

SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

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Governor



MARK A. KEEL
Chief

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Dear Critical Infrastructure Partner,

South Carolina Governor's Executive Order 2003-02 designated the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) as the lead state agency for counterterrorism issues. In support of this mandate and in cooperation with the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the SLED Office of Homeland Security (OHS) manages the Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources (CIKR) Protection Plan for our state. Critical Infrastructure includes those assets, systems, and networks (physical or virtual) so vital to South Carolina that their incapacitation or destruction would have a debilitating effect on security, economic security, public health or safety, or any combination thereof, to the state or region. Key resources are publicly or privately controlled resources essential to the minimal operations of the economy or government.

The SC CIKR protection plan compliments the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP) and the SC Homeland Security Strategy in the ongoing effort to identify, deter, detect, disrupt and prepare for threats and hazards to the State's critical infrastructure. Some of the components of SLED's OHS/CIKR program include:

1. Private sector partner outreach to assist critical infrastructure and key resource owners and operators with risk assessment tools, on site assistance visits, Business Continuity Plans, and employee training opportunities, as well as sharing sector information resources.
2. Coordination with state agencies and local first responders (Law Enforcement, Fire, and EMS) and emergency management officials to support training programs and equipment procurement to help provide an adequate response capability to threats against state critical infrastructure.
3. Maintenance of a state critical infrastructure and key resources database used for asset risk management, analysis, and security of Protected Critical Infrastructure Information (PCII).



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South Carolina's well-being relies upon secure and resilient critical infrastructure. To achieve this goal, critical infrastructure partners must collectively identify priorities, articulate clear goals to mitigate risk, measure progress, and adapt to the changing environment. The partner community includes owner operators; Federal, State, local, and tribal governments; non-profit organizations; and academia. Managing risk from potential threats and hazards to physical and cyber critical infrastructure requires an integrated approach and cooperation across this diverse community. Our intent is to provide a mechanism to promote public and private sector cooperation and leverage the full spectrum of capabilities, expertise, and experience across the infrastructure community and associated stakeholders in South Carolina.

We welcome your help in identifying existing or proposed private sector homeland security initiatives, working groups, and information resources. Participation, while non-obligatory, will only enhance the protection of SC Critical infrastructure as well as improve the safety and welfare of our families, friends, and neighbors.

If you have questions or want to know more about the SC CIKR Protection Program and how it may benefit your organization, please contact me at (803) 737-9000 or the CIKR Coordinator in the SLED Office of Homeland Security at (803) 896-3863 or (803) 331-4037.

Sincerely,

[Signed 01.30.2015]

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