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ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Startex-Jackson-Wellford-Duncan Water District
200 Lyman Lodge Rd.
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Dear Mr. Parchuk:

We received your letter requesting an opinion of this Office concerning the Startex-Jackson-Wellford-Duncan Water District ("SJWD Water District"). In your letter, you explain the SJWD Water District is planning to establish a department of public safety as permitted under section 6-11-340 of the South Carolina Code. Additionally, you informed us that you are a Class I officer and the other lake warden will be a commissioned Class I officer. Specially, you ask whether in relation to section 6-1-340(C) you and the other commissioned lake warden "would be able to pull people over for traffic violations that cause a severe risk to public safety on our properties such as

department to protect and police the facilities owned by the district under such

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Op. Att'y Gen., 2018 WL 6587186 (S.C.A.G. Nov. 28, 2018).

Accordingly, as the Legislature gave public safety officers appointed pursuant to section 6-11-340 the authority of a constable, they are authorized to enforce all the laws of the State. However, in

officers is "limited to the property of the special purpose district and the streets and roads through and contiguous to the property." Additionally, these officers are prohibited from making "incidental arrest of a person for, or issue a ticket for, a traffic violation." Therefore, if the incident

