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\*1 Mr. Thomas E. Forrester  
Fire Chief  
Boiling Springs Fire District  
Route 4  
Greer, South Carolina 29651

Dear Chief Forrester:

Unfortunately, time does not permit us to provide you a detailed response to each of the six questions asked of us concerning the administration of medical assistance by firefighters.

The Good Samaritan Statute, [Section 15-1-310 of the South Carolina Code](#) of Laws, is expressly applicable to ‘any person, who in good faith gratuitously renders emergency care at the scene of an accident or emergency’. Moreover, the statute affords protection only where the act or omission does not amount ‘to gross negligence or willful or wanton conduct.’ Those who are paid, whether directly or indirectly, to provide emergency medical assistance and who act or omit to act in a grossly negligent, willful or wanton way may be held liable for such acts or omissions.

Best wishes,

C. Tolbert Goolsby, Jr.  
Deputy Attorney General

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