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By **Townes Maxwell**
Communications Specialist

It's every parent's worst nightmare to get a call that a child has been in a horrific accident and is in a hospital — or worse. But it happens every day. Car crashes are the leading cause of death for teens, and nearly a quarter of teens who die in fatal accidents were distracted by their cell phones at the time of the accident.

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It's about improving the lives of North Carolinians who rely on the safety of our roads and highways.

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Operation Drive to Live is a comprehensive effort to curb distracted driving. Many teen drivers put themselves at risk by texting while driving. In a recent survey, 94 percent of teens said they acknowledged the dangers of texting and driving but 35 percent admitted they do it anyway. Drive to Live seeks to reduce that by enforcing laws heavily around schools and conducting safety education classes within the schools.

This initiative isn't just about giving people tickets. It's about improving the lives of North Carolinians who rely on the safety of our roads and highways.

The motto of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety is "prevent, protect and prepare." The Highway Patrol is a key cog in



It's simple: Stop.

accomplishing those directives. Operation Drive to Live is just one of many initiatives the Highway Patrol runs to help keep us safe.

Keeping kids safe

When school buses stop to allow students to exit or board the bus, every car around them is required by law to stop as well. This allows the child to reach the bus or the side of the road safely.

However, a recent one-day study in North Carolina showed that more than 3,000 vehicles passed stopped school buses. Operation Stop Arm is designed to help with that. Troopers seek to keep our children safe by strictly enforcing the law.

"We have had children who have been struck all across the state. In some cases, we have kids who have died," said Lt. **Jeff Gordon**. "It just takes one simple minute or a few seconds out of your time to stop. That difference could be the difference between the life and death of a child."

Fighting drunk driving

The State Highway Patrol, in conjunction with the Governor's Highway Safety Program and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), engages in the Booze It and Lose It campaign to curb drunk driving.

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Sober driving is safer driving.



See the story,
learn the lesson.

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to see why.

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While the campaign is ongoing throughout the year, several holidays become major points of emphasis. Today, another begins: Operation Firecracker. Everyone is aware of the problems around drinking and driving on the Fourth of July, and the Highway Patrol wants to keep our roads safe for drivers and cut down on accidents around the state.

So beginning today, June 24 and running through July 4, the Highway Patrol will ramp up efforts to find drunk drivers and get them off the roads.

Maintaining order on the roads

As part of Operation Border to Border — a coordinated multi-state effort to keep US-15 and US-17 safe and avoid major jams and congestion — Troopers are constantly paroling those highways. These thoroughfares are highly traveled during the summer and can present problems.

Troopers seek drunk drivers and those committing moving violations such as reckless driving, speeding and distracted driving. They are also enforcing the “move over” law which requires drivers to move to the far lane when passing stopped law enforcement vehicles.

Click It or Ticket is a campaign to encourage North Carolinians to wear seat belts. Recent data suggests that around 50 percent of people who are ejected from their cars die.

“Wearing your seat belt is the



‘Wearing your seat belt is the single most effective action to protect yourself in a crash.’

single most effective action to protect yourself in a crash,” Highway Patrol Col. **Bill Grey** said at the annual Click It or Ticket press conference held May 23 at the Highway Patrol driving track. “Click It or Ticket, every seat, every time. It’s the Law.” Again, the goal of the Highway Patrol isn’t to issue a lot of tickets. It’s to get people to wear their safety belts. Unfortunately, studies show that positive efforts to simply encourage

people to wear a seat belt because it is safer are not effective in stemming non-use. The threat of fines for not wearing a seatbelt, however, is.

The safety of North Carolina’s roads is the State Highway Patrol’s job, and troopers take it very seriously. The Patrol has used initiatives like these to inform the public about the law and continues to yield successful results. ▀

Patrol presents awards

Several members of the State Highway Patrol and a citizen were hailed in a May ceremony for various acts of service and heroic efforts.

Col. **Bill Grey**, SHP commander, and **Frank L. Perry**, secretary of the Department of Public Safety, presented the awards — Valor, Samaritan, Humanitarian and Purple Heart.

“Today, we recognize the excellent contributions, bravery and sacrifices made by this select group of sworn and civilian members of the State Highway Patrol,” Perry said. “I commend each one of them for their dedication and unwavering service to the State of North Carolina.”

Grey said the recipients are examples of a devotion to service.

“Their willingness to help others while demonstrating compassion and courage should always be recognized,” he said. ▴



Valor Award

Trooper
Jonathan Gouge

Trooper Gouge saved the lives of two people and three dogs by breaking in and extracting them from their Valdese home, which he had seen on fire and after he had been told by a neighbor that people were still in the house.



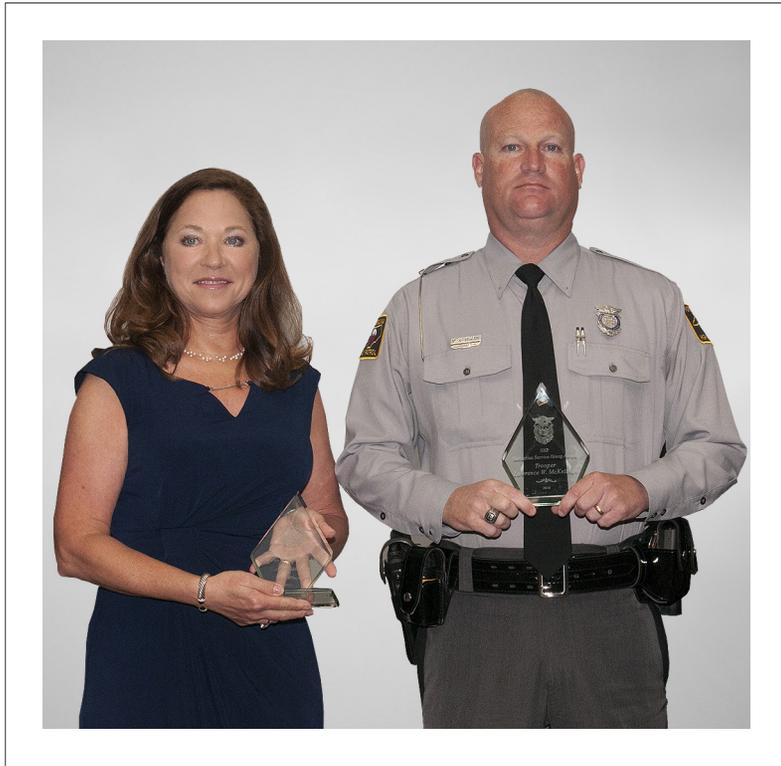
Purple Heart and Appreciation Award

Retired Patrolman **Harry Stegall**
and **Richard Seifried**

Retired Trooper Stegall, left, was awarded a Purple Heart in recognition of suffering seven gunshot wounds in 1975 at the hands of a speeding motorist who was later determined to be a murder suspect. Stegall also managed to radio for assistance afterward.

