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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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Dear Mr. Morris:

In a letter to this office, you questioned whether a blanket public employees bond, a copy of which you enclosed in your letter, satisfies the statutory bonding requirements for certain unpaid state constables who are included among the employees covered by such bond. You indicated that in the past these constable-employees have been required to have individual bonds in the amount of two thousand dollars which you considered as duplicating the coverage provided by such a blanket bond.

As referenced in your letter, [§ 23-1-70, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976](#), provides that:

‘any person appointed by the Governor as constable or peace officer to serve as such without pay, who is not under bond to any county, municipality, the State, or any of its departments, before being commissioned as such officer shall first enter into good and sufficient bond in the penal sum of two thousand dollars.’

Referencing such provision and its exclusion for individuals under a prior bond, it appears that the blanket bond referenced in your letter should be considered as satisfying the requirements of [§ 23-1-70](#). Therefore, individual additional bonds for persons included in the coverage provided by such blanket bond and who are uncompensated state constables are unnecessary.

If there are any questions, please advise.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Richardson
Assistant Attorney General

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