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Berkeley/Charleston/Dorchester (BCD) Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) Group

July 25, 2025

10:00 a.m.

5790 Casper Padgett Way

North Charleston, SC 29406

Barrett Lawrimore Conference Room

AGENDA

- 1. Call to order/Welcome & Introductions/ Prayer/Pledge**
- 2. Consideration of Minutes: April 25, 2025**
- 3. Presentation by Charleston County School District**
- 4. Old Business**
 - a. Executive ByLaws
 - b. Board Appointments
 - c. Tri-County Urban Area Security Initiative
 - d. Federal Highway Admin Safe Street And Roads
 - e. Grant
- 5. Committee Reports**
 - a. Policy & Procedures – Chief Lamoreaux
 - b. Communications – 911 Director Sam Gaither
 - c. Training – Emergency Management Patrick Dollason
 - d. Planning – Emergency Management Nic Deamer
- 6. New Business/Upcoming Events & Etc.**
- 7. Next Meeting – Scheduled for October 24, 2025**
- 8. Meeting Adjourn**

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MULTI-AGENCY COORDINATION GROUP (MAC)**

**Meeting Notes
April 25, 2025**

The Multi-Agency Coordination Group (MAC) met on Friday, April 25, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Barrett Lawrimore Conference Room at Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments, 5790 Casper Padgett Way, North Charleston, SC 29406.

Multi-Agency Group (MAC) Attendees

Rick Dangerfield; Sam Gaither; David Palawasta; Joshua Ranck; Angela Raney; Matthew Carter; Steve Jones; Nancy Peacock; Alec Dunn; Brock Clary; Stephen Davis; Matt Rhoton; Joseph Munn; Ben Webster; Kyle James; Jennifer Dantzler

Call to Order

Facilitator Kyle James, Planner II, Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Government, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. followed by welcome, introductions, quorum determination, an opening prayer by Chaplain Angela Raney, and the pledge.

Consideration of Minutes: February 28, 2025

The Multi-Agency Coordination Group (MAC) approved the February 28, 2025; Meeting Notes as presented.

Old Business

a) Recommendations for Executive Board Appointments

Rick Dangerfield, North Charleston Fire Department, Compliance Officer, and Co-Chair, informed the group that an adhoc committee reviewed the feedback from a survey that was conducted by the MAC Group. A discussion was made to create an Executive Board made up of five to six appointees/recommendations to serve on the Executive Board to help guide and direct the group going into the future. They do not have to be members of the MAC Group but, should be senior or executive level or higher in the private sector, government, or political office and be willing to serve the MAC Group without compensation. They would like to have one representative from each county, and they don't have to be a member of public safety. Mr. Dangerfield open the floor for any recommendations. Currently, all recommendations are pending.

b) BCD COG Regional Safety Action Plan Emergency Responder Survey – Kyle James

Kyle James, BCD COG, Planner II, and facilitator, Informed the group that at the last meeting feedback was provided using a survey for the Traffic Safety Needs. Now the survey is live and using the QR code that has been provided at today's meeting you can share the survey with your office to take until May 24, 2025.

Committee Reports

a) Fire Life Safety Committee Meeting Report – Joshua Ranck – Sgt. Ranck informed the group that the Fire Life Safety Committee met on Thursday, April 24, 2025, and the LCRT is currently in the 90% planning stage and the start of construction is still in place for late 2026 and completion in 2029. There was a u-turn discussion for fire apparatus specifically around Blue House Rd, Ingle Side Dr., and Hwy 78 where they have made some design changes. Their engineers drew up designs showing how the fire apparatus would make the u-turns. They briefly talked about communications between buses and each station connecting to 911 and communications between the City of Charleston and the City of North Charleston integrating with their real-time crime center software that both agencies are currently using. The LCRT will have live feed cameras or storage cameras on the buses and at the stations.

b) Policy & Procedures – No report.

c) Communications – Sam Gaither – Communications Chief Sam Gaither, Berkeley County 911, informed the group that they have Amendment III, which is the 2025 Amendment, Dorchester County has proposed an emergency

management MOU for all the emergency management departments. Dorchester also has updates to law and fire EMS, Summerville has updates to law and fire EMS and Berkeley has updates which will remove Hanahan because they are no longer independent. If nothing is received by the end of next week Chief Gaither will push out what he currently has as communications.

- d) Training – Chair Patrick Dollason** – Rick Dangerfield gave a report in absence of the Chair. They are experimenting with ReadyOp for a Tricounty regional training and exercise calendar. Dave Amann, William Rochester, Nickolas Deamer, and Patrick Dollason from Charleston County will have editing access. Once they build it out, they will share the link for others to view it. This Calendar should help everyone collaborate better on upcoming events and eliminate redundancy and conflicts. They are participating in a state-facilitated FEMA future Committee that is leaning into possible changes to the federal landscape. One possible change that will have a big impact is the loss of federal grant funding. As a part of MAC's Group Strategic Plan, they are going to be looking at other funding avenues if the grant funds are no longer available. They are also working on rebuilding a list of instructors to meet local training demands in the event they can no longer bring in outside instructors.
- e) EM Planning** – No report.