Seifried, right, who was a medical evacuation pilot at the time of Stegall's shooting, flew the trooper through severe weather and dense fog to the University of North Carolina Medical Center in time for Stegall to have life-saving surgery. Seifried was unaware at the time that his passenger was a trooper who had been shot seven times by a wanted murderer.

Click here to see a video of the two men discussing the event.



Samaritan Service Group Award

Office Assistant IV **Tammy Langdon**

Trooper **Lawrence McKeithan**

When Langdon answered a phone call from a person expressing suicidal thoughts, she coordinated with Trooper McKeithan — part of the Member Assistance Team — to keep the caller on the phone while summoning assistance from the local sheriff's office, which arrived in time to prevent a possible tragedy.



Samaritan Service Group Award

Sgt. **Garrett Barger**

Trooper **Barry Burnette**

The troopers were the first law enforcement responders to a shooting at a state rest area on I-85 in Cabarrus County, where their recent Active Shooter Firearms Training enabled them to tactically approach the area, collaborate with other agencies and secure the scene and evidence in a manner that helped lead to the timely capture of the suspects.



Samaritan Service Award

Trooper **Michael Coley**

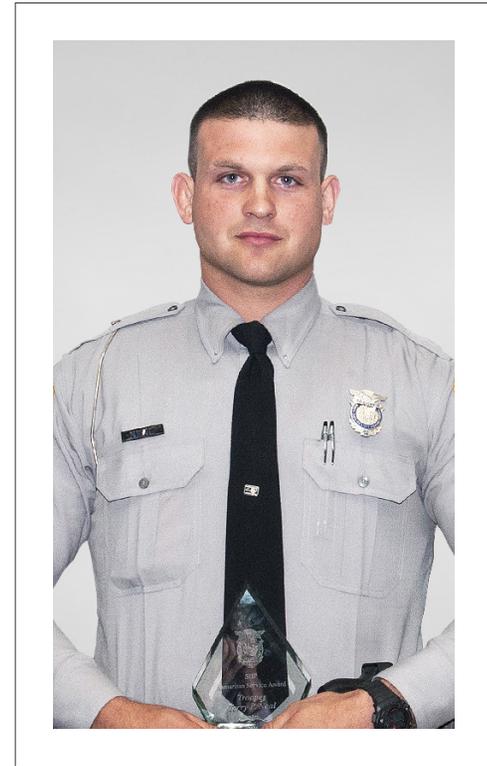
Almost immediately after a pickup truck crash that ejected the driver along I-85 in Rowan County, Trooper Coley, who is also a paramedic, arrived on the scene and applied skilled trauma treatment and direction to EMC technicians in attempting to save the victim's life.



Samaritan Service Award

Trooper **Joseph Howard**

Assisting an effort to prevent a suicide on a US 17 bridge in Beaufort County, Trooper Howard and a Chocowinity police officer were the first at the scene and later participated in successfully distracting the man and keeping him from harming himself.



Samaritan Service Award

Trooper **Terry Neal**

Participating in a weekend drill, Trooper Neal was off-duty with fellow soldiers in his North Carolina National Guard unit in Kings Mountain when they rescued a young woman from a sexual assault after they heard her nearby screams.



Samaritan Service Award

Sgt. **D. Scott Smith**

Sgt. Smith helped EMS technicians keep a heart attack victim alive after he overheard a radio dispatch about the victim near his office, responded and took over for an elderly woman who was trying to perform CPR on the elderly man.



Samaritan Service Award

Sgt. **Randy Roberts**

On patrol in a Charlotte suburb, Sgt. Roberts responded to a boy's summons for help for a Mason Diel, left, by applying critical first aid to Diel's leg that had been lacerated when he fell and became stuck while trying to climb over a neighbor's fence.



Samaritan Service Award

Trooper **Joshua Thomas**

While dining in a restaurant with family and friends, Trooper Thomas' training and persistence enabled him to successfully perform multiple life-saving procedures that revived a woman who stopped breathing and passed out from being choked on food.



Group Meritorious Service Award

Lt. R.W. Elkins Jr., Sgt. C.M. Tedder, Sgt. J.L. January,
Trooper D.E. Mazzotta and Trooper P.B. Yount

The Patrol Armory identified functional problems with agency-issued pistols and documented it to the manufacturer, which at no cost to the State Highway Patrol assigned factory technicians to replace trigger bars in 730 affected weapons on site.



Meritorious Service Award

Mark McLeod

Applications Analyst

McLeod developed a scheduling application for the taking of photographs of more than 2,000 people for an agency yearbook, saving time, reducing strain on district operations and expediting the entire project.



Humanitarian Award

Rocky Frizzell

Network Technician

A former karate instructor himself, Frizzell began in 2011 giving free lessons to family members and friends young and old to help them learn self-defense, eventually growing a public service organization that also benefits law enforcement personnel and charitable and social organizations.



Collision Reduction Award

Troop A, District 2

Captain **T.L. Cheek**

For the second consecutive year, Troop A District 2 (Bertie, Hertford and Gates counties) had the largest reduction in collisions, achieving a 12.43 percent drop in 2015, representing countless sacrifices and efforts to cut property damage, injuries and fatal collisions, which is consistent with the mission of the State Highway Patrol.



MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID®

Training improves critical interaction

By **Pamela Walker**, Communications Director

From inside the confines of prison walls to outside in the community, the Department of Public Safety is showing its commitment to addressing mental health needs to help keep North Carolina safe. Mental Health First Aid training is going on or has taken place in numerous sections, and in some cases encompasses an entire division. More than 4,000 prison custody and healthcare staff members have completed Critical Incident Team (CIT) training.

Gov. Pat McCrory initiated the Governor's Task Force on Mental Health and Substance Use, on which several department employees serve. The Center for Safer Schools has developed a curriculum for Crisis

Intervention Techniques for Youths — funded by a grant from the Governor's Crime Commission — to teach law enforcement how to recognize and deal with mental health situations with youths. The Highway Patrol includes a segment in its Basic Training to assist troopers with recognizing when a person may have a mental illness or developmental disability and to learn the best possible response.

