

Telecommunications Operator of the Year – 2019

Von Legrand Carrigg, Jr:

ATCS Carrigg has been with the Blythewood Telecommunications Center for over 20 years and is a dedicated, hardworking, and dependable employee. ATCS Carrigg is a model dispatcher and strives to be the example for newer TCOs to follow. ATCS Carrigg shows a great amount of respect for his co-workers, subordinates, officers, and the general public.

ATCS Carrigg embraces change and is willing to step up to any challenge presented to him, whether it is training new employees or learning new procedures in the CAD system. He is always willing to help out his fellow co-workers and the center as a whole. ATCS Carrigg has volunteered to work when shifts are short-staffed and stayed over to make sure the shift transitions go smoothly, etc.

ATCS Carrigg comes to work with an eager and ready-to-start attitude, even if his Gamecocks lost a game. ATCS Carrigg has two beautiful daughters, Lilly and Savannah, which are by far the joys of his life. He is a dedicated father and husband to his wife, Lisa, and is always talking about his girls.

The TCOs who work with ATCS Carrigg enjoy working with him and look forward to interacting with him, especially on topics of football and UFC (Ultimate Fighting Champions). ATCS Carrigg is a model operator and is a leader in the Telecommunications Unit.

TCO Kimeko White, Charleston TCC:

TCO Kimeko White began her career with the Charleston Telecommunications Center in 2005. During her tenure with Charleston Telecommunications center she has become a valuable member of the team, helping train several new employees. She is always willing to assist other employees with the daily tasks involved in being an operator in the Charleston TCC.

TCO White is a seasoned operator who is dependable and has taken on the task of helping to mentor newer employees even those who are not being trained by her.

During her time off, TCO White has a love for travel and new experiences.

TCO Flissa McEachern, Florence TCC:

TCO McEachern has been employed with the department since June 2005. She is meticulous in her job functions as a Telecommunications operator. Her CAD notes are complete and accurate. She has often gone the extra mile, such as taking on extra shifts to ensure proper staffing for the center.

TCO McEachern has a good working relationship with the troopers as well as other law enforcement agency personnel in the Troop 5 dispatch areas.

She has a very good background in NCIC policy and procedures. She often utilizes this knowledge by assisting her co-workers in completing NCIC records for the Florence Center.

She regularly gives guidance, direction, and encouragement to her team members.

Flissa and her husband, Freddie, reside in Marion, SC. She is an active member of the Door of Hope Christian Church.

TCO Daniel Valente, Greenville:

TCO Valente has been with the Greenville TCC since December 8, 2011. Prior to coming to the Greenville TCC, TCO Valente was assigned at the Criminal Justice Academy to become a Trooper. TCO Valente was injured while at the Academy and came to work in the Greenville TCC until he could go back to the Academy. After working in the TCC, he decided to remain a Telecommunications Operator and has become a valuable asset to the Greenville TCC. He is an excellent TCO who is very detail-oriented and always uses all available means to perform his job duties to the best of his ability.

TCO Valente was working the Greenville radio on December 3, 2018, when Trooper First Class Andrew Blair stopped a vehicle on U.S. Highway 25. When TCO Valente checked the subject in this vehicle through NCIC there was a possible match on a subject that was wanted for homicide in California. TCO Valente and Trooper Blair were not able to confirm if this was the same subject based solely on the information in the hit; so TCO ended up making several phone calls and speaking to several different agencies in California before getting enough information to confirm that this was the same subject.

Due to TCO Valente making these phone calls, he was able to assist TFC Blair in determining that this was the same subject who was wanted out of California.