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THE CRC NEWSLETTER

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCILS

Promoting harmony & respect among a diverse citizenry of our state



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Welcome to SCHAC Yvette Critchfield



The Community Relations and Development Department expanded its team in February 2018 to bring aboard Yvette Critchfield as a Community Relations and Development Consultant. The department currently has three consultants to include Critchfield, Saundra Ligon, Senior Community Relations and Development Consultant, and Alicia Pearson, Community Relations and Development Consultant. Critchfield has spent the last 21 years living an adventurous life as an Air Force spouse. Due to military deployments, Critchfield and her family have moved throughout the Pacific Northwest to include New Mexico and Arizona. Her family even has lived in the country of Italy! Critchfield has three wonderful children and three young grandchildren. She and her family moved to Columbia one year ago when

her husband retired from the military to be closer to family. The migration to South Carolina started six years ago when her daughter transferred to the University of South Carolina Columbia Campus from the University of Arizona; her son followed his sister and transferred to USC Columbia in the fall of 2017.

In 2001, Critchfield graduated from the University of Eastern New Mexico. One of her past positions included working for the Fred G. Acosta Job Corps Center in Tucson, Arizona, as the Business and Community Liaison where she performed a variety of duties including community relations, public relations, and government relations. She was appointed as the EEOC Officer for the Job Corps Student Living at the center. Critchfield worked with the Boy Scouts of America at the Transatlantic Headquarters in Livorno, Italy, as the Program and Events Manager and Registrar. In that position, she managed all administrative processing of Boy Scout Troops' registrations and camps throughout Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East which also included the 70th Anniversary of D-Day Camporee held in Normandy, France, to host over 6000 campers. Critchfield's last position before moving to South Carolina was Marketing Manager for Impact of Southern Arizona, a non-profit which provides services to low-income families and individuals using resources such as a food bank, clothing bank, senior center, and senior meal delivery. Critchfield is excited about this opportunity to be part of the SC Human Affairs Commission working as a consultant in the Community Relations and Development Department.



Kershaw County Community Relations Council

The ultimate goal in the Community Relations and Development Department is to create successful, diversified community relations councils in every county of South Carolina. SCHAC is proud to announce that on Tuesday, April 24, 2018, Nicholas Julian, Director of Support Services of the United Way of Kershaw County, visited the SC Human Affairs office to officially sign the Memorandum of Understanding along with Commissioner Ray Buxton II to create a community relations council in Kershaw County.

The Community Relations and Development Department established a relationship with Julian over the course of 2017 by attending the Kershaw County IMPACT group meetings, a non-profit group that meets monthly for a delicious lunch to discuss community-wide issues and resolutions. Due to the developed relationship built between Julian and SCHAC, Julian felt comfortable enough to reach out to SCHAC about his concerns for the citizens of Kershaw County who felt they were living under unfair housing conditions. The SCHAC office receives and resolves complaints of discrimination against individuals based upon a person's race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability in regards to employment, fair housing, and public accommodations. The creation of CRC in Kershaw County will allow citizens' complaints to reach our office much quicker due to the partnership and communication between both parties. SCHAC looks forward to a strong partnership with the United Way of Kershaw County for the long-term success of the Kershaw County Community Relations Council. For further information on how to be involved or become a member with the Kershaw County CRC, please contact Nicholas Julian at the United Way of Kershaw County or our consultants in the Community Relations and Development Department.



Nicholas Julian and
Commissioner Raymond Buxton II

Nicholas Julian, Alicia Pearson,
Yvette Critchfield,
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Greater Columbia Community Relations Council

The Greater Columbia Community Relations Council, a non-profit organization created to establish better race relations in the city of Columbia in 1964, is happy to announce Columbia businessman James M. McQuilla as the new Executive Director. McQuilla will fill the vacancy of former Executive Director Henri Baskins and Interim Executive Director Elliott Epps. The Community Relations Council serves to promote social progress, mutual respect and unity through dialogue, education programs and collaborative efforts which will validate the benefits of diversity and inclusion throughout Greater Columbia. Among its founders were Columbia Mayor Lester Bates, then-City Councilman Hyman Rubin, Sr., businessman Willie Lyles, Sr., USC President Thomas Jones, Attorney Lincoln C. Jenkins, and Mr. Jasper Salmond, to name a few.



