnel and other emergency response personnel. The Fire Academy is South Carolina's franchisee of the National Fire Academy.

Emergency Preparedness, Firefighter Mobilization and Urban Search and Rescue

Under the State's Emergency Operations Plan, the Fire and Life Safety Division is coordinator for Emergency Support Function (ESF) 9 – Search and Rescue and co-coordinator for ESF 4 – Structural Firefighting. Utilizing a collaborative effort, personnel from the State Fire Marshal's Office and the S.C. Fire Academy participate in staffing the Emergency Operations Center at S.C.EMD and at the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Staff also coordinates training, participates in drills and assists in the coordination and development of standard operating guidelines regarding emergency support functions. Since adoption of the Firefighters Mobilization Plan (FFMP), 206 fire departments and 3,774 firefighters have registered. ESF4 and 9 utilize the FFMP to help local jurisdictions mitigate situations that exceed its resources. The Firefighter Mobilization Committee oversees the FFMP. This committee is made up of senior personnel from across the state in the fire protection field. One of the assets available to Firefighter Mobilization is the Type I USAR Team.

The USAR team is comprised of 200 fire service personnel from around the state, including doctors, communication personnel and others. The team was equipped from Department of Homeland Security grants.

Office of State Fire Marshal (SFM)

Deputy Director/State Fire Marshal

John Reich

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Program Description:

The Office of State Fire Marshal has regulatory responsibility to ensure compliance with state fire safety regulations. This is accomplished through inspection activities by deputy state fire marshals in the field, code consultation and plans review services provided by the Engineering Services Section. This office also has the responsibility to certify and provide training for all the local (resident) state fire marshals.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal has statewide licensing and permitting responsibilities for all LP Gas dealers, installers and resellers, public firework displays, proximate audience fireworks displays, explosives storage, use manufacture and sale and fire equipment dealers.

FY 07 Statistical Information

BLASTING LICENSURE INFORMATION:	
Blasters (Individual) Licensed	172
Blasting Permits	364
Magazine Permits	223
LP GAS LICENSURE INFORMATION:	
Companies licensed for LP Gas	785
FIRE EQUIPMENT LICENSURE INFORMATION:	
Fire Equipment Companies Licensed	136
Fire Equipment Permits (Individual)	511
FIREWORKS/PYRO LICENSURE INFORMATION:	
CLASS B (PROFESSIONAL)	
Shooters Licensed	183
Fireworks Display Permits	513
CLASS C (COMMON)/PYROTECHNIC SAFETY	
Wholesalers Licensed	49
Jobbers Licensed	8
Storage Facilities Licensed	8
Retailers Licensed	637
Inspections	69
Investigations	12

Office of State Fire Marshal

Deputy Director/State Fire Marshal

John Reich

Program: Field Services

Program Description:

The Field Services deputies conducted 14,765 life safety inspections in 2006-2007 (average of 14 deputies). Five new deputies are being trained. This year tablets were purchased for more storage space on the electronic inspection process that was converted to last year. The Office of State Fire Marshal hired a full-time training coordinator to conduct training for certified fire marshals. During the year, local fire inspectors/marshals attended quarterly training specifically for fire inspectors at the Fire Academy. The office conducted training and testing for the State Fire Marshal certification program. The office also conducted multiple training classes for local inspectors. These classes were for national certification. These training and certification programs are in addition to the training programs offered on the national and local level and are intended to increase the quality of inspections and inspectors statewide.

Number of Certified Inspectors:	598
Total number of Inspections:	89,172

FY 07 Statistical Information

Staff Positions	Number of Personnel
State Fire Marshal	1
Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal	1
Deputy State Fire Marshals	14
Engineers	5
Training Coordinator/Instructor	1
Pyrotechnic Safety Program Coordinator	1
Support Staff	5

FY 03 - FY 07 Statistical Information

Office of State Fire Marshal (SFM)	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07
Inspections Per Deputy SFM	1,348	1,321	1,184	1,019	1,019
Inspections Completed by Deputy SFMs	20,228	19,814	14,213	14,266	14,266
Total Cited	N/A	N/A	N/A	8,886	8,886
Local Fire Inspectors Certified by SFM	1,046	580	507	537	598
Inspections Conducted by Local Fire Departments Reporting to SFM	3,256	38,411	80,723	40,513	89,172
Total Violations Cited by Locals	N/A	N/A	N/A	36,939	80,299
Fire Marshal Education Courses Delivered:					
Total Number of Courses	N/A	N/A	N/A	32	37
Total Number of Students Attending	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,028	1,157