The above-mentioned efforts provide just a snapshot of what DPS is doing to respond to situations where mental illness may be involved. On The Scene is taking an in-depth look at the department's efforts starting with Community Corrections.

Personally...

Mental health disorders can impact anyone

By **Pamela Walker**

Communications Director

When I first decided that I was interested in attending a Mental Health First Aid training session, it was with a work focus. With all of Community Corrections and many other sections or offices getting the training, I wanted to get an idea of what other department employees were experiencing. Knowing that I would be writing about and potentially answering questions from the media or the general public about this topic, it was a given that I obtain first-hand experience. Little did I know how it would help me personally!

I've often heard about mental illness and have known people who had been diagnosed with bipolar disorder and schizophrenia. I saw some of the challenges they encountered in their daily lives, and I now have an even better idea of how those challenges were magnified by the stigma of that illness.

For me personally, I've been most aware of how stress can have negative effects on your health, even mental health. One thing I learned in the

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- Chemical (neurotransmitter) imbalance



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training is that different types and levels of stress can potentially lead to a diagnosable “mental disorder.” I also learned that one in five Americans has a mental health disorder. Looking around at your friends, family and co-workers or even the people you encounter on any given day that statistic is pretty eye opening.

It’s also been pretty well documented that the corrections and law enforcement professions have high percentages of employees who suffer from stress. Over time, continued strain on your body from routine stress may lead to serious health problems, such as heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, depression, anxiety disorder, substance use disorder and other illnesses.

The point is that what the training showed me and what everyone should think about is that no matter anyone’s personal situation, we all have the potential to be impacted by a mental health disorder either personally or with someone we know. We should take care of ourselves, as well as look out for others. Take time for yourself and recognize when you need to take a breather or, even more importantly, when you may need to seek professional help. Also, take time to ask others how they are doing and really pay attention to how they respond in their words and actions. Taking an extra few minutes can really make a difference, not just for you but someone else as well. Seeking help for yourself or someone else is not a sign of weakness; to me it is a sign of courage. ▴

Everyone should know Community Corrections mandates universal training

By **Pamela Walker**, Communications Director

Chances are you either know someone or know someone who knows someone who has suffered from anxiety, bipolar, eating or substance use disorder, schizophrenia, severe depression or another mental disorder. Nationally, about 18 percent of Americans are dealing with a mental health disorder. In North Carolina it is estimated that 15 percent of the community corrections offender population have a serious mental illness. Probation officers often see the warning signs, but they may not always know how to handle it, which is why Community Corrections leadership took action. One of the most prominent actions is that they have mandated Mental Health First Aid training for every employee in Community Corrections, no matter the position.

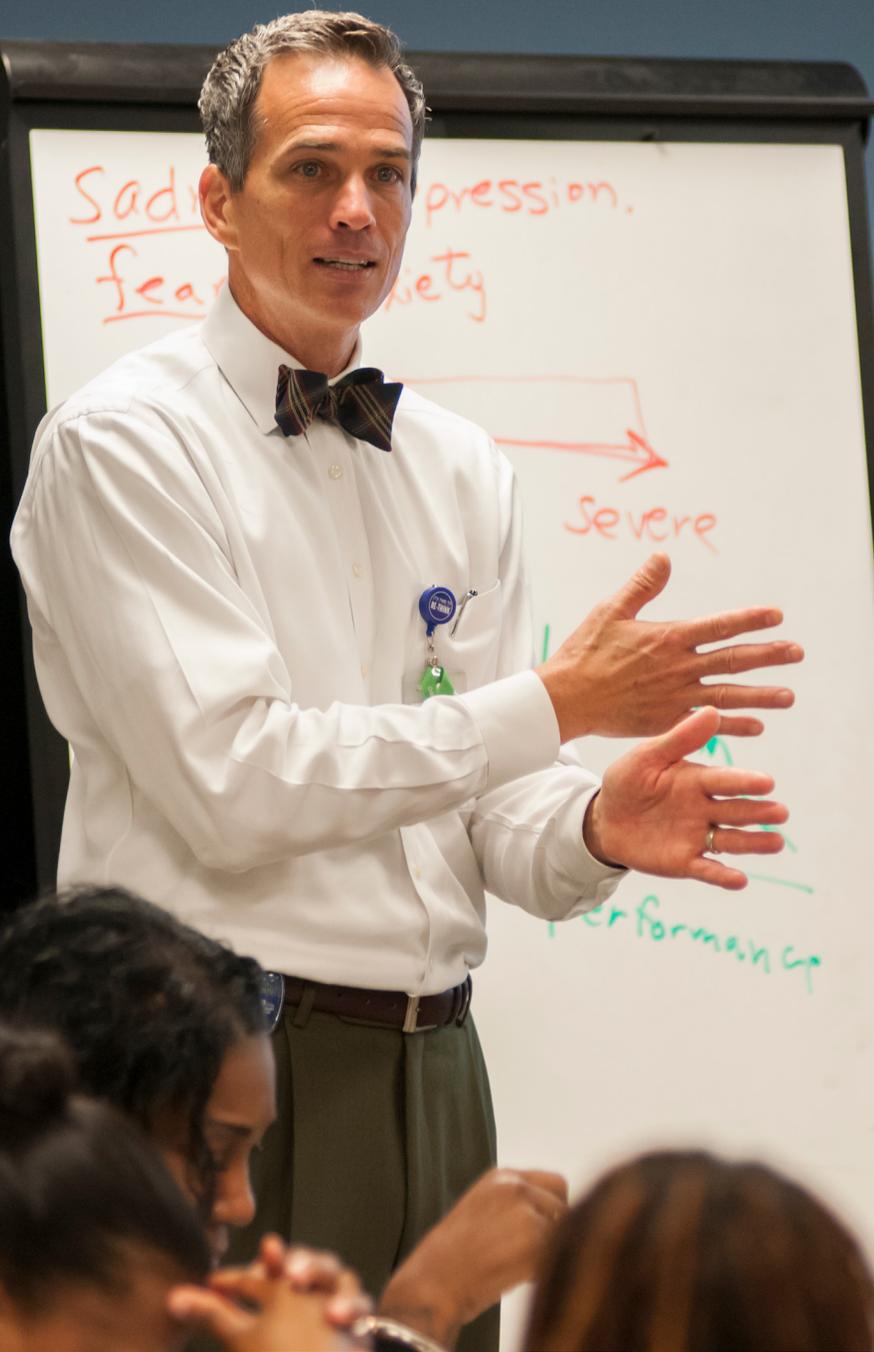
Mental Health First Aid is an education program that helps anyone to identify, understand and respond to signs when someone may be in a mental health crisis or dealing with mental disorder. By attending the eight-hour training, employees should be able to not only identify a potential situation, but to provide assistance until the individual dealing with a crisis can be referred to a professional, or in more serious situations help them until a mental health professional can make it to the scene.

