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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

February 8, 1974

**\*1 Re: Qualifications of law enforcement officers.**

Sheriff Myron F. Green  
Sheriff  
Oconee County  
Walhalla, South Carolina 29691

Dear Sheriff Green:

This office has been advised by Clifford A. Moyer, Executive Director of the Criminal Justice Academy, that a misconstruction has been made of an opinion of this office dated December 8, 1972. The opinion of December 8, states that a newly employed law enforcement officer does not have to have in his possession a high school diploma at the time of his employment under the provisions of Section 53-44, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1960, as amended. This opinion applies only to qualifications at the time of appointment, and does not preclude the basic training requirements which must be completed within one year from his date of employment. The requirements after one year of employment include, among other things, a high school diploma.

I trust this will clear up any misconception which has arisen as a result of the December 8, 1972 opinion of this office.

If you have any questions concerning this I would appreciate your contacting me at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

Timothy G. Quinn  
Senior Assistant Attorney General

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