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**National Sheriffs' Association awarded CCSO Victims' Advocate Office with the 2016  
Crime Victim Services Award**

(Charleston County, SC) On June 27, 2016, on behalf of members of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Cannon and Victims' Advocate Coordinator Easter LaRoach were presented with the prestigious 2016 National Sheriffs' Association Victim Services Award at the National Sheriffs' Association Annual Conference in Minnesota, Minneapolis. The conference was held from June 27 – 30, 2016. FBI Director James Comey was the event's keynote speaker.

The National Sheriffs' Association recognizes that victim of crime have unique needs and that appropriate assistance to victims should be provided by law enforcement as early as possible in the response process. In an effort to focus more national and local attention on law enforcement services provided to victims of crime, the National Sheriffs' Association annually recognizes a Sheriff's Office that has demonstrated outstanding achievement in support of victims with the NSA Crime Victim Services Award. Established in 2005 with funding support from the Office for Victims of Crime, the award has been generously sponsored by Appriss, Inc., since 2008.

The Charleston County Sheriff's Office Victim Services Program plays a crucial role in our agency's overall mission. As a full-service law enforcement agency, the Charleston County Sheriff's Office has evolved into one of the most community oriented agencies in the State of South Carolina. Our Victim Services Program has become a model victim advocacy program for the State, as they are often called upon for their expertise. Our victim advocates willingness to serve the community reach beyond Charleston County.

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