Sonya Brown, who oversees the Justice Systems Section for the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities & Substance Abuse

Community Corrections
was urged to consider total
immersion for the division.

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James Osborn of Alliance Behavioral Healthcare in Durham County provides Mental Health First Aid training to the staff of a Community Corrections district office.



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Services at the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), encouraged Community Corrections leadership to consider total immersion for the division. Brown has been instrumental in getting more than 20,000 people and 350 instructors trained in our state. She has worked with the Department of Public Safety to ensure a variety of employees receive the training. She appreciates that DPS has seen the benefit of the training and grateful that Community Corrections embraced getting all of its employees trained.

“When you think about it, often the first person an offender sees is an office assistant or another support person,” Brown said. “We thought it was not only important training for the probation officers who see the offenders all the time, but we wanted the support roles to have as much knowledge as anyone on what to do if a situation arose.”

She added that everybody in the general public could benefit from the training not just public safety professionals. Probation officers and other Community Corrections employees, especially, benefit from the training because of the high percentage of individuals they supervise that are dealing with mental illness or a substance use disorder or both.

“We knew we needed to do something for our officers because they had so many questions when they saw a mental health flag with an offender,” said **Anne Precythe**, director of Community Corrections. “We also thought it

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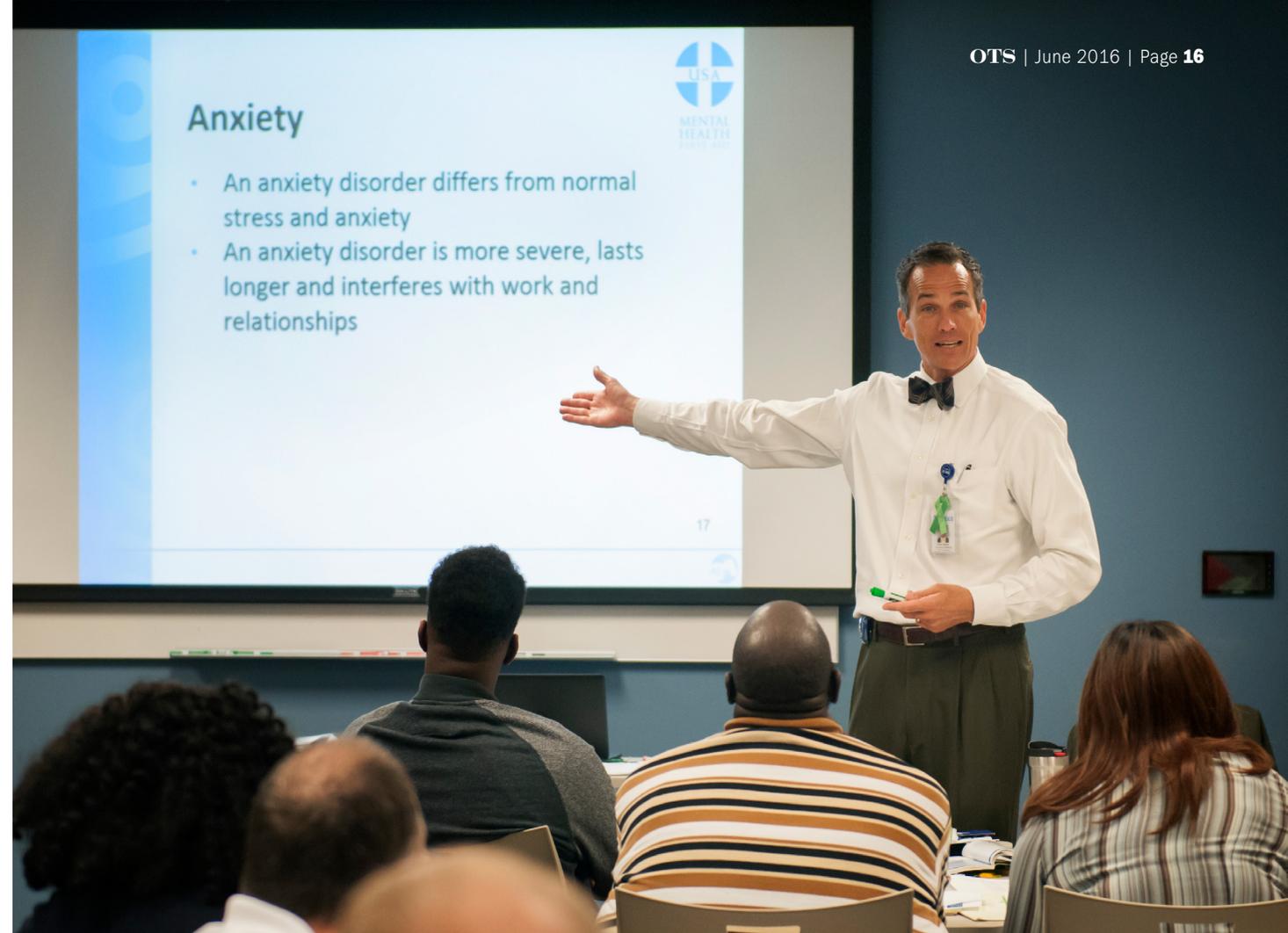
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would be helpful to all employees whether in a support role, or not, due to the high stress nature of the work we do. The training will not only help us help offenders, but each other as well.”

Precythe explained that when an offender starts community supervision, one of the first things the officer does is conduct what is called a “risk and needs assessment.” This assessment is designed to determine the individual’s risk of re-arrest as well as what issues the person is dealing with that may lead them to reoffend and also what programming needs they have. The officers have specific questions they ask the offenders during the assessment. The battery of questions delves into a person’s behaviors and attitudes, along with family relationships, who they hang out with, substance use and education background. Some of the questions often prompt an obvious response flag such as admitting to frequent drug use, which would necessitate a drug treatment requirement.