New Business

Facilitator James shared with the group that the Federal Hwy Administration (SS4A) Safe Steet and Roads for All Grant application cycle opened. This is a good opportunity to identify safety projects or supplemental planning projects. Over the past few cycles, this grant has been under-subscribed, if you apply and hit all the guidelines you may get funding.

Next meeting

The next MAC Group meeting will be on Friday, July 25, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at BCDCOG 5790 Casper Padgett Way, North Charleston, SC 29406, Barrett Lawrimore conference room.

Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Facilitator James thanked everyone for attending today's meeting and adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

Please extend an invitation to all police chiefs, sheriffs, fire chiefs, emergency managers, coroners, and other leaders from your jurisdiction and neighboring jurisdictions to come to meet with us as we work together in strengthening and improving public safety coordination, response, homeland security planning, and emergency communication.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Dantzler

Executive Board Bylaws – July 25, 2025

For the Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester (BCD) Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) Executive Board

Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1.1 – Name

The name of this body shall be the Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester (BCD) Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) Executive Board (“the Board” or “MAC Board”).

Section 1.2 – Purpose

The purpose of the Board is to foster proactive coordination, policy guidance, strategic planning and development among Fire, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Law Enforcement (LE), Dispatch/Communications (911), Emergency Management (EM), Coroners, etc. within the tri-county area.

Article II: Membership

Section 2.1 – Composition

The Board shall consist of seven members. An independent who will serve as executive director and two members from each of the three counties, each member representing one of the following public safety domains:

- Fire
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Law Enforcement (LE)
- 911
- Emergency Management (EM)
- Coroner

Section 2.2 – Member Representation

- Board membership shall maintain **equal representation** across Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties, including their municipalities and unincorporated areas.
 - Each county shall **always have exactly two representatives on the Board**.
 - The executive director is an independent role not representing any particular county or public safety domain.
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Article III: Terms and Rotation

Section 3.1 – Term Lengths

- Standard term of service shall be **2 years**, excluding that of executive director. The executive director will serve until resignation or removal by the board.
- Initial members shall serve staggered terms of **2 or 3** years to establish continuity.

Section 3.2 – Initial Term Assignments

To prevent full board turnover at once, initial staggered terms are assigned as follows:

Member Role	County	Initial Term
Fire	Berkeley	3 years
EMS	Charleston	2 years
LE	Dorchester	3 years
911	Berkeley	2 years
EM	Charleston	3 years
Coroner	Dorchester	2 years

Section 3.3 – Rotation Schedule

After initial terms, beginning CY 2028, all successors will serve 2-year terms, continuing the rotation as illustrated in the table below:

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
Fire	B	B	B	C	C	D	D	B	B
EMS	C	C	D	D	B	B	C	C	D
LE	D	D	D	B	B	C	C	D	D
911	B	B	C	C	D	D	B	B	C
EM	C	C	C	D	D	B	B	C	C
COR	D	D	B	B	C	C	D	D	B

B: Berkeley County, including municipalities and unincorporated areas

C: Charleston County, including municipalities and unincorporated areas

D: Dorchester County, including municipalities and unincorporated areas

Article IV: Nominations and Appointments

Section 4.1 – Nomination Process

- Executive Director: To avoid conflicts of interest, this person should not have any direct affiliations with any of the public safety domains making up the board. The MAC Group Policy Committee will initially appoint an executive director to serve for an unlimited term. Approval of the nominee will be confirmed by a vote from the MAC Group at large during any regularly scheduled meeting.
 - After initial appointment of an executive director, and upon such time as the position requires filling in the future, nominations for executive director may be accepted from the floor and confirmed by a majority vote from the membership at large during any regularly scheduled MAC Group meeting.
- Board Representatives: MAC Group members should be polled by county for filling board vacancies to represent their county to fill vacancies as they occur.
 - Initially, the MAC Group Policy Committee will establish the rotation schedule and appoint the first full board by county and domain matching the table provided in Section 3.3. After the initial appointment, vacancies will be filled in accordance with the first sentence of this paragraph. The presiding board will verify county and public safety domain equality prior to confirming the nominee(s) by a majority vote from the membership during any regularly scheduled MAC Group meeting.

Section 4.2 – Vacancies

- Vacancies must be filled within 90 days.
 - If a qualified candidate is unavailable, an alternate member or extension of the outgoing member's term may temporarily be utilized to maintain balance on the Board. Consultation with the executive director is encouraged and a Board consensus should be pursued prior to confirming the change.
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Article V – Governance

Section 5.1 – Executive Director and Officers

The Executive Director shall preside over all Board meetings. Board meetings will be scheduled at least two weeks in advance unless an unforeseen emergency requires

immediate attention and then the Executive Director may call a meeting providing a quorum is present.

Section 5.2 – Meetings

The Board shall meet quarterly, with special meetings called by the executive director as needed.

Section 5.3 – Quorum

A board quorum consists of 4 members, including representation from all 3 counties and the executive director.

Article VI: Amendments

Section 6-1 – Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the full Board, provided written notice is given at least 14 days prior to the vote.
