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## Region Four Newsletter

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# “Cops on Top of Doughnut Shops”



*Special Olympics*  
*South Carolina*

The Richland County Sheriff's Department has been a leader in the Special Olympics movement for many years, and the Richland County Sheriff's Department would love for you to join us as we raise funds to benefit the **Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics South Carolina** -- 100% of monies raised goes directly to our local athletes for training, equipment, and travel.

On Wednesday, September 21, 2011 until September 23, 2011 come on out to Krispy Kreme Doughnut Shops, 110 Clemson Road (Clemson Road and I-20), in Cayce (Knox Abbott Drive), in Lexington (5594 A Sunset Boulevard), and in Columbia (6614 Garners Ferry Road). Law enforcement officers will be joining forces on top of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts for 3 full days and nights! Krispy Kreme has been a wonderful partner and the Richland County Sheriff's Department is proud to be teaming up for such a great cause! Your donations will go directly towards Special Olympics South Carolina.

Sheriff Leon Lott states that Special Olympics South Carolina provides year-round sports training and competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. By participating in sports, physical fitness and healthcare education programs, Special Olympics South Carolina athletes increase self-confidence and social skills, improve physical and motor skills, and have better success in leading more productive and independent lives.

For more information please contact Deputy Debo Hayes at 518-6022 or Sue Maner at Special Olympics (772-1555; ext. 304)

### RCSD MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Richland County Sheriff's Department to improve the quality of life of the citizens of Richland County by maintaining a high standard of professional accountability, reducing the fear of crime, and reducing the fear of retaliation from those persons who constitute the criminal element within the county. This mission will be accomplished through the collaborative efforts of the Sheriff's Department and the community, by employing effective Community Policing strategies and problem-solving techniques, supported by aggressive enforcement of Federal, State and Local Laws.

### Region 4 Command Staff



Cpt. Shampine



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*Region 4 CAT  
Deputies*



Inbound

CAT STEVEN TAPLER

518-9597



Outbound

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513-9622

# Car Safety

Park in well-lighted areas and lock your car—even if you're just running into the store for a minute. Never leave your purse, briefcase or gym bag in your car. Place them in the trunk.

Always lock your vehicle doors after entering and leaving the vehicle.

Have your keys in your hands and ready to go so you don't have to linger before entering your car.

Before getting into your car, check the backseat and floor. Get into your vehicle and lock the door immediately before settling yourself or packages.

Do not burden yourself with too many packages or bags. Ask a store clerk or security to assist you if you have too much to carry.

If you think you are being followed, drive to a well-lit public place that you know is open, and run inside for help.

Don't stop to help disabled motorists. Go to a phone to request help for them.

When being driven home, request the driver to wait until you are safely inside.

Never leave your garage door opener inside your vehicle, especially if your car is parked in front of your house.

**crimestoppers**

**1-888-CRIME-SC**

**www.sccrimestoppers.com**

# New Copper Theft Law

On June 20, 2011 the copper theft prevention bill was signed into law. It's a bill that will go into effect August 16, 2011 and has put new requirements on anyone who wants to sell copper or other non-ferrous metals to a recycler to include catalytic converters.

Sheriff Leon Lott states that it's probably the number one crime that we have here in Richland County, it impacts everybody's lives. Richland County Sheriff's Deputies respond to numerous calls in reference to copper theft. Sheriff Leon Lott stated that this crime was such a big issue that we created a special unit at the Sheriff's Department dedicated to handling the high volume of calls to help reduce and capture these criminals. Sheriff Lott stated that the damage these thieves do to the air conditioning units costs thousands of dollars and the criminals only reap a few dollars for this dastardly act.

Sheriff Lott states that this new law prohibits recycling businesses that buy non-ferrous metals from paying cash; this is a deterrent that will keep thieves from being able to turn non-ferrous metals into quick cash.

This new law requires anyone who sells non-ferrous metals to obtain a **48 Hour Permit or an Annual Permit** for FREE at the Richland County Sheriff's Department.

**48 Hour Permits** – May be obtain anytime by calling 803-576-3000, the Richland County Sheriff's Department Desk Sergeant. Only two can be obtained during a twelve month period. When calling to obtain a permit, the caller must provide their South Carolina Driver's License or ID number and their name. If you're from another State, you must provide your state's ID number or Military ID. Callers must also give the tag number of the vehicle they will use to transport the metals. The callers Drivers License or ID number will be used as the permit number and entered into a database by the call taker.

**Annual Permits** – May be obtained Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm by appearing in the front lobby of the Richland County Sheriff's Department at 5623 Two Notch Road. Applicants will fill out the provided form for the annual permit. Anyone applying for a permit must provide a name, a valid South Carolina Driver's License or ID and tag number for the vehicle you will be using to transport the non-ferrous metal. Out of state applicants must provide a copy of their state issued identifications. **Note: This 48 Hour and annual permit applies to residents of Richland County. Applicants from other counties must acquire a permit from their county or residence to sell and transport non-ferrous metals.**

Permit Verification – Secondary recyclers will be able to verify permits issued in Richland County by accessing [www.scmets.info](http://www.scmets.info)

and clicking on the ***Recyclers Tab***. Permit numbers in Richland County will be issued by state issued identification numbers. Secondary Recyclers will be able to check 48 hour permits as well as annual permits using this website.

*Non-ferrous metal (defined) – These are metals which do not contain any iron. They are not magnetic and are usually more resistant to corrosion than ferrous metals. Commonly used examples are aluminum, copper, lead, zinc, and tin.*

# Community Events

## September Community Events/Meetings

<u>Community</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
LAKESIDE APTS	SEPT 1	4:00	CLUBHOUSE
MISTY GLEN	SEPT 6	7:00	BALLENTINE PARK
THE GROVES	SEPT 6	7:00	CLUBHOUSE
BELMONT ESTATES	SEPT 6	7:00	TBA
HOLLOWS APTS	SEPT 8	6:00	CLUBHOUSE
BRIARGATE CONDOS	SEPT 12	5:45	CLUBHOUSE
BROAD RIVER HEIGHTS	SEPT 12	6:00	CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
RIVERVIEW TERRACE	SEPT 12	6:30	EE TAYLOR ELE SCHOOL
COURTYARD CONDOS	SEPT 12	6:30	TBA
BALLENTINE CIVIC ASSOCIATION	SEPT 12	7:00	BALLENTINE PARK
EMERALD VALLEY	SEPT 12	7:15	REGION 4 HQ
HARMON HILL	SEPT 13	3:00	CLUBHOUSE
HOMEWOOD TERRACE	SEPT 13	6:30	PINEY GROVE COMM. CENTER
MILFORD PARK	SEPT 13	7:00	BALLENTINE PARK REC CENTER
DENNA BANKS	SEPT 14	3:00	CLUBHOUSE
ST ANDREWS WOODS CONDOS	SEPT 14	5:30	CLUBHOUSE
WOODS EDGE	SEPT 15	10:00	COMMUNITY CENTER
LEXINGTON GREEN CONDOS	SEPT 19	6:00	CLUBHOUSE
PINE VALLEY/KINGSWOOD	SEPT 19	6:00	COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL
CARRIAGE HOUSE	SEPT 20	4:00	BUILDING 100
CHEROKEE GARDENS	SEPT 25	7:00	TBA
ASHTON APTS	SEPT 26	6:00	CLUBHOUSE
BONNIE FOREST	SEPT 27	6:30	PINEY GROVE COMM. CENTER
CROSSROAD APTS	SEPT 29	6:00	CLUBHOUSE

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