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South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services
Assisted with Protection of the State House

Approximately 110 Agents employed by the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services (SCDPPPS) provided security, along with other law enforcement agencies, at the State Capitol Complex this week.

State law enforcement agencies from across the state were assigned to protect the State Capitol Complex from January 16th-21st, 2021. This cross-agency deployment was ordered following an FBI warning of plans for armed protests at all 50 State Capitols and Washington D.C. during the week of the Presidential inauguration.

Anywhere from five to ten SCDPPPS Agents per day manned security posts around the perimeter of the State House. Regarding the deployment, the SCDPPPS Director Jerry Adger said, "Our agency was proud to support the State House security operations. Our Agents are always willing to do their part when called on to protect the public safety."

9,674 Agent staff hours in 2020 (and 18,540 Agent staff hours in 2019) were devoted to emergency deployments & interstate lane reversals during hurricane season.

"SCDPPPS partners with SLED, DPS and DNR in response to statewide emergencies, natural disasters and special events throughout the year," said SCDPPPS Deputy Director Michael Nichols.

As of December 2020, the SCDPPPS employed 395 sworn officers statewide. SCDPPPS Agents are Class-1 certified law enforcement officers who undergo training at the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.

SCDPPPS is charged with the community supervision of nearly 24,000 offenders placed on probation by the court and paroled by the State Board of Pardons and Paroles. The Department also supervises offenders through a number of community sanctions, and helps ensure that they meet specific conditions of parole.

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