

# SCDPS reports nine killed on South Carolina roadways during New Year's holiday travel period

The South Carolina Department of Public Safety announces a preliminary number of nine persons killed on South Carolina roadways during the New Year's holiday travel period beginning Thursday, December 31, at 6:00 p.m. until Sunday, January 3, at 11:59 p.m. (78-hour travel period). Seven of the fatalities occurred over the weekend period. In comparison, the South Carolina Department of Public Safety announced a preliminary number of four persons killed on South Carolina roadways during the New Year's holiday travel period from

December 31, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. until January 1, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. (30-hour travel period).

For additional details about these fatalities, please view the most recent Weekend Report: <https://fatality-count-scdps.hub.arcgis.com/pages/weekend-report>

Additional data, including year-to-date totals, can be obtained on the South Carolina Daily Traffic Fatality Count page: <https://fatality-count-scdps.hub.arcgis.com/>

Please note that these numbers are preliminary and are based on fatal collisions



compiled by the South Carolina Department of Public Safety as of 11:59 p.m. January 3, 2021. For confirmation on fatality information, please contact the appropriate county coroner's office.

The South Carolina Department of Public Safety includes the Highway Patrol, State Transport Police, Bureau of Protective Services, Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs, Immigration Enforcement Unit and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Hall of Fame. Our mission is to ensure public safety by protecting and serving the people of South Carolina and its visitors. [www.scdps.sc.gov](http://www.scdps.sc.gov)

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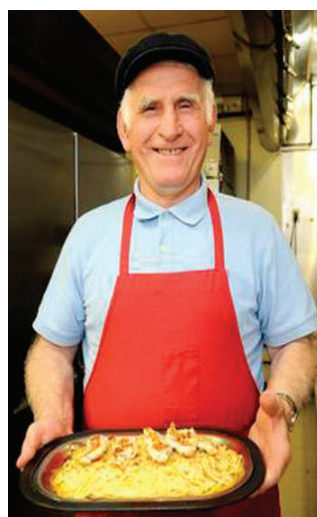
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## Upcoming Events

**Lancaster County Fire Commission Meeting**  
January 7<sup>th</sup>

The Lancaster County Fire Commission will meet on Thursday, January 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Lancaster County EOC, 111 Covenant Place Lancaster, SC 29720.

The agenda is posted in the lobby of the County Administration Building and on our website.

**The Lancaster County Democratic Party Meeting**  
January 7<sup>th</sup>

The Lancaster County Democratic Party will hold its next monthly meeting at 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm on Thursday, January 7, 2021, by Zoom. If you wish to attend, please send an email request for an invitation to LCDPSCnews@gmail.com.

**'Nature in the Park' Event**  
Postponed

"Nature in the Park" that was planned by the KCPC for the Saturdays in the month of January has been postponed due to the increase in the virus presence in our community. We are hoping to host this event in the spring.

## Kershaw County Library offering new streaming service



KERSHAW COUNTY LIBRARY

Kershaw County Library patrons with library cards, will have free access to more than 30,000 films, with the popular on-demand film streaming service, Kanopy beginning January 1.

Library cardholders can access Kanopy and sign up to start streaming films instantly by visiting <https://www.kershawcountylibrary.org/browse/digital-library/>.

Films can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device or platform by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast or Roku. Each Library Card may download seven films per month.

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For more information, contact Amy Schofield at [amys@kershawcountylibrary.org](mailto:amys@kershawcountylibrary.org)

## Continued Assistance for Unemployed Workers Act

The US Department of Labor has begun issuing the required guidance states need to implement the new federal programs under the Continued Assistance for Unemployed Workers Act. On Monday, January 4, 2021, the Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) paid more than \$10 million to the first round of claimants the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) supplemental benefits.

Here's a high level overview of what the federal extensions will allow:

An additional \$300 per week for all claimants receiving unemployment benefits after claim week ending December 26th through claim week ending March 13, 2021.

The number of weeks for an individual on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program has increased from a previous total of 39 weeks to 50 weeks.

The number of weeks for an individual on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program has increased from a total of 13

weeks to 24 weeks.

Our agency will work closely with US DOL over the next several weeks to implement the programs and extensions; however, depending on receipt of guidance and the complexity of the some of the programs, it could take weeks before all claimants begin receiving payments on the new federal programs.

We will communicate updates to claimants via their MyBenefits portal, on this Federal Programs webpage and our social media.

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## Simple tech solutions that can make daily life easier

Technology has become such a part of the fabric of daily life that it's easy for anyone to take their favorite gadgets and gizmos for granted. It's only when power outages strike or batteries run out of power that people stop and realize just how vital a role technology plays in their daily lives.

Technology is always evolving. Whether it's system updates on a smartphone or the latest incarnation of a popular tablet, technology does not sit still. That ever-evolving nature means there's likely a simple tech solution out there to help anyone make daily life a little easier.

WiFi extender: The pandemic forced many people to spend more time at home than ever before. While keeping their social distance, homeowners

may have noticed a few spots in their home where it's hard to get a strong and/or consistent WiFi signal. A WiFi extender is a simple, easily installed and inexpensive way to remedy spotty WiFi signals around the home.

Auto shut-off wall outlet: Parents who spent much of 2020 working from home as their kids were engaged in remote learning recognize that distractions ruled the day during the pandemic. Auto shut-off wall outlets can act as something of a safety net, turning off devices like curling irons and panini grills that distracted parents mistakenly left plugged in.

Portable phone charger: Portable phone chargers can ensure that smartphones don't run out of juice while users are

out and about. Modern smartphones do more than ever, and users rely on them to message friends and family, respond to work emails, stream their favorite songs and movies, and perform a host of other functions, all in a given day. Portable chargers are compact and lightweight, and solar-powered varieties can be especially useful when spending a full day in the great outdoors.

USB port hub: A USB port hub can help professionals who suddenly found themselves working full-time from home using a laptop. Laptops may or may not come with enough USB ports, but a port hub can help professionals adapt to working from home without having to change their computers. A port hub, which may include as many as 10 ports, can ensure wireless accessories like a mouse or keyboard remain charged even when using laptops with insufficient ports.

Technology has affected every aspect of daily life. When confronted with problems in a typical day, consumers can rest easy knowing there's likely a simple and even affordable tech-based solution to that problem.

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