McQuilla graduated from The Citadel in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He received his MBA from Winthrop University in 1994. McQuilla's resume includes almost 30 years of executive management, administration, governance, and marketing in both the public and private sector. Prior to the CRC, James was the Chief Executive for a firm specializing in federal government procurement. McQuilla also has served on numerous civic boards and committees including The Citadel Board of Visitors, Rotary, and the Boy Scouts. Throughout his extremely diversified career, Mr. McQuilla has been a champion for the quantifiable merits of diversity and inclusion.



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2018 National Police Week

The 2018 National Police Week was held from Sunday, May 13 – Saturday, May 19, 2018. In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others. National Police Week is a collaborative effort of many organizations dedicated to honoring America's law enforcement community. The principal organizers of National Police Week include: (1) National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), which produces the Candlelight Vigil, (2) Fraternal Order of Police/Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary (FOP/FOPA), which organize the Peace Officers Memorial Day Service at the U.S. Capitol, and (3) Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.), which holds the National Police Survivors' Conference.

Each year on May 13th, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund produces its annual Candlelight Vigil—a signature event of National Police Week in Washington, DC. During the Candlelight Vigil, fallen officers whose names were engraved on the Memorial's walls that spring are formally dedicated. Held on the National Mall between 4th & 7th Streets, in addition to the lighting of candles and reading of names, the Candlelight Vigil included remarks by dignitaries, and musical tributes performed to honor the memory of these fallen officers. The Annual Candlelight Vigil began in 1988 which marks its 30th Anniversary this year.

Five awards are received annually in honor of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. The awards are as follows: (1) Chairman's Award, (2) Distinguished Service Award, (3) Lifetime Achievement Award, (4) Excellence in Media Award, and (5) Officer of the Month Award.

Chairman's Award

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund "Chairman's Award" is presented to a deserving individual or organization that has assisted the Memorial Fund in its work to honor the service and sacrifice of America's law enforcement officers, and/or has positively impacted the law enforcement profession. The recipient of this award is recognized for making contributions to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and/or the National Law Enforcement Museum, or the law enforcement profession.

Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's top award. It is presented annually to "an individual or organization who has made an exceptional and lasting contribution to the law enforcement profession."



2018 National Police Week

Lifetime Achievement Award

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to a deserving individual or organization that has taken a long-term leadership role in helping the Memorial Fund in its work to honor the service and sacrifice of the law enforcement profession. The recipient of this award is recognized for making extraordinary contributions to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and/or the National Law Enforcement Museum through a body of work that have positively impacted the law enforcement community over his or her lifetime.

Excellence in Media Award

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's Excellence in Media Award is presented to individuals or groups within the journalism, news, media and/or entertainment industries who have made an exceptional contribution to the law enforcement profession.

Officer of the Month Award

Since September 1996, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund has honored a deserving officer (or set of officers) each month at the local, state or federal level—men and women who have gone above and beyond the call of duty. In addition to recognition in their own communities, Officer of the Month Award recipients are honored at a special awards reception each May in Washington, DC, during National Police Week, and they are featured in the Memorial Fund's annual calendar.

Donations are always appreciated for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. For more information on Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week, visit their website at <http://www.nleomf.org/>.



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South Carolina Law Enforcement Memorial

Law enforcement officers across South Carolina gathered to honor and remember those officers who have died in the line of duty and also those officers that were still active or retired that died in 2017. The South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association announced the annual Law Enforcement Memorial that was held on Wednesday, May 02, beginning at 11:00am. The event took place at the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy located at 5400 Broad River Road, Columbia.

