

Active Shooter Training – Second Baptist Church Lancaster

Multiple Lancaster County first responder agencies and departments participated with personnel of the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office in active shooter training on the campus of Second Baptist Church of Lancaster Tuesday, June 16, 2026, and Thursday, June 18, 2026. The church is located at 1426 Great Falls Highway (SC 200), Lancaster, just south of the City of Lancaster. Participating agencies and departments are Lancaster County Emergency Medical Services, Lancaster County Fire-Rescue, the Lancaster County Emergency Management Division, Lancaster County Public Safety Communications, and the Lancaster County School District.

The scenario-based training is a follow up to a three-day Active Shooter Incident Management (ASIM) course the same participants have previously taken. A realistic, multifaceted active shooter scenario will be run Tuesday morning followed by a different scenario Tuesday afternoon. The exercise will be repeated Thursday to allow as many personnel from each agency as possible to participate. Volunteers are set to play various civilian roles in the scenarios. The training will be very realistic, although no live ammunition will be used during the scenarios. There will be lots of activity and noise including simulated gunfire in and around the church during the training. The public is advised that this is a training exercise and not an actual public safety emergency.

The training runs from 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. each day. The campus of the church will be inaccessible to the public on the training days. Agency personnel, vehicles, and equipment will be staging and moving in the area during the training. Signs alerting the public to the training exercise will be posted. The motoring public should use caution when driving through the area, although Great Falls Highway will remain open and should not be affected.

"We appreciate the leaders of Second Baptist Church allowing us to use their facility," said Sheriff Barry Faile. "Most of our previous active shooter trainings have been done in schools. Although church facilities sometimes resemble schools, this will give us a different look in a setting we should be prepared to respond to. We train on active shooter response regularly to keep our skills sharp and to make sure personnel who are new to the various agencies know what to do in case of an actual incident. These trainings allow responders from different agencies to meet and get to know each other and to understand the different roles the agencies play during these events. This training is as important as any other training we do and prepares us for an effective response should the need ever arise."

News From Kershaw County P&Z

The Kershaw County Planning and Zoning Department is pleased to announce the launch of a new, dedicated subpage on the official Kershaw County website. This digital resource has been created to provide the public with streamlined, direct access to information regarding the county's Building Permit Allocation System, which officially went into effect on May 13, 2026.

This new page features an interactive ArcGIS Building Permit Allotment Tracker to provide full transparency on county growth. At a glance, the public can now view:

Allocated Permits: The total number of permits available by category.

Current Status: Numbers for permits applied for, issued, and remaining. These numbers will be updated each Monday.

Period Usage: The total percentage of the allotment used during the current period.

Waitlist Tracking: If the total number of allotments in a category is fulfilled, the waitlist will be viewable to show which permit will be processed first once the new period begins.

You can view the ordinance and monitor permit availability directly online:
Visit the Subpage: Building Permit Allocation System | Kershaw County, SC

Visit the Building Permit Allotment Tracker: Permit Allocation System Tracker

For questions regarding the ordinance, application processes, or assistance with navigating the new ArcGIS tracker, please reach out to our office at 803-425-7233.
Sincerely,

Kershaw County Planning and Zoning Department

City of Lancaster FD Smoke Alarm Blitz



Lancaster Fire Department took part in a Smoke Alarm Blitz recently. Members installed smoke alarms and checked smoke alarms for some citizens in Lancaster. A special thanks to Rachel at the Home Depot for assisting Habitat with acquiring the grant for the smoke detectors. Great morning!Habitat for Humanity-Lancaster County

SCHOOL IS NEVER OUT FOR YOUR KCSO SRO DIVISION



As teachers and students start their well-deserved summer break, your KCSO School Resource Officers (SROs) had a full week of in-service training, active intruder, firearms qualification, first aid, policy updates, required criminal justice academy updates, and much more. Your SROs are very committed to their training for our children. We try to keep your SROs in their schools while school is in. This means the majority of their training takes place when school is out. Don't worry, they will get some vacation time too.

Bid Solicitation for Kershaw Golf Club Ballroom Painting

The Town of Kershaw is seeking sealed bids from licensed and insured vendors with proven experience in painting the interior and exterior surfaces of public non-residential buildings. Specifically, the Town is seeking bids to paint several interior and exterior areas of the upper-level ballroom of the Kershaw Golf Club, 301 Club House Drive, Kershaw, SC 29067. The scope of work is noted in the bid instructions posted on the town's website (www.townofkershawsc.gov) in the Town Notices area; bid instructions may also be requested by contacting Chris Keefer, Town Administrator, at 803-312-5823 or chris.keefe@townofkershawsc.gov. Bids are due on Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at noon. Bids will be opened and tabulated on Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 10 AM. Contract award(s) will be presented to Kershaw Town Council for information and/or approval at its special called meeting on Monday, June 29, 2026 at 6 PM.



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