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## May is Law Enforcement Appreciation Month

During this month, let's show our support for our nation's police officers who put a badge on each day and carry out dangerous duties on their jobs. We must remember that law enforcement officers are someone's mother, father, sister, brother, son, and daughter, etc. Each day they use their skills to do their job safely to ensure they make it home to their families.

On average, one law enforcement officer is killed in the line of duty somewhere in the United States every 61 hours. Let's show support of our police officers:

- ◆ Ask children in your community to write letters in support of local law enforcement
- ◆ Send a card of support to local police officers
- ◆ Share a positive story on social media regarding an experience with law enforcement
- ◆ Host an event designed to foster avenues of communication and cooperation between the police and the community

During Law Enforcement Appreciation Month, we support and recognize all those who stand on the front lines and continue to keep our cities safe.



Chief Holbrook

*"Law Enforcement Appreciation Month presents an opportunity each May for recognition and remembrance of those who have chosen a life of public service in protection of our communities. It is also an opportunity for law enforcement to bring positive attention to our profession through community engagement and activities. I look forward to celebrating South Carolina Law Enforcement achievements and honoring our Heroes who have fallen," said Columbia Police Chief Holbrook.*

*Police Chief W. H. "Skip" Holbrook, was appointed Chief of the Columbia Police Department in 2014. Chief Holbrook is dedicated to working in partnership with the City Manager, Mayor, Council and the community to fight crime, reduce fear and improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods.*



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# Community Relations

*“Community Relations” is the fostering of better relationships within a community through organized efforts to bring together cross-sections of people to resolve mutual issues which include, but are not limited to, law enforcement, education, business practices, government, and public accommodations.*

May is also Community Relations Month. Here are a few details about the SC Human Affairs Commission’s Community Relations Councils:

**A council may serve as a forum for hearing citizens’ grievances and complaints relative to human relations with a view toward:**

- Solving problems before they become a State or Federal crisis situation requiring official intervention and working as;
- A conciliation mechanism between factions experiencing differences;
- A bridge between local officials and citizens and also;
- Building relationships and facilitating communication between people and entities in the community.

We hope to establish Community Relations Councils (CRCs) in all 46 counties of our state. Will you join us in this endeavor? Let’s work together to foster goodwill and mutual understanding and respect for all of the people of South Carolina. Call or email our office to ask how you can be a part of your county’s CRC.

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