SHERIFF LEON LOTT PROVIDES TIPS ON WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE PULLED OVER

- •Immediately pull over to the nearest right-hand edge or curb of the roadway.
- •Pull your car over as close as possible to the curb of the roadway and stay clear of any intersections. Put your vehicle in park and take your foot off the brake.
- •Stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle has either passed or wait for the deputy to approach your car.

IF YOU ARE BEING PULLED OVER AND AN DEPUTY IS APPROACHING YOUR CAR.

- •Stay in your vehicle and keep your hands visible and leave your seatbelt on.
- •If it is dark outside, turn on your interior vehicle light.
- •Roll down your window so you can pass documents to the deputy.
- •Follow the directions of the deputy.
- •South Carolina law requires drivers to show their license, registration and proof of insurance upon request.
- •Be honest with the deputy and ask for an explanation if something is unclear.
- •Be reminded that accepting the citation is not an admission of guilt you will have the opportunity to contest the citation in court later.

REASONS FOR A STOP

Deputies may stop a motorist for these reasons:

- Traffic violations
- Probable cause of any criminal offense
- •Reasonable suspicion of criminal activity based on personal observations and information from other officers, the police radio or a witness
- Outstanding warrants

•Minor infractions such as darkly tinted windows, inoperative equipment or failing to signal

before a turn

STOPPING A VEHICLE

A deputy may stop a vehicle, if the deputy reasonably suspects that the driver in the vehicle has committed, is committing or is about to commit a crime. The officer is not required to have probable cause to arrest the individual at the time of the traffic stop.

