

# RICHLAND COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE



## Richland County Emergency Services Department *Smoke Control Policy*

### I. MISSION

To provide a tenable approach to controlling the distribution of smoke and other toxic fumes through Heating, Ventilation and Air-Conditioning (HVAC) systems in the event of a fire for applicable facilities.

### II. SCOPE

This policy shall be implemented by designated employees of Richland County and in all commercial structures within the unincorporated areas of the County.

### III. POLICY

It is the policy of this office to require global shutdown of all HVAC units upon activation of a building's fire alarm system (i.e. duct, area smoke, pull, water, automatic suppression systems) in the aid of the quick evacuation of occupants and increase probability of preservation of life.

**Exception:** HVAC units in isolated areas incapable of passing smoke to other areas.