“We encourage all citizens to attend this memorial as we remember those who devotedly gave their lives to guarantee safety and liberty for others,” Ryan Alphin, Executive Director of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers’ Association said. “The sacrifice of their families is truly incredible and I reassure you that these men and women will never be forgotten.”



The memorial ceremony, steeped in police tradition, paid a special tribute to those who have given their lives in the line of duty. Four fallen officers were recognized for the ultimate sacrifice to the state of South Carolina.

On April 13, 2017, Master Police Officer Jason G. Harris ended his law enforcement watch. Master Police Officer Jason Harris died of injuries he sustained in a motorcycle accident.

Officer Harris was responding to assist an officer at the scene of a burglary. He was traveling east on Union Street when his motorcycle struck the right rear side of a westbound car as it was turning left into a private driveway. Officer Harris was thrown from his 2011 Kawasaki motorcycle and seriously injured.

Officer Harris had served with the Spartanburg Police Department for 12 years. He is survived by his wife and three children.

On June 1, 2017, Deputy Sheriff Devin Hodges was killed in a boating accident while participating in a joint marine patrol training exercise with the Army Corps of Engineers at Singing Pines Recreation Area in Starr, South Carolina.

Deputy Hodges had served with the Anderson County Sheriff’s Office for six months and had served in law enforcement for eight years. He had previously served with the Lander University Department of Public Safety, Abbeville County Sheriff’s Office, Laurens County Sheriff’s Office, and the Calhoun Falls Police Department. He is survived by his wife and children.

On October 24, 2017, Trooper Daniel Rebman was killed in a vehicle crash when his patrol car was struck by another vehicle on I-385, near Bridges Road, in Greenville County.

He was parked on the shoulder of I-385 when a pickup truck left the roadway and struck his patrol car from behind at approximately 12:20 am. Trooper Rebman was transported to a local hospital where he died later.

Trooper Rebman had served with the South Carolina Highway Patrol for 13 months and was assigned to Post C. He was also a dispatcher in Greenville County for four years. Trooper Rebman is survived by his wife, three children, parents, and sister.

On December 8, 2017, Corporal James E. Chapman ended his law enforcement watch. Corporal Eric Chapman was killed in a single vehicle crash on Columbia Road, between Star Road and JET Middle School, at approximately 10:30 pm.

He was responding to back up another officer who was dealing with an armed individual when his vehicle hydroplaned. He was ejected from his vehicle as it overturned multiple times. He was transported to Augusta University Trauma Unit where he was pronounced dead shortly before midnight.

Corporal Chapman was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and had served with the Johnston Police Department for 2-1/2 years. He is survived by his wife, daughter, three stepchildren, parents, and two sisters.

Sheriff Leon Lott of the Richland County Sheriff’s Department delivered the memorial message.

Members of the community, media and surrounding areas attended to commemorate this event.



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The public is invited to attend the
Mother Emanuel Nine Day Remembrance on
June 1, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.
at the Chappelle Auditorium on the
campus of Allen University.

Keynote Speaker:
United States Assistant Attorney Julius 'Jay' Richardson

The South Carolina Human Affairs Commission honors the victims of the horrific shooting at the Mother Emanuel AME Church. The commemoration is hosted by the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and Allen University. Allen University lost three alumni, Rev. Clementa Pinckney, Rev. Daniel Simmons, and Tywanza Sanders from the massacre. Both Reverends were affiliated with the Lutheran Seminary.

Free and open to the public.



**Annual Event Calendar
for
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January
MLK/Interfaith Awareness

February
African American History

March
Women's History/End Racism Day

April
Fair Housing

May
Law Enforcement/
Community Relations

June
Disaster Preparedness/Emanuel 9
Remembrance Day, Peace & Reconciliation

July
Employment Discrimination/
Economic Opportunity

August
Youth Project/Back to School

September
Hispanic Heritage/
Cultural Diversity

October
Disability Employment Awareness

November
American Indian Heritage/
Veterans' Appreciation

December
Aging & Poverty Issues