Financial Overview

FY Ending June 30, 2009

General Appropriation

	Actual
Revenues	
General Appropriation	**$ 2,846,597**
EXPENDITURES	
Commissioners	$1,088,011
Administration	397,651
Claims	289,792
Insurance & Medical Services	233,815
Judicial	144,208
Fringe Benefits	693,115
	$ 2,846,592

Earmarked Funds

	Actual
Revenues	
Training Conference	$3,875
Publications & Brochures	8,548
Award Review Fees	98,949
Sale of Photocopies	102,767
Filing Violation Fees	1,478,221
Sale of Listings and Labels	35,194
Hearing Fees	635,254
Total	**$ 2,362,808**
Transfer Fund Balance	266,928
Total Revenues	**$ 2,629,736**
Expenditures	
Commissioners	$510,704
Administration	902,862
Claims	303,103
Insurance & Medical Services	345,045
Judicial	322,180
Other Employee Contributions	245,842
Total Expenditures	**$ 2,629,736**
Grand Total	**$ 2,629,736**
Computer System Data Base	$432,672

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIVITY

LEGISLATION

No legislation passed during this fiscal year that affected the Workers' Compensation Law.

REGULATIONS

In an effort to comply with statute changes enacted by the approval of Act 111 and refine the process for adhering to statutory requirements, the Commission proposed to amend and add regulations to Chapter 67. The proposal was published in the State Register on November 26, 2008 and is currently pending approval by the General Assembly.

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References

South Carolina Workers' Compensation

Code of Law, Title 42

South Carolina Code of Regulations (annotated)

Chapter 67

Schedule of Period of Disability and Compensation

§42-9-30

2009 Average Weekly Wage

$681.36

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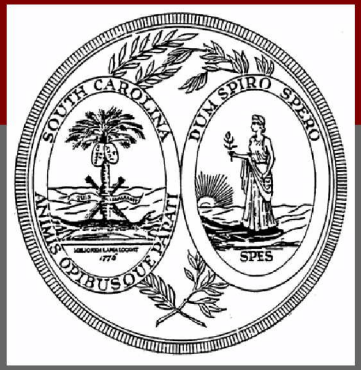

To the Citizens of South Carolina:

The South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission is pleased to provide a report of its activities and accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2008 - 2009. As documented in the following pages, the Commission has worked hard to continue to improve its administration and management of South Carolina's workers' compensation system. Fiscal year 2008 - 2009 was a very productive year for the Commission, with continuous accomplishments in three major areas: the use of technology to improve operations, process times and efficiency.

Even with these gains, the Commission remains committed to providing an equitable and timely system of benefits to injured workers and employers in the most responsive, accurate, and reliable manner possible.

Sincerely,

Andrea C. Roche, Chairman

COMMISSIONERS
July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

Andrea C. Roche, Chairman
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Susan S. Barden, Vice Chair
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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Fiscal Year 2008-2009 was another productive year for the Commission. As of July 1, 2007 the Commission was required to maintain all claim files for fifteen years. In an effort to comply in the most cost effective manner, the agency began electronic storage of closed cases. The process of scanning compliance investigations, self insurance files, and Claim Form 15, 15S, 17, 18, and 20 was created and implemented. On average, 18,000 documents are scanned per month.

Software development to provide web access to hearing and appeal schedules and other claims status information for registered users was completed. Registered users will be able to track changes in hearing schedules, add an attorney to a case and access claim numbers through the new application. This information is currently researched manually by commission employees, providing electronic access will minimize research time in several departments.

Electronic document management was introduced through scanning and imaging documents. Software development was completed allowing the Commission to receive First Report of Injury claim information through Electronic Data Interface Release 3. This is the first step in the Commission being able to receive claim payment reports and periodic status reports electronically. The development of departmental and individual electronic workflows has allowed the Commission to streamline business processes.

On June 1, 2009 the Commission relocated to 1333 Main Street. The new location has served as a valuable asset to the agency as it contains cost and provides centralized access to constituents. The fiscal impact of relocating is an estimated $83,857 annually, resulting in a net savings of $587,000 over a seven year lease.

The Commission has implemented an automated process to monitor outstanding fines, which prompts late notices to be created according to a batch program run bi-monthly. The result is a systematic follow up process driven by the age of an outstanding fine to replace a reliance upon the assessor to manually send late notices.

The Commission held one day training sessions for three insurance carriers and held a claims administrations seminar for fifty attendees. The purpose of providing training to agency constituents is to minimize the number of file deficiencies. Lowering file deficiencies results in minimizing the number of fine assessments and expedites hearings.

STATISTICAL RECAP

Number of Policies Issued	76,478
Number of Employers Qualifying as Self-Insurers	2,605
Investigations Active Beginning of Fiscal Year	127
Investigations Initiated	1,092
Investigations Set for Show Cause Hearings/	111
Consent Agreements Received	344
Total Investigations Closed	443
Investigations Active at Close of Fiscal Year	334
Number of Accident Cases Filed with the Commission	71,973
A. New Cases	70,235
B. Reopened cases	1,738
Number of Cases Closed during Fiscal Year	71,973
A. Individually Reported Accidents	26,313
B. Minor Medical Only Accidents Reported	45,660
Total Compensation & Medical Cost Paid on Closed Cases	$922,740,888
Medical Costs	$422,442,693
Compensation	$500,298,195
Temporary Compensation Agreements	15,512
Agreements for Permanent Disability	3,600
Applications for Stop Payment *	2,515
Cases Docketed for Hearings	9,866
Cases Assigned for Informal Conferences	3,734
Hearings Conducted by Single Commissioners	2,345
Informal Conferences Conducted	3,141
Decisions, Opinions & Orders, Single Commissioners	2,444
Cases Appealed to Full Commission for Review	700
Reviews Conducted by Full Commission or Panel	450
Decisions and Opinions by Full Commission or Panel	504
Commission Decisions Appealed to Circuit Court	219
Common Law Settlements	10,506
Attorney Fee Approvals	9,969
Self-Insurance Tax Collected	$5,330,997
* Includes 60-Day Hearings	