

Charleston County Coroner's Office Policy #41

Title: Social Networking/Internet Posting/Unauthorized Communication

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41.1 POLICY

The internet, blogs, Twitter, the World Wide Web, social networking sites, and any other median of electronic, verbal, or written communication shall not be used by any employee, volunteer, or intern in a manner that is detrimental to the mission or creditability of this Office at any time. This Office relies upon the public's confidence and trusts the individual members to carry out the mission of this Office in a professional manner.

2. Any unauthorized broadcasting of information related to an investigation or other violations of this policy reduces public confidence and trust in this Office. Examples of unauthorized communication of information outside the course of official duties include but, are not limited to:

- a) Photographs/images relating to any investigation of this Office;
- b) Names of decedents or any information related to their death;
- c) Video or audio files related to any investigation of this Office;
- d) Logos/uniforms/badges or other symbols associated with this Office;
- e) Any other item or material which is identifiable to this Office;
- f) Content of a sexually graphic nature;
- g) Content which promotes violence or weaponry;
- h) Any other statements or photographs detrimental to this Office.