There were other answers to questions that initiated a flag with a response that was not so obvious. Precythe said that led them to the opinion that additional training may help. The first step was to provide some training modules online, which was helpful to the officers. The online training modules are accessible through the department’s



Learning Management System (LMS.) The training series “Supervising Offenders with Mental Illness” provides officers with enhanced knowledge of mental illness, mental illness treatments, mental illness medications, how to respond to offenders who have mental illness, as well as self-care for officers. According to Precythe, officers really

responded to all the modules, but especially gave a lot of positive feedback to “Module 6: Recognizing and reducing the negative effects of job-related stress.”

Then the Mental Health First Aid classroom training was considered to not only provide more insight or options to aid in supervising offenders,

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Employees say ...

'Good training for all law enforcement officers.'

'Good course with solid information.'

'It's about time we've had to take this.'

'This course has made me more aware of the signs to look for when addressing mental health.'

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but to also put the mental health resource providers in the same room with the officers.

"At times an officer may encounter an offender in crisis, and through the training, they now know how to access mobile crisis for assistance," explained **Karen Buck**, Evidence Based Practice administrator. "By working with resource providers, the officers have been able to tailor the case management to assist them in getting the help they need, where to get that help or even bringing the help to the offender which assists them with successfully completing supervision requirements and ultimately more healthy lives."

The training is ongoing with with more than 1,000 Community Corrections employees receiving it so far. Precythe said they are already seeing and hearing good results.

"I'm very proud of what we've done and proud of the officers that have really grasped what we are trying to do," Precythe said. "Officers are seeing and feeling that they are helping offenders turn their lives around and are not doing it just because they have been told to or are simply checking a box."

"Officers are learning to ask more questions and as a result are more empathetic to the offender's situation. They know that they can't do everything for them, but they can help them help themselves."

Buck agrees and describes the positive change they are seeing across the division.

"Now we are much more knowledgeable regarding the local mental health resources available. Officers are also learning to recognize signs, symptoms and the challenges of mental health illness and the best ways to hold them accountable keeping those issues in mind," Buck said.

She added that they are using innovative ways to consider the barriers that exist with the mental health population. The officers are asking more substantive questions than in the past such as, "Have you taken your meds? How do they make you feel? Are they working for you?"

Tara Bohley of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Social Work has been coordinating and helping lead the training sessions for Community Corrections. Bohley has been working with DHHS on tailoring the training for DHHS and for the Department of Public Safety. She and mental health advocates in communities across the state are facilitating the training by identifying local mental health providers that can also assist by being trained as instructors.

Bohley explained, "The training connects the officers with the providers, which ultimately helps the offenders who may need assistance."

She said the other benefit of the total immersion training is that

regardless of the position or the caseload, corrections is a high stress profession.

"This training is not different than what is provided or needed for any potentially high stress profession such as business executives, nurses or attorneys," Bohley explained. "Helping people understand mental illness is a common need. People should recognize it before it becomes a crisis."

She added that by understanding mental illness the ultimate outcome for the individual and society is drastically improved.

"Everybody knows somebody in their personal life or work who has been impacted by a mental health disorder and now they view the subject differently than they did before taking the class," Bohley said.

The training is impacting the division in multiple ways according to Precythe and Buck. The most obvious is that Community Corrections employees have a better understanding of how to respond to the mental health needs of many of the offenders and recognize when a co-worker or even the employee themselves needs help. It has many officers working more closely with the providers and problem solving with the offenders.

Precythe said, "Collectively, we can have an impact if everyone from the county jails, to the courts, to prisons and the community work together." ▴

He found his why

... and this is what he does

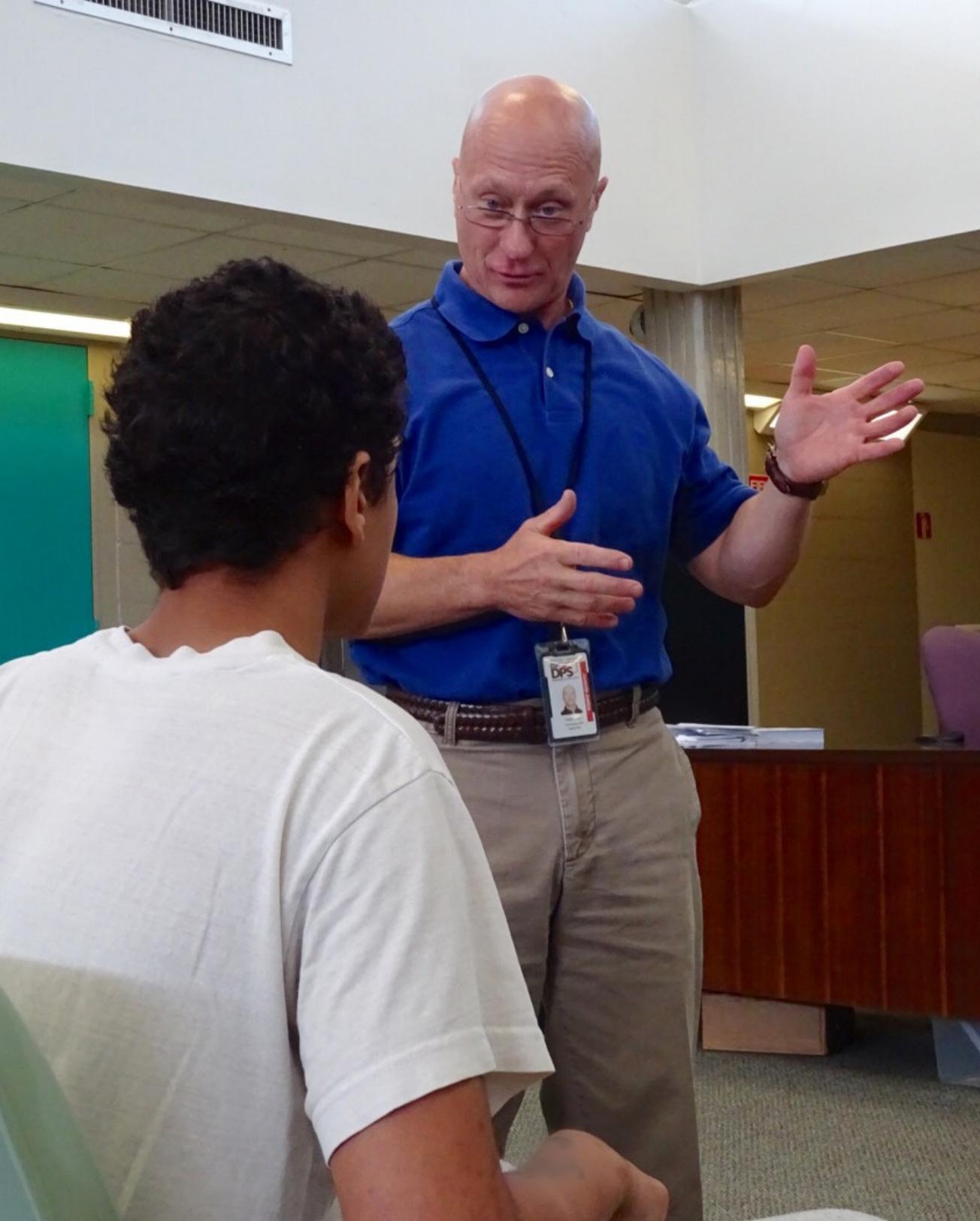
By **Diana Kees**
Public Relations Manager

