

Southern States Correctional Association Assists South Carolina Members

As we all know, October 2015 will be remembered in South Carolina for the massive rains and flooding, with its devastating damage and loss of life. The Southern States Correctional Association, made up of correctional and law enforcement professionals from 14 Southern States, has in place a catastrophic weather assistance fund to assist its members affected by just such an event. Soon after the storm, Associate Warden George Dodkin of Livesay Correctional Institution, who serves as the South Carolina State Representative for SSCA, began contacting members to advise them of this available assistance.

Members Ms. Loretta Bookard and retired SCDC employee Mr. Robert “Bob” Petersen had sustained significant damage to their homes. A/W Dodkin relayed their information to the SSCA catastrophic weather committee for review and both were designated for assistance.

Ms. Bookard and Mr. Peterson were presented with their assistance checks by A/W Dodkin at the SC Criminal Justice Training Conference held at Myrtle Beach in November, 2015. The Southern States Correctional Association is made up of states ranging from West Virginia to Texas and was officially formed in 1969. Past Presidents of this association with SCDC connections are William D. Leake, Larry Batson, Bill Wallace, and Don Dease.



“This check is greatly appreciated. I will always be grateful to Southern States Correctional Association for coming to the needs of others. It’s an honor to be a member of such a great organization.” Ms. Bookard on receipt of an assistance check from Livesay CI Associate Warden George Dodkin.

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"I have often seen photos of people receiving assistance checks but never thought it would be me. Then on October 4, 2015, we came downstairs to find two feet of water in our home. Having to stay in a motel, eating out, repairs etc., became very expensive and your assistance helped out tremendously. It reminds us of the support from professional colleagues and how we as correctional and law enforcement people pull together in times of need." Bob Peterson on receiving this special assistance.