Office of State Fire Marshal

Deputy Director/State Fire Marshal

John Reich

Program: Engineering Services

Program Description:

The engineering section provides technical assistance to design professionals, other state agencies, local building officials, local fire officials, contractors and builders. Additionally, they are responsible for reviewing building construction plans for facilities such as dormitories, places of assembly, prisons and jails. The engineering section is also responsible for all sprinkler plan reviews, plan reviews for aboveground storage of flammable and combustible liquids at service stations and all propane plant installations. The engineering section performs plan reviews of other facilities when requested by the local building or fire officials and assists in revisions to the State Fire Marshal certification course when necessary. When requested, the section assists in teaching quarterly training.

Engineers:	5
Total number of plan reviews	2,817

FY 05 – FY 07 Statistical Information

TYPE OF PLAN REVIEWS:	FY05 Number of Plan Reviews	FY06 Number of Plan Reviews	FY07 Number of Plan Reviews
Building	245	329	268
Alarm	149	196	122
Above Ground Storage	13	25	24
FM200 Systems	10	4	6
Propane System	38	77	283
Sprinkler – Above Ground	1,640	1,808	1,775
Sprinkler – Underground	281	292	339
Total Number of Plan Reviews	2,376	2,731	2,817

Office of the State Fire Marshal

Deputy Director /State Fire Marshal
Administrator

John Reich
Sondra Senn

Program: Public Fire Safety Education and Data Management

Program Description:

The Office of the State Fire Marshal is responsible for several programs to educate the public on fire safety. The "Get Alarmed, South Carolina" program's main goal is to lower fire deaths by education and to provide smoke alarms to high-risk citizens. This includes the elderly, economically depressed and disabled. Smoke alarms are provided through donations and grants.

"Freddie the Fire Cat" is a comprehensive fire safety educational curriculum for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. To date, more than 285,000 students have received this annual program. The curriculum is available on LLR's Web site for downloading. The curriculum has been revised for teaching children with autism, visual impairments and the Spanish-speaking population. The curriculum was distributed to all elementary school district superintendents. Other programs are given throughout the year to groups, including S.C. Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, Carolina Health Care, S.C. State Firefighter's Association, S.C. Fire Marshals Association and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. Monthly news releases are distributed on fire education issues. The office also coordinates a statewide Fire Prevention Month campaign.

A fire safety curriculum designed for pre-school children (day cares, head-starts, k-4) was implemented statewide through a partnership with DHEC and the United Way. A funding request through the BIC Corporation provided resources this project. Two hundred sets of curriculum were distributed through a teach-the-teacher workshop held at the S.C. Fire Academy.

The "Spray It Forward" training program was developed by the staff of the Public Fire Education and Data Management for fire service personnel. The curriculum identifies standardized teaching objectives for each specific age groups so that consistent messages will be conveyed to children throughout the state. The program is designed to be delivered at local fire departments, therefore, making it possible to reach all personnel within each fire department.

State law requires the office to collect and analyze data on fire incidents through the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS), which was created for fire departments in South Carolina. After a fire department responds to an incident, a report is completed. These statistics are analyzed by: county, cause, presence of a smoke alarm, age of fire death victim and structure of building. This statistical information represents more than half of the state's population, which is provided by 230 participating fire departments through the Fire Incident Reporting System.

Based on NFIRS data, four major fire problem areas were identified for which fire education programs were developed to address high-risk audiences: fires involving older Americans; fires involving heating and cooking; fires involving alcohol, drugs and smoking; and fires at college dormitories/student housing.

To be eligible to receive federal funding, fire departments must participate in NFIRS. This requirement increases the demand for technical training and, in turn, increases department participation from 165 to 274. To accommodate training, the Division found it necessary to purchase equipment that would allow for a mobile computer training lab. This enables on-site training at the S.C. Fire Academy and in other regions. Through the S.C. Fire Incident Reporting class, almost 300 firefighters have been trained.

Annual funding awarded to South Carolina fire departments through the Assistance to Firefighter Grants:

▪ \$5,257,960	2002
▪ \$12,109,960	2003
▪ \$14,074,032	2004
▪ \$10,544,419	2005
▪ \$7,826,531	2006

To provide fire and life safety programs for school and family audiences, the Division of Fire and Life Safety and EdVenture Children's Museum entered into an agreement to provide personnel and program support for Dalmatian Station (a fire safety exhibit) within EdVenture. Two division staff members and two part-time public fire safety retirees are responsible for program development, delivery and outreach activities. Twelve new fire and life safety programs have been developed for this purpose and are utilized through various training and educational opportunities. New initiatives to expand the scope of educating young children are being developed, utilizing puppetry and characterization programs.

