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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

November 26, 1973

**\*1 In re: Auxiliary Police Force**

Mr. Ben Dozier  
Director  
Public Safety Division  
Florence, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dozier:

You have inquired as to the police authority possessed by members of an auxiliary police force recently formed under the auspices of the Florence Police Department.

I know of no authority permitting the creation of an auxiliary police force.

If there is no such authority, the members of such a force can have no police power. Municipalities have no inherent authority beyond that specifically permitted by charter and statute.

Yours very truly,

Joseph C. Coleman  
Deputy Attorney General

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