“The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.” **Dwight Creech**, a youth counselor technician supervisor at Cumberland Juvenile Detention Center in Fayetteville, says this quote from Mark Twain symbolizes how he feels about becoming an educator 27 years ago.

Creech has dedicated his career to working with children and young adults – in the classroom, YMCA and the prison and juvenile justice systems. He says his job choices have always been heavily influenced by the positive impacts of some caring individuals during a rough childhood. Creech spent his formative years in Raleigh, as one of five children being raised by a single mother. At age 10, his mother’s declining health placed him and two of his brothers in the care of the Methodist Home for Children.

“This was a difficult adjustment for me... [but] I was grateful to receive the emotional and physical support of social workers, psychologist, medical professionals and clergy,” Creech said. “I believe that what other professionals, house parents and educators provided

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for me allowed me to grow and develop into who I am today. I am grateful for what others did for me and will never forget that serving others in the human services field does make an impact on others' lives."

The services and support enabled him to graduate high school and go on to earn both a bachelor's and master's degree in education. Creech said that he is proud to be his family's first and only person to become a college graduate.

Six years after Creech began his professional career as an educator in the Cumberland County school system, he was hired as a health and physical education teacher at Morrison Youth Prison in Richmond County. His job was to coach 18- to 21-year-old inmates during recreational periods, and he said he "did what he could do build them up, because encouraging words make a world of difference."

Creech began working as a teacher in juvenile justice facilities about 15 years ago, first at Samarkand Youth Development Center, and then at Richmond Juvenile Detention Center. Following the closure of Richmond JDC in 2013, he worked in Scotland County for six months prior to accepting his current position as supervisor at Cumberland JDC.

Creech manages the detention center's day-to-day operations.

As youth counselor technician supervisor, Creech manages the detention center's day-to-day operations. This includes supervising 18 youth counselor technicians, developing work schedules,

completing incident, population and transportation reports, updating juvenile case files, coaching and counseling juveniles and staff members, and processing juveniles as they enter the center.

Creech's day at the juvenile detention center begins at 1 p.m., when he makes rounds for security checks, briefs staff members on the status of the juveniles and court schedules/visitors, and coordinates with Court

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Creech in command central at the Cumberland Youth Detention Center.

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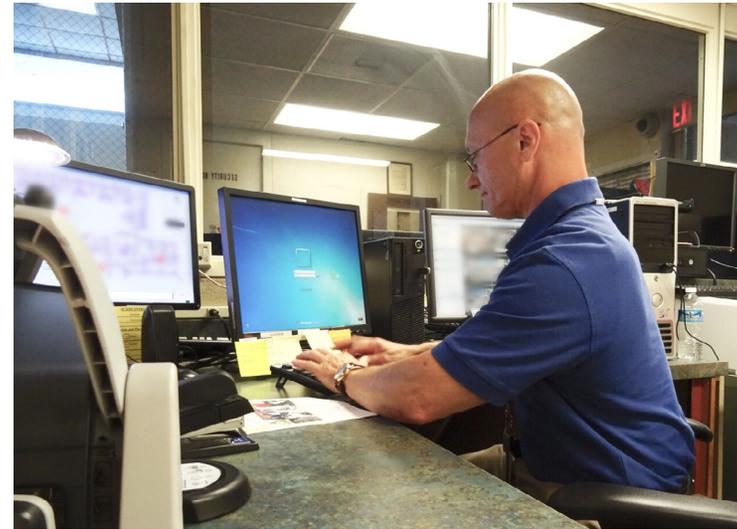
Services staff members and community service providers in regard to juvenile services. Creech disseminates all information needed for the shift, and collaborates with personnel as appropriate. He remains available throughout this eight-hour shift to provide coaching and support to the staff and juveniles.

Creech's background as an educator augments his supervisory role; he sees teachable moments throughout the days, and works to help staff members learn new things, and continue to grow. He feels it is important to create a positive, professional and fair work environment for the staff, and it is his daily goal to consistently demonstrate professional and role model behaviors by leading, teaching and patiently listening to others.

"On a daily basis I get the opportunity to build new relationships and build trust with others," Creech said. "I know that when your players support you, they will follow you; and that's what I try to do with my team here. I reckon my gift, and my project, is bringing people together, and making it work.

"I am empowered by my director — *Gene Hallock* — to continue to develop better collaboration and effective communication between management and staff with the overall outcome of providing excellent service to our community. We've cut down on turnover... For the first time

Perhaps most meaningful to Creech are his interactions with the juveniles who go through the detention center.



in Cumberland Detention, we're fully staffed. Management is working well together, which in turn leads to staff [members] working well together, and that funnels down to the juveniles."

Perhaps most meaningful to Creech are his interactions with the juveniles who come through the detention center. Though Creech spends the majority of his day with staff members, he makes rounds with juveniles at the end of his shift, to minimize disruption to programs and staff authority. Creech says he feels successful when he's able to gain the trust of a young person, since he's only given a short window in their lives to show them that their life matters.

"It is meaningful to me when young people are able to change their negative outlook on their future to a more positive outlook," Creech said. "I did not have the opportunity to have children myself, and consider my

dedicated work with youth to be my service calling to the community."