Increased educational efforts have attributed to the decrease in fire deaths over the past 20 years, decreasing South Carolina fire deaths by more than 50 percent.

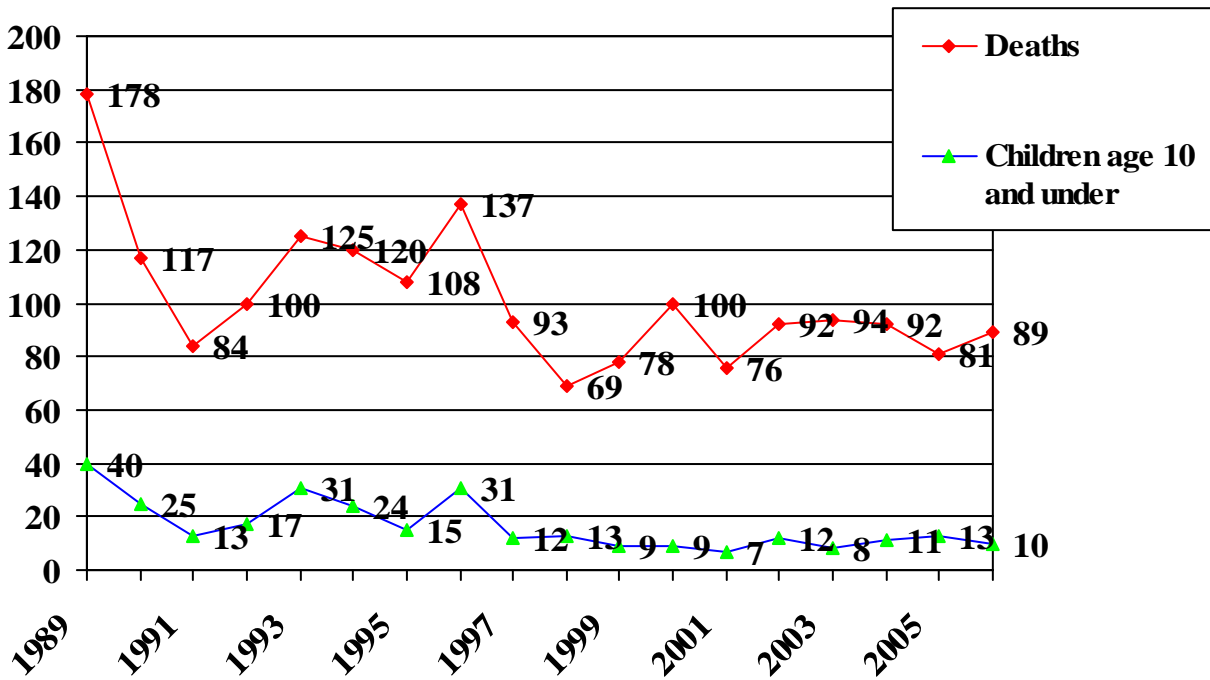
Full-Time Public Fire Education Officers	2
Part-Time Public Fire Education Officers	2
Information Resource Coordinator	1
Number of Students Receiving Freddie Curriculum	285,000
Smoke Alarms Installed	5,000
S.C.FIRS Participating Fire Departments	274
S.C.FIRS Training Programs	10
S.C.FIRS Data Analysis Classes	0
Firefighters Trained on S.C.FIRS	290
New Fire and Life Safety Programs	12
Dalmatian Station Public Outreach	200,000
Fire Safety Camps	7
Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Programs	1
Spray It Forward Training Program for Firefighters	8

Program: Fire Incident Reporting

Program Description:

State law requires the office to collect and analyze data on fire fatalities. This is accomplished through the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) created for fire departments in South Carolina.

S.C. FIRE DEATHS 1989 through 2006



South Carolina Fire Academy

**Deputy Director/State Fire Marshal
Superintendent**

**John Reich
Ed Roper**

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Program Description:

The Fire Academy's mission is to provide statewide training for fire service personnel: paid, volunteer, airport crash rescue firefighters, industrial fire brigade and other emergency response personnel. This training includes the skills necessary to provide basic incident command and control for emergency operations involving fire, rescue, hazardous materials, and weapons of mass destruction incidents. The Fire Academy provides basic and advanced training for firefighters, fire officers, instructors and fire department support functions, which include public fire education, fire prevention, inspections and fire investigations.

