

Youthful Offender Curfew Continues to be In Effect for First USC Football Game

Columbia S.C. (Aug. 26, 2014) - The South Carolina Department of Corrections continues to partner with local law enforcement agencies in the Midlands to ensure safety at the University of South Carolina football game on Thursday, Aug. 28, 2014. Intensive Supervision Officers at Corrections are working with law enforcement to identify Youthful Offenders under intensive supervision that violate a statewide 10:00 p.m. curfew in Entertainment Districts in the Five Points and Congaree Vista areas.

"This curfew is one way law enforcement agencies throughout the Midlands are working together to ensure the safety and security of students and citizens supporting our Gamecocks," said Bryan Stirling, Director of the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Corrections partnered with law enforcement last year in Five Points after a college football game to help identify Youthful Offenders that were in the Five Points vicinity. Additionally, the curfew has been implemented throughout the state and is in effect year-round. New this year is an earlier curfew specifically for Entertainment Districts in South Carolina's major metropolitan areas.

Local law enforcement is notified that any offender in violation as a Youthful Offender parolee in the districts identified above should be immediately detained.

The Youthful Offender Curfew Plan is part of the Young Offender Parole and Reentry Services Division at Corrections. All Youthful Offenders under the Department of Corrections jurisdiction are entered under supervision status in NCIC for the duration of their supervision. Any inquiry or arrest entered by law enforcement sends immediate notification to the agency. Those who are eligible must be less than 25 years of age at the time of conviction and have no previous Young Offender Act convictions.

Law enforcement agencies who are interested in partnering with Corrections should contact the division of YOPRS at (803) 896-1777.

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