Creech lives a full life outside of the detention center, rising early each day from his home in the Baywood community in Cumberland County to go to the gym and get to a part-time job at a health and fitness center. A former Junior Eastern USA champion in body-building at age 21, a continued commitment to fitness allows this 5-foot-4 tall dynamo to partake of his favorite snack of cream-filled, chocolate-iced Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

In his rare moments of free time, Creech enjoys spending time with his fiancée Katherine and his friends and family, traveling to new places, going to the beach, trying new daring excursions, going to the movies and attending health and fitness events. He also likes to visit North Carolina historical sites. ▴

Better image of storm surge means better preparation

N.C. Emergency Management Director **Mike Sprayberry** shows county emergency managers how the storm surge modeling can help expedite and improve evacuation decisions for eastern communities when hurricanes are approaching.

Photo by N.C. Emergency Management



Data modeling, visualization help improve safety

By **Julia Jarema**, Communications Officer
Hurricanes and tropical storms regularly threaten North Carolina communities with dangerous flooding and storm surge. But a partnership between the National Hurricane Center, North Carolina Emergency Management and N.C. State could help emergency managers better prepare their communities by identifying the location and severity of storm surge along coastal and inland counties.

“History has shown us which areas are often vulnerable to flooding from tropical storms,” said NCEM Director Mike Sprayberry. “Now, we’re able to use science to more precisely calculate where and how much flooding will inundate our coastal and inland communities, which, in turn, will help us better prepare for emergencies.”

Leaders from the three agencies gathered at the North Carolina Emergency Operation Center to share their findings and demonstrate to local emergency managers and meteorologists the impacts of storm surge in eastern North Carolina.

Jamie Rhome, the leader for the

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National Hurricane Center's Storm Surge Unit and an N.C. State alumnus, noted that "the National Weather Service's new storm surge forecasting capabilities will provide local and state emergency managers with more precise data that they can use to help them determine which areas to evacuate and when."

Rhyme explained that the National Hurricane Center would this year continue testing storm surge watches and warnings for those areas at risk of "life-threatening flooding" or at least 3 feet above ground level.

During the past five years, NCEM has used LiDAR technology to collect structural data for nearly every building in the state, from homes to hospitals, pharmacies, schools, government buildings, retail stores and more. Having those details for more than 5.2 million buildings statewide — including size, elevation and structural material — enables emergency managers to better predict communities' vulnerability to floods, earthquakes, wildfires and other hazards.

Now emergency managers can overlay the National Hurricane Center's new storm surge models with NCEM's detailed building footprint data to more accurately identify those specific communities that need to be evacuated given the predicted flooding.

"These are powerful new tools that will immediately tell us which specific areas we need to evacuate and when to get everyone out of harm's way," Sprayberry said. ▴



Standing upper left, National Hurricane Center meteorologist—and N.C. State University alumnus—Jamie Rhyme demonstrates potential storm surge impacts. Photo by N.C. Emergency Management.

Still time to prepare for hurricane season

Days of rest and relaxation, fun in the sun and toes in the sand will cause many memories to be made this summer. While June officially kicks off summer in North Carolina, it is also the beginning of hurricane season for our state.

To help residents get prepared, Gov. Pat McCrory declared May 15-21 as Hurricane Preparedness Week and urged all residents to practice their emergency plans and make or update their emergency supplies kit.

It only takes one storm to significantly impact North Carolina, which has had its share of damaging hurricanes. No part of North Carolina is immune to the devastating effects from tropical storms and hurricanes. The heavy rain, damaging winds and flooding brought by hurricanes can devastate a community.

According to the National Weather Service, a tropical storm or hurricane will make direct landfall on North Carolina's coast about once every two years. And, don't be fooled by the storm's category. A Category 1 storm can cause flooding and storm surge just as like a Category 4 storm.

Residents should not only have an emergency plan but also practice it often. People also should have an emergency supplies kit ready to go at all times with enough non-perishable food and bottled water (1 gallon per person per day) to last three to seven days. Kits also should include:

- ▶ Copies of insurance papers and identification sealed in a watertight plastic bag
- ▶ First-aid kit
- ▶ Weather radio and batteries
- ▶ Supply of prescription medicines
- ▶ Bedding
- ▶ Extra clothes
- ▶ Hygiene items such as toothbrush, toothpaste, soap and deodorant
- ▶ Cash or checkbook
- ▶ Pet supplies including food, water, leashes, bedding, muzzle and vaccination records

Stay informed during severe weather using a battery-powered radio for weather and evacuation information. Know evacuation routes in your community; heed the warnings of state and local officials and evacuate quickly when told to do so.

Be sure to review and update your homeowners' or renters' insurance policies to make sure they include coverage for accidental damage, natural disasters and, if necessary, flood insurance.

More information on hurricanes and hurricane-related preparedness can be found on www.ReadyNC.org. Residents are also encouraged to get the free ReadyNC mobile app, which provides real-time weather and traffic conditions for all parts of North Carolina. ▶

Save the Date



2nd Annual Secretary's Cup Golf Tournament

NC Department of Public Safety is partnering with the State Employees Combined Campaign to sponsor this event, benefiting childhood hunger in North Carolina.

"Tee it up 4 Hunger"

Friday, September 30, 2016

Grandover Resort & Convention Center
1000 Club Road
Greensboro, North Carolina



Tell me something good

Joint operation nets 54

ROCKY MOUNT | A two-day initiative named Operation Big Show focusing on the compliance of high-risk offenders on probation and parole supervision resulted in the arrest of 54 individuals and the serving of more than 100 warrants.

Beginning in the pre-dawn hours on Tuesday June 7, more than 160 law enforcement officers in Nash and Edgecombe counties hit the streets in search of absconders from probation supervision, individuals wanted on outstanding warrants and to conduct compliance searches on high-risk and gang involved probationers.

Officers visited 170 residences and conducted 90 searches of high-risk offenders that resulted in 30 new probation violation charges and the arrest of 18 probation absconders. Officers also served warrants for various violent crimes including assault with deadly weapon, robbery and drug offenses.

Extensive resources in the enforcement operation were combined from the United States Marshals Service: North Carolina Department of Public Safety (Community Corrections, Special Operations & Intelligence Unit and the State Highway Patrol); U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; Rocky Mount Police Department; the sheriff's offices of Edgecombe and Nash counties; U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina; and the District Attorney's Office for District 7.

During the operation, officers and ATF special agents confiscated five handguns, one assault rifle, and one shotgun, including three stolen weapons. Agents also recovered ammunition and magazines from multiple felons. ATF agents are investigating all gun-related crimes for possible federal prosecution.

