

**Bryan P. Stirling**  
**Director**  
**South Carolina Department of Corrections**

Bryan P. Stirling was appointed by then Governor Nikki Haley as the Interim Director of the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) on October 1, 2013. He was later confirmed by the South Carolina Senate on February 19, 2014. With a staff of approximately 4,800, Stirling is also responsible for more than 20,200 inmates currently serving time in one of the 22 penal institutions across the state.

Director Stirling has made quite a mark on an agency that over the years has seen its fair share of financial hardships, officer shortages and media scrutiny. Under Stirling's leadership, the agency has closed five institutions. The inmate population has declined due to a reduction in the recidivism rates, sentencing reform, successful programs and services within the institutions. Once in office, Stirling helped settle a landmark mental health lawsuit that plagued the agency and its leadership for more than a decade.

Stirling has been recognized for his passion and dedication to making each institution a safe, secure and productive environment where offenders are given the educational tools and resources they need for a future that spans far beyond their prison cell.

In 2016, Director Stirling received the Stephen G. Morris Nelson Mullins Social Justice Award from the Columbia Urban League, and the William D. Leeke Award of Excellence for settling a decade old mental health lawsuit.

Prior to joining the correctional system, Director Stirling served Governor Nikki Haley as her Chief of Staff from October, 2012 to September, 2013, during which he oversaw management of the Governor's Cabinet and the Office of Executive Policy and Programs.

For nearly six years, Director Stirling reported directly to the SC Attorney General during his time as a Deputy Attorney General where he advised the Attorney General on policy and prosecuted criminal domestic violence cases.

Director Stirling entered public service after working as a lawyer in the private sector from 1996-2006, working as an attorney for McAngus Goudelock & Courie, LLC in Columbia, S.C, and later Tompkins and McMaster, LLP.

An active community volunteer, Stirling has given his time and talents to help protect victims of criminal domestic violence. He served on the executive committee for Children's Chance and serves the *Share Our Suzy* Cancer Assistance program. He also spent many years supporting his alma mater, the University of South Carolina, serving as a board member for the Gamecock Young Alumni Association.