To meet customer demand, training classes are conducted seven days per week, both day and night, and on many state holidays. A training day is defined as an 8-hour training period. A large percentage of classes are more than a single 8-hour day. In FY07, there were 838 training days (average 3.49 classes per day) based on the 240-day state work year. The Fire Academy conducted programs on its site on 304 days, compared to the 240-state work year.

Training is based upon the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards. The Fire Academy also focuses its programs on the Fallen Firefighters Foundation's 16 Life Safety Initiatives and its "Everyone Goes Home" program, which focuses on firefighter safety. Over the past 10 years, an average of 100 firefighters across the nation lost their lives in the line of duty. South Carolina had the most tragic event in the US since 9/11, when nine Charleston firefighters died in the Super Sofa Store fire. This tragic event shows that firefighting operations and firefighter safety must take a many-pronged approach to public fire safety education, fire codes, fire inspection, fire safety design and built-in fire protection systems from the basic firefighter, company officer, fire inspector, arson investigator, public fire safety educator, instructor, hazardous materials, special rescue and the Fire Chief. The Fire Academy offers 86 courses at all levels to meet the fire service needs from the basic to the most advanced in all areas of fire and emergency services.

The Fire Academy offers an "Open Enrollment" option that allows non-fire service personnel to attend certain basic training courses. The Fire Academy, working with the Boy Scouts of America, established a new avenue to allow 16 and 17 year old persons who are in an Explorer Learning for Life program to attend the 1152 Fundamentals of Basic Interior Structural Firefighting course. Once they turn 18 years of age, the certificate will be valid.

Fire and emergency service training requires a combination of classroom instruction and hands-on skill training, using special tools and equipment. It requires several instructors per course to ensure safety of students and instructors, and to evaluate students for required skill competency.

Since July 1995, the Fire Academy has been operating on a 208-acre site four miles northwest of Columbia off Monticello Road. The site has 13 buildings with more than 100,000 square feet of temperature-controlled floor space. This includes the Fire Marshal's office; an administration building; five classrooms; a 200-seat auditorium; a dormitory that sleeps 116; cafeteria; five-story drill tower with smoke maze; six-bay fire station with living quarters; an instructor building; student processing center; maintenance building and shop; a Class A burn building and a computer-controlled LP gas fire burn building; 10 flammable liquid and gas live-fire training props; two computer-controlled 737 aircraft burn training props constructed with a FAA grant; and confined space rescue, hazardous materials and USAR heavy rescue training area props. A 50' X 90' large area search building (which is used, especially for the Rescue-the-Rescuer and Self-Rescue courses), a trench rescue prop, and a collapse prop were added to

the US&R training area. This has improved site safety and the ability to deliver advanced and specialized courses.

The Fire Academy has acquired 12 lap tops and two note book computers and routers for its new incident command simulation course.

A construction bid has been awarded for a new 17,000 square foot US&R/fire station, with groundbreaking in September 2007. The new building will have three classrooms and additional living quarters to deliver additional 1151, seven-week firefighter candidates' courses.

The Fire Academy has three separate program areas related to training: regional training, resident training and curriculum. The curriculum section includes developing and revising lesson plans, controlling and maintaining all course tests and the test bank, ordering and maintaining all book inventories, AV support, instructor certification, IFSAC certification and accreditation program and equivalency processing and approval. The facilities maintenance team provides maintenance and janitorial service for the 208-acre site, buildings, props, support equipment, vehicles and the dormitory operation. Our second support group is the cafeteria and retail store. Feeding its customers is part of the total package the Fire Academy must provide to its customers - paid, volunteer and industrial firefighters.

South Carolina has approximately 450 fire departments with about 14,000 firefighters. In FY07, the South Carolina Fire Academy conducted 1,690 courses for a total of 20,010 students.

The Fire Academy receives no appropriated funding. However, the Fire Academy receives part of a one percent fee on fire insurance premiums; a .035 percent of one percent fee on fire insurance; and fees the fire service pays for most courses. The Fire Academy also sells courses to industry. The one percent money totaled \$2,599,350 (up \$242,031 from FY 06). The .035% money totaled \$2,401,566 (up \$73,538). Generated revenue course fees and sales were \$1,466,749 (down \$43,215). Industrial revenue, which is part of sales, was off slightly. The Fire Academy budget underwrites, to some degree, all municipal programs, except programs conducted with federal grant funding. Instructor training workshops and updates are provided free. This helps ensure its instructors have up-to-date knowledge and technical skills. Training is provided to the military, and industry at a higher, but fair and reasonable fee. In FY 07, we opened its courses to law enforcement, rescue squads and emergency service organizations for the fire department fee schedule. This improves the student cost ratio.

