



## South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

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The Honorable Henry D. McMaster  
Governor of South Carolina  
State House  
1100 Gervais Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor McMaster,

Please allow this letter to serve as my official notice of intent to retire as Chief of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, effective December 6, 2023.

Serving as the Chief of SLED has been the honor of my career. Being the Chief of SLED is an incredibly humbling experience. I have been blessed to be surrounded by dedicated public servants who everyday strive to make South Carolina a safer place to live, work and raise a family.

Over the past 12 years, SLED has experienced tremendous growth to ensure we are providing adequate manpower and technical expertise to our local law enforcement partners. Since 2011, SLED has nearly doubled in size, with additional responsibilities being added nearly every year.

During my tenure as Chief, the Office of the Governor and the General Assembly have provided continuous support to SLED to ensure we have the resources we need to meet our mission. Your support of SLED and the entire law enforcement profession is appreciated more than you will ever know.

I ask that you please accept this notice of intent to retire effective today. Again, it has been the honor of my career working for a Governor with such deep appreciation of the agency I love so much. With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Keel".

Mark A. Keel  
Chief of SLED



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