

District 4 News

Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Fairfield, Lancaster, Union and York counties

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Maintenance crews put their lives on the line

South Carolina currently has one of the highest traffic fatality rates in the country with nearly 60 percent of fatal crashes occurring on the state's rural roadways.

SCDOT safety engineers have identified the most common factor in these crashes is vehicles departing the roadway, which occurred in nearly 50 percent of all the fatal and serious injury crashes.

In the day-to-day operations to preserve and maintain our existing transportation infrastructure, maintenance employees work to provide safety features to help mitigate the potential hazards of roadway departures on roads throughout the state.

Road marking helps to decrease the risk of roadway departures by clearly defining lanes even at night.

Work activities, such as clipping and regrading shoulders, are performed to make departures more recoverable and to allow the road to drain.

Other types of maintenance work include preparing wider clear zones on the shoulder by controlling vegetation and removing hazards to prevent collisions and to increase sight distance.

Maintenance employees all have major parts to play in our SCDOT roles to maintain, repair and rebuild our transportation network into a more safe and reliable system.



A skid steer with a forestry head waits as a buzz bar cuts limbs in the distance.



Byron Crosby works to remove a fallen tree.



Crews do shoulder regrading in Chester County.

D4 announces Spring Spruce Up totals

District 4 County	Number of Employees	Number of Bags	Weight in lbs.
Cherokee	36	457	6,855
Chester	48	528	7,920
Chesterfield	32	321	4,815
Fairfield	33	229	3,435
Lancaster	39	443	6,645
Union	29	310	4,650
York	52	600	9,000
TOTAL	269	2,888	43,320



Meet the Paint Crew

The paint crew is a district-wide crew that travels to district counties for pavement markings and other projects. This group is a tight-knit team consisting of five members that make up a portion of District 4's Pavement and Preservation organization.

The paint crew is made up of Foreman Ronnie Byars, Christian Clack and Ricky Terry. Not pictured: Joe Brewer and Ricky Michau.