FY 01 – FY07 Statistical Information

Fire Academy	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07
Total programs delivered	1,461	1,661	1,435	1,661	2,118	1,631	1,690
Total students trained	16,075	20,765	17,259	18,271	27,280*	21,211	22,010

*In FY05, 5,051 students took a special WMD training-in-house course.

Program: Curriculum, IFSAC Accreditation, Testing, Certification and Instructor Training and Certification

Assistant Superintendent

Russ Friar, 5 staff members

Program Description:

The Fire Academy maintains an instructor certification program for more than 750 part-time instructors, who teach courses at the Fire Academy and in its local fire departments. The instructor certification system involves establishing requirements for entry-level instructors and the re-certification of existing instructors. Part-time instructors are classified into two different areas: adjunct instructors and Fire Academy-certified instructors.

The Fire Academy offers a firefighter certification program accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC). This year the Fire Academy added three IFSAC certification levels, Driver/Operator -Mobile Water Supply, Fire Instructor II, and Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist for

a total of 14 certification levels. These include Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Driver/Operator-Pumper, Driver/Operator-Aerial, Instructor I, Fire Officer I, Fire Inspector I, Aircraft Rescue Firefighter, Fire and Life Safety Educator, Hazardous Materials-Operations and ARFF Driver/Operator.

In FY07, 2,131 firefighters entered the certification program. After testing, 1,764 successfully completed the program and earned IFSAC certification. The pass rate was 82.78 percent. Since 1993, the Fire Academy has awarded 9,849 IFSAC certificates in the Certification Program.

FY 06 – FY 07 IFSAC Testing Statistical Information

Discipline	FY 06 Tested	Passed	Pass Rate	FY 07 Tested	Passed	Pass Rate
Firefighter I	777	678	87.26%	615	511	83.09%
Firefighter I Challenge	103	96	93.20%	88	87	98.86%
Firefighter II	544	485	89.15%	562	488	86.83%
Firefighter II Challenge	80	73	91.25%	71	68	95.77%
Driver/Pumper Operator	68	48	70.59%	88	52	59.09%
Airport Firefighter	125	117	93.60%	70	65	92.86%
Instructor I	164	151	92.07%	246	180	73.17%
Fire Officer I	289	222	76.82%	85	82	96.47%
Haz Mat Ops	158	110	69.62%	142	100	70.42%
Fire & Life Safety Educator	29	22	75.86%	36	29	80.56%
Fire Inspector I	11	11	100%	9	9	100.00%
Driver Operator/ARFF	14	14	100.00%	14	14	100.00%
Driver Operator/Aerial	30	16	53.33%	26	17	65.38%
Driver Operator Mobile Water Supply*	NA	NA	NA	36	33	91.67%
Fire Instructor II*	NA	NA	NA	20	20	100%
Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist*	NA	NA	NA	1	1	100%
TOTAL	2,392	2,043	84.82%	2,109	1,756	83.26%

*Driver Operator Mobile Water Supply, Fire Instructor II and Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist FY 07 are all new IFSAC certification levels

The Fire Academy has an additional 90 non-certification courses. These courses require routine reviews to ensure they are current and up-to-date due to changing national standards and techniques. Complete development of a new course may also be required if a need is determined during the review period.

We issued 266 reciprocities and 162 equivalences to in-state fire fighters.

We completed a rewrite of the following:

- 2719 Haz Mat Refresher course
- 1139 Rescue the Rescuer course and added the National Program
- “Mayday Mayday” into the course

- 1205 Responder in Private Vehicle course
- Developed and delivered 4172, the new Fire Instructor II course

Program: Regional Training

Superintendent

Ed Roper, 7 full-time staff members; 3 part time

Program Description:

Regional training key to the delivery of Fire Academy courses to fire service customers. A majority of Fire Academy courses are conducted in the regions at the local fire department. The Fire Academy has seven regions, served by six regional offices. There are four full-time regional offices. The Florence office serves two regions, 3 and 4. There is a part-time position to assist with Region 3. Region 6 and 7 are staffed with part-time employees.

