13.1 CASE ACCEPTANCE

POLICY: 13.1
DATE: JANUARY 1, 1992
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TITLE: CASE ACCEPTANCE

RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY: APPROPRIATE MAJOR

RELATED STANDARDS/STATUTES/REFERENCES:

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GENERAL PURPOSE: To provide general guidelines for the initiation of investigations to be conducted by the Division and to describe the jurisdiction of the Division in investigative matters.

POLICY: It is the responsibility of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, through its employees, to provide professional, competent, and impartial service in matters requiring investigation, consistent with the best interest of the people of South Carolina. The jurisdiction of SLED in criminal investigations is concurrent with its statewide authority to enforce state law. The Division is authorized to conduct investigations upon its own initiative or upon request.

SPECIFIC PROCEDURES:

A. The Division may authorize investigation of matters for which it has jurisdiction.

B. The Division may accept cases requested by:

   1. The Governor;
   2. A State or Federal Prosecutor;
   3. A Chief of Police or Sheriff;
   4. A Fire Chief/Marshal;
5. A governmental entity with a criminal justice responsibility;
6. A State agency head; and
7. A private citizen with the consent of the Chief, Assistant Chief or Appropriate Major.

C. Each request should be made in writing when possible. The Chief may consider all facts and circumstances surrounding the request including, but not limited to the following:

1. The nature of the allegation;
2. The seriousness of the violation;
3. The date of the crime;
4. The frequency of the crime;
5. The availability of SLED resources; and
6. The reliability of witnesses, if known.

D. Protocols may be developed by the responsible Major as guidelines for case acceptance.

BY ORDER OF:

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CHIEF OF SLED