DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS
MAJOR FUNCTIONS

- Develops standards relating to the licensing of and general supervision over the conduct of the financial services industry, professions, businesses, trades, and insurance companies.

- Grants or denies the issuance of professional, business and trade licenses; directs investigations, holds hearings, and suspends, revokes or reinstates licenses; makes, amends or repeals such rules and regulations deemed necessary to fully effectuate the provisions of the laws within the Department’s scope and jurisdiction.

- Represents, protects, and advances the interest of consumers of utility services; conducts investigations; assists and cooperates with Federal, State, and local agencies to protect the consumer’s interests in the public utilities fields.

- Coordinates consumer protection activities in the State; conducts investigations, research, and enforces laws, rules, and regulations in the area of consumer protection; provides consumer education services and programs.

- Administers the laws of the State relating to corporations; partnerships; sales of securities; registration of trademarks, tradenames, prints and labels; miscellaneous business registrations; financial services industry; the insurance industry; and provides advice on business formation.

- Ensures that cable subscribers are provided with services that meet acceptable standards of quality, dependability, and fair rates; maintains surveillance over filed rates, charges, terms, and conditions of services; and monitors the operations and management of cable television operators and public access television entities.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREAS
The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs has programs in the following major program areas:

**Individual Rights**
- Protection of the Consumer/Regulation of Services
  - CCA 102 Cable Television
  - CCA 103 Consumer Advocate for Communication, Utilities, and Transportation Services
  - CCA 104 Financial Services Regulation
  - CCA 105 Professional and Vocational Licensing
  - CCA 106 Insurance Regulatory Services

**Protection of the Consumer/Enforcement of Fair Business Practices**
- CCA 110 Office of Consumer Protection
- CCA 111 Business Registration and Securities Regulation
- CCA 112 Regulated Industries Complaints Office

**General Support**
- CCA 191 General Support