Regional offices interact daily with the municipal fire service and schedule training programs to be conducted at local fire departments or at the regional offices. The Fire Academy works in every region to meet the fire service needs. In FY06, 66 percent of the courses delivered in the region were requested courses. The regions also work closely with the Resident Training section with hazmat and rescue programs due to the demand for instructors and equipment needed to conduct these courses. The regions are responsible for maintaining regional facilities and equipment. In the event of an emergency, regional coordinators are on-call 24 hours. Regional coordinators visit fire departments and attend chief, firefighter and instructor association meetings/conferences to ensure customer needs are being met. Coordinators interface with ACI and adjunct instructors.

Regional operations allows the Fire Academy to meet customer needs by providing courses at local departments and are conducted to meet schedule demands. With 80 percent of the state's fire service being volunteers, this flexibility is the only way to provide needed training. Most courses have written tests, as well as hands-on skill evaluations, that the student must pass to complete the course. Many regional courses require a live burn. It must be conducted at an approved burn facility such as the S.C. Fire Academy.

Number Regional offices:	7
Regions	Location
1	Greenville
2	Rock Hill
3 & 4	Florence
5	Charleston
6	Columbia
7	Newberry

FY04 - FY07 Statistical Information

Type of Regional Municipal Programs	Number of Courses	Number of Courses	Number of Courses	Number of Courses
	FY 04	FY05	FY06	FY07
In-house Training	456	483	410	361
Catalog Programs	334	387	324	404
Requested Courses	300	429	293	211
Revenue Sponsored Courses	3	3	NA	0
Military	NA	NA	NA	0
Grant Courses	39	78	82	69
TOTALS	1,132	1,380	1,109	1,082

Program: Resident Training

Administrator

Phillip Russell, 9 Staff Persons

Program Description:

Resident training includes courses offered at the Fire Academy's main campus. This includes municipal programs that require special burn props or special equipment. Examples include flammable liquid and gas firefighting courses and special heavy rescue and water rescue courses.

The resident training section is responsible for marketing and providing all industrial training. Industrial revenue is a key funding source. For many industries, a trained fire brigade and emergency teams are crucial to plant operation. The Fire Academy offers consultation and site visits to assist industries with fire brigade organization and to customize training courses to meet specific needs.

The Fire Academy took delivery of a new Aircraft Rescue Firefighter crash truck. This new vehicle was purchased through a grant from the S.C. Aeronautics Commission, a FAA grant of \$732,411, and S.C.FA budgeted funds of \$46,971 - for a total cost of \$779,382. This specialized crash truck has a 3,000 gallon water tank, a 1,850-gpm pump, a 400-gallon foam tank and a 500-pound. dry chemical extinguishing system with 200-foot. hose line. It has a 50-foot. elevating turrent nozzle with a high flow of 1,000-gpm and a low flow of 500-gpm, a special 300-gpm piecing nozzle and a 300-gpm bumper turrent. A FLEIR (thermal imager camera) is provided on the unit that allows better vision if operating in fog when visibility is near zero. This unit allows us to expand the ARFF training to airport fire departments that have this large style crash truck.

Resident Training also supports regional activities by providing props, instructors and equipment to support regionally delivered programs.

FY06 – FY07 Statistical Information

Type of Resident Training Programs	Number of Programs FY06	Number of Students FY06	Number of Programs FY07	Number of Students FY07
Municipal resident programs	275	6,721	330	8,845
Burn Building Support	21	348	23	370
Grant Programs*	37	657	35	551
Firefighter Candidate School	4	78	4	73
Industrial Courses	136	1,854	101	1,656
ARFF	34	382	29	229
Total Number	507	10,040	522	11,724

The Resident Training area utilizes 34 different trailers to augment regionally delivered programs across the state. Resident staff regularly inventory, provide maintenance, calibrate and prepare trailers for Fire Academy courses. Many of these trailers have in excess of \$100,000 worth of equipment to assist with Fire Academy programs, or to be used during a declared state of emergency. In FY 2007, the Fire Academy purchased one new hazardous materials trailer to add to existing fleet to meet demand, and purchased four regional burn-support trailers to use during regional burn activities and provide needed safety and training equipment.

The following trailers are available for regional use:

- Haz-Mat Technician Trailers 4
- Haz-Mat Operation Trailers 10
- Confined Space Rescue Trailers 3
- Rope Operations Trailers 2
- Auto-Extrication Trailers 3
- S.C.BA Trailers 3
- LP Gas Prop Trailer 1
- Water Operations Trailer 1
- Trench / Shoring Trailer 1
- Industrial Fire Brigade Trailer 1
- Utility Trailer 1
- Regional Burn Support Trailers 4

