**A GUIDE TO READING YOUR SOUTH CAROLINA ACCIDENT REPORT**

**VEHICLE OCCUPANTS**
The names of the drivers or pedestrians involved in the accident will be listed in the boxes (unit 1, unit 2, or unit 3). These boxes include details about the people involved, including sex, race, age, address, driver's license number, state of insurance company, telephone number and whether they contributed to the collision. The box also notes if drivers were speeding.

**INVESTIGATING OFFICER**
This is where you can find out the name of the investigating officer and their rank and badge number.

**ACCIDENT DESCRIPTION**
The officer will put in writing what happened and estimated the property damage. The names of the people involved as well as the vehicle number.

**INJURY**
This section also includes details about the extent of any injuries they may have sustained. The police officer will note whether any driver, pedestrian, or other occupant of the vehicle was transported to the hospital.

**CONTRIBUTING FACTORS**
This section includes contributing factors that may reveal negligence and may help support accident claim. The police officer will note whether any driver, pedestrian, or other occupant of the vehicle was transported to the hospital.

**ALCOHOL/DUPLICATE NEGLIGENCE**
This section includes details that may reveal negligence, such as whether alcohol or drugs were present and any results of these tests.

**VEHICLE DEFECTS**
This section will indicate whether there were any vehicle defects, such as defective brakes, steering, tires, lights, signals or other defects.