

2014

In case you missed it ...

Division of Law Enforcement



Alcohol Law Enforcement

In August, the North Carolina State Legislature moved Alcohol Law Enforcement to the State Bureau of Investigation and restored funding for 13 special ALE agents. Mark Senter became head of ALE.

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ALE special agents continue to enforce the laws and regulations pertaining to the 18,000 Alcoholic Beverage Control-permitted establishments throughout the state.

During 2014, ALE agents conducted 9,742 administrative inspections at licensed ABC outlets with 790 violation reports submitted to the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission. Of the submitted reports, 28 were for locations no longer suitable or for a summary suspension due to such things as continued acts of violence. Agents issued 1,038 written warnings for regulatory violations detected at licensed outlets and conducted 42 illegal distillery investigations. As part of ALE's efforts to make the communities safer for the citizens and those visiting the state, agents conducted 819 search warrants and 265 consent searches.

ALE agents conducted more than 251 Be A Responsible Seller (BARS) programs and 175 Public Information Programs during the year. The programs educate sellers on how to spot underage and intoxicated people, how to properly check IDs, how to tactfully refuse sales and service to intoxicated individuals and educate the public regarding alcoholic beverage control laws, lottery laws, and controlled substance laws.

To help protect today's youths and preserve tomorrow's future, ALE conducted 13 Keys to Life programs.

State Bureau of Investigation

In August, Governor Pat McCrory named B.W. Collier II the acting director of the State Bureau of Investigation following the transfer by the NC Legislature of the agency's investigative mission from the Department of Justice to the Office of the Governor and its support functions, such as human resources, fiscal and communications, to the Department of Public Safety.



ALE special agents enforcing laws at an ABC-permitted business.

The first SBI and ALE combined 18-week Special Agent Training Academy, which began in August, graduated 30 trainees on December 5. Twenty-four of the graduates are SBI agents who are now in a six-month field training program and working in the bureau's eight field districts.



An SBI agent looks for clues at the scene of a suspected arson event.

The SBI continued to provide uninterrupted investigative assistance, despite agency wide changes, to other law enforcement agencies as well as continuing to conduct investigations in the areas of original jurisdiction which include arson and narcotics.

The SBI was involved in more than 241 of the homicide investigations conducted in North Carolina in 2014. And, although narcotics investigations are a part of the SBI's daily work, an initiative aimed to ward gangs

and drugs, resulted in the initiation of more than 800 cases on drug distributors, many with gang affiliations, across the state.

The bureau became the first state agency in North Carolina to carry Naxalone, the life saving prescription medication that reverses opioid overdose deaths, and helped provide statewide training for other law enforcement which has already saved lives. The SBI also offered the first statewide advanced drug diversion investigation training in the history of the state.

More than 10 million dosage units of drugs this year were collected in SBI Operation Medicine Drop which serves as a national model for prescription take-back programs and is consistently ranked number one in the Drug Enforcement Administration's Atlanta region for drugs collected.

All of the Financial Crimes Unit special agents and investigators have now achieved the professional status

of Certified Fraud Examiner this year after successfully completing the rigorous application process and the comprehensive board exam in 2014.

To provide secure and efficient delivery of SBI investigative case files to prosecutors, the web-based portal that allows all of the state's district attorneys' offices to retrieve e-discovery packages submitted electronically by the SBI Case Management Section was completely deployed in October.

A Governor's Crime Commission funded grant program in 2014 to revisit cold case homicides was launched. Retired special agents continue to review cases in order to assess their viability for biological evidence testing given developments in technology since the dates of these older homicides.

State Capitol Police

The State Capitol Police have made several unusual arrests during the year, beginning in July when a baby dinosaur replica valued at \$10,000 was taken from the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences. A museum security camera caught a young couple stealing the dinosaur. The story was broadcast nationally, and the Holly Springs duo was arrested within the week. The dinosaur was recovered.

SCP made several arrests in connection with the vandalism of 42 state government vehicles parked at several Dept. of Public Safety office locations in Raleigh. In mid-September, vandals broke passenger-side windows, stole state gas credit cards and burned two state cars. Two people have been arrested, and more arrests are expected.

During the year, State Capitol Police provided a police presence at more than 100 events on state properties in Wake County, worked during the four winter storms early in 2014 and monitored more than 750 alarms at state facilities across the state. and monitored more than 750 alarms at state facilities across the state.

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SCP by the Numbers in 2014

39,771
<i>Statewide Alarms Handled</i>
723
<i>Emergency Call Boxes</i>
15
<i>Custodial arrests</i>
2,888
<i>Calls for Service Answered</i>
89
<i>Medical Calls</i>
478
<i>Motor Fleet Calls</i>
292
<i>SCP Criminal History /Drivers History Requests – outside agencies</i>



State Highway Patrol

Members of the State Highway Patrol responded to more than 15,000 calls for service following four winter storms early in 2014. A February snowstorm left hundreds of cars abandoned by roadsides. Troopers, along with others, checked the vehicles to be sure no one was stranded inside.

In addition to the snowstorms and the daily enforcement activity, SHP conducted or participated in more than 10 operations during the year, plus increased enforcement during holidays.

In November, eight western members of the State Highway Patrol received the Governor's Award for Excellence for tracking a Burke County double-murder suspect into the woods last March that ended with the death of the suspect who had also shot and killed a U.S. Forest Service Officer and his tracking dog during the manhunt.

Also in March, Gov. Pat McCrory, Secretary Frank L. Perry and SHP Colonel William Grey kicked off the Litter Free NC campaign to remind motorists to secure their loads and prevent highway accidents.

The U.S. Open Golf tournament was held in June and the State Highway Patrol provided troopers to ease the heavy traffic load in and around the Pinehurst golf course. Prior to the two-week tournament, the SHP worked with the Department of Transportation to develop a comprehensive traffic flow and evacuation plan for the U.S. Open. The plan was a success with officials praising the seamless traffic flow during the event. ▴

State Highway Patrol troopers who received the Governor's Award for Excellence for tracking a suspect who had also shot and killed a U.S. Forest Service Officer.

SHP By the Numbers

January through October 2014

289,917
Speeders

23,317
DWIs

682
Fatal Collisions

Personnel Happenings

84

SHP Basic School Graduates

109
Promotions

67
Awards

Missing Persons

The N.C. Center for Missing Persons hosted a national parental abduction training program.

DPS 2014



State, local and federal law enforcement agencies converged in a coordinated mission to provide safety for all people at the U.S. Open championships at Pinehurst in June.

