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Lieutenant Jerry L. Small
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180 N. Irby Street
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Re: Informal Opinion - Police Jurisdiction and Mutual Aid

Dear Lieutenant Small:

In a letter to this office you questioned whether off duty City of Florence police officers could be used to provide security services for a housing authority outside the city limits through a contractual arrangement.

Several State statutes, copies of which are enclosed, authorize law enforcement activity by municipal police officers outside their regular jurisdictions in specified instances. See: S.C. Code Ann. §§ 5-7-110, 5-7-120, 8-12-10 et seq. and 23-1-210. I am enclosing a copy of a prior opinion of this office, Op. Atty. Gen. No. 86-79 (July 11, 1986) which discusses in considerable detail the various statutes which authorize reciprocal agreements. I suggest that you consult with your city attorney and the attorney representing the housing authority with respect to the specific details of any reciprocal agreement.

This letter is an informal opinion only. It has been written by a designated Assistant Attorney General and represents the position of the undersigned attorney as to the specific questions

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asked. It has not, however, been personally scrutinized by the Attorney General nor officially published in the manner of a formal opinion.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,



Charles H. Richardson
Senior Assistant Attorney General

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