

On The **SCENIC** **Digest**

2018 Governor's Awards For Excellence

by Jeff Goldsmith, Videographer; Claire Rice, Editor;
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This year, DPS won five awards at the 2018 Governor's Awards for Excellence ceremony. Our employees brought home one group and four individual awards. In the video link above, we proudly share with you the exceptional stories behind each award. This year's recipients from DPS are: Robert Leon, Sharon Jones, Anthony Danks, Tass Jansen, Billy Robbins, Jamie Murphy, Tracey Goodwin (Efficiency and Innovation); Michelle Bryant (Human Relations); Master Trooper Dwight Braswell (Safety and Heroism); Megan Hess (Safety and Heroism) and Staff Sgt. Corey Hinkle (Safety and Heroism). Congratulations to each of these amazing DPS employees!

For More About This Year's Recipients Click Here!

2018 DPS Badge of Excellence Awards

by Jeff Goldsmith, Videographer & Ryan Guthrie, Photographer



On Nov. 14, the Department of Public Safety honored some of the department's most committed and exceptional employees during its annual Badge of Excellence Awards Ceremony. The ceremony, held in Raleigh, recognized DPS employees who have made outstanding contributions to the department's mission of improving quality of life through enhanced public safety. To watch the ceremony, click the video link above.

To View This Year's Recipients and Pictures From the Ceremony Click Here!

Lassiter and Sullivan Receive Dogwood Awards



Billy Lassiter, deputy secretary for Juvenile Justice and Nicole Sullivan, director for Reentry Programs and Services, received the Dogwood Award on Nov. 20 in Raleigh. The award is given annually by Attorney General Josh Stein to honor North Carolinians who are dedicated to keeping people safe, healthy and happy in their communities.

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Eating Your Way Around the World

by Matt Jenkins, Communications Officer

Erma Bombeck penned the words, "I am not a glutton – I am an explorer of food." Imagine then, the notion of devouring life's opportunities in similar fashion to clearing a dinner plate. "We all eat & it would be a sad waste of opportunity to eat badly" is another quote from the so-titled book, by writer Anna Thomas. Life lesson from this quote: while we're all busy living life – why live it any other way, then to the best of our ability.



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SRCC Poised to Implement Solutions to North Carolina's Reentry Challenges

by Sonja Bennett- Bellamy, Communications Officer



Members of the State Reentry Council are now set to implement its recommendations to address how North Carolina will manage the growing numbers of formerly incarcerated people transitioning back into communities all across the state.

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State Highway Patrol Graduates 14 New Troopers

by Sgt. Chris Knox, SHP Public Information Officer

The State Highway Patrol proudly welcomed 14 new troopers at a graduation ceremony for the 146th Basic Highway Patrol School. The ceremony ended 15 weeks of a demanding training preparing them for a fulfilling career of service to the state of North Carolina.

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Central Region Prison Employees Recognized For Hard Work

On Oct. 31, three Central Region employees were recognized at the prisons superintendents meeting. Facility Management from Harnett Correctional Institution and Orange Correctional Center each recognized an employee of the quarter. Accounting Clerk Susan Salty won for Harnett CI and Correctional Officer Joshua Greenwood received the award for Orange CC. In addition, Superintendent John Godfrey was recognized for his 25 years of service.

Please join us in congratulating all three employees!



**Susan Salty, Accounting Clerk
(Harnett Correctional Institution)**



**Joshua Greenwood, Correctional Officer
(Orange Correctional Center)**



**John Godfrey, Superintendent
(Sanford Correctional Center)**

Veterans reflect on Veterans Day

By Staff Sgt. Mary Junell, NCNG



November 11, formally celebrated as Armistice Day, has been known as Veterans Day since 1954 when it was renamed. Veterans Day marks the anniversary of the end of World War I in 1918 and honors those who served in the armed forces.

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DPS Graduates Newest Class of Probation/Parole Officers

Congratulations to 23 men and women who recently completed Probation/Parole Officer Basic Training. The group was celebrated at a special graduation ceremony held on Oct. 26 at the Office of Staff Development and Training Center in Apex.

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Congratulations BCO Graduates!



How well do you know Reentry Programs?

Determine if the statement is True or False.

1. In 2017, more than 20,000 people returned to their communities after leaving state prisons.
2. North Carolina's Reentry Action Plan was developed in February 2015, with the goal of coordinating reentry planning and preparation initiatives.
3. The goal of successful reentry is to support individuals after they leave incarceration with the tools they need to build successful lives and be productive members of their communities.
4. Ten State Reentry Council Collaborative workgroups were established to make recommendations on how North Carolina citizens, governmental entities, advocacy groups, law enforcement, the judicial system and faith communities can collaboratively address reentry in our state.

Find out how well you did!

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