"This week, officers from many agencies helped remove guns and drugs from our streets and put many violent and repeat offenders behind bars so they may be held accountable for their actions," said Secretary **Frank L. Perry** of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety. "We are grateful for the collaboration of our local and federal law enforcement colleagues in promoting safer communities in Nash and Edgecombe counties and potentially beyond." ▾

NCNG: Community of Excellence

The North Carolina National Guard (NCNG) has been honored as a 2016 Army Community of Excellence Winner. North Carolina placed third out of 34 competing installations for this national award.

"The North Carolina National Guard is a national model for effectiveness, preparation and response," said Gov. Pat McCrory. "As commander of the Guard, I applaud their initiatives and service that protect North Carolina citizens and our neighbors in our national defense and during natural disasters and emergencies."

The Army National Guard recognizes states and installations that best apply self-assessment and demonstrate process improvement in their organization during the annual awards ceremony. The Army-wide Army Communities of Excellence program uses the Baldrige Excellence Framework to improve efficiency and effectiveness in supporting soldiers and customers. The framework, used widely by businesses, hospitals, schools and nonprofits, is intended to foster performance excellence.

In an effort to foster performance excellence, the NCNG assesses the performance and effectiveness of the organization's goals and objectives using the Baldrige Framework. In recent years, the NCNG has implemented reforms to help them continue to grow, learn and be a relevant force. This award recognizes the NCNG and exemplifies the importance of sharing best practices.

To further build on the progress made by the NCNG, the Connect NC bond initiative championed by Governor McCrory and approved by North Carolina voters provides \$70 million to improve regional readiness centers. ▾

Four prisons have new leaders

Hoke Correctional Center



Kristie Stanback is the new superintendent at Hoke Correctional Institution near Raeford. Stanback is a 20-year corrections veteran who most recently served as

assistant superintendent for custody and operations at Hoke CI.

She began her corrections career in 1995 as an officer at Brown Creek Correctional Institution. She has served in numerous positions in the state prison system, including sergeant, lieutenant and unit manager, and has also worked as a probation officer and as a youth cottage parent at a juvenile justice youth development center.

She is a native of Anson County and holds an associate's degree in criminal justice technology from Sandhills Community College and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Western Carolina University. Stanback succeeds former superintendent Lynn Summers, who retired.

Hoke Correctional Institution is a minimum-custody prison facility housing about 500 male inmates supervised by a staff of approximately 190 employees. ▴

Randolph Correctional Center



Chandra Ransom is the new superintendent at Randolph Correctional Center in Asheboro.

Ransom is a 22-year corrections veteran who most recently served as

assistant superintendent at Forsyth Correctional Center in Winston-Salem. She started her career as a correctional officer at Sandhills Youth Center. She replaces former superintendent *Tim Willis* who transferred to Dan River Prison Work Farm.

Randolph Correctional Center is a minimum-custody prison housing about 225 adult male inmates. It operates a 100-bed long term care facility for geriatric and chronically ill inmates. The prison operates with a staff of 85 employees. ▴

Warren Correctional Institution



Kevin Barnes is the new administrator at Warren Correctional Institution in Manson.

A 28-year corrections veteran, he most recently was assistant superintendent for custody

and operations at Nash Correctional Institution.

He began his career as a correctional officer at the old Polk Youth Center in Raleigh and has held staff and supervisory positions at seven state prison facilities. He has also been a leader on a regional Prison Emergency Response Team.

He is a native of Wilson County and a graduate of North Carolina Wesleyan College with degrees in criminal justice, psychology and religious studies. He is a graduate of the Correctional Leadership Development Program.

Barnes succeeds former administrator Oliver Washington, who retired.

Warren Correctional Institution houses approximately 800 adult male inmates in close, medium and minimum custody. It employs a staff of about 380 employees. Correction Enterprises operates its Janitorial Products plant onsite, where inmates produce soap, cleansers and commercial cleaning products for government agencies. ▴

Wilkes Correctional Center



Daren Bruce is the new superintendent at Wilkes Correctional Center in North Wilkesboro.

Bruce is a 26-year corrections veteran who most

recently served as assistant superintendent of custody and operations at Alexander Correctional Institution in Taylorsville.

He began his career as a correctional officer in Alexander County and served many of his early years at Western Youth Institution. At Alexander CI, he served as a unit manager, special affairs captain, accreditation manager and PREA compliance manager.

Wilkes Correctional Center is a minimum-security prison housing about 260 male inmates supervised by a staff of 55 employees. It provides numerous work opportunities for inmates, preparing them for release and transition back to the community.

Bruce is a resident of Hiddenite and a graduate of Alexander Central High School. He replaces former superintendent Bobby Harless, who retired. ▴

Chief court counselors named

LaQreshia A. Bates-Harley is the new chief court counselor in Juvenile Justice District 1, comprised of Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Pasquotank and Perquimans counties. Bates-Harley assumed the post in May.



As chief court counselor, Bates-Harley oversees the district's daily operations, which involve the intake and supervision of adjudicated juveniles.

Along with providing supervision to court counselors and office staff, she assigns, reviews and evaluates the counseling and court service activities of the juvenile justice professionals on staff.

Having begun her career in juvenile justice in 2006 as a court counselor in Gaston County, Bates-Harley's most recent position was as a court counselor supervisor in Forsyth County.

She is a native of Rowan County and earned a master's degree in public administration from Strayer University (Charlotte) and graduated from Catawba College with a bachelor's degree in administration of justice. ▴

Sonynia L. Leonard is the new chief court counselor in Juvenile Justice District 6, comprised of Halifax, Northampton, Bertie and Hertford counties. Leonard assumed the post earlier this year.



In the position, Leonard oversees the district's daily operations, which involve the intake, probation and post-release supervision of adjudicated juveniles. Along with

providing supervision to court counselors and office staff, she assigns, reviews and evaluates the counseling and court service activities of the juvenile justice professionals on staff.

Leonard began her career in criminal justice in 1994 as a correctional officer at Fountain Correctional Center for Women in Rocky Mount. She has been a juvenile court counselor in the 7th District (Nash, Edgecombe and Wilson counties) since 2008.

A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a bachelor's degree in political science, Leonard is pursuing a master's degree in the administration of criminal justice and security at the University of Phoenix. ▴

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Sign honors Gaston correctional officer



Gaston Correctional Center placed a memorial sign on the section of US 321 that the prison has promised to regularly conduct a litter sweep under the Adopt A Highway program. The sign is a tribute to the late Harold Brown, who was Gaston Correctional's litter squad officer. Installing the sign are **James Lowery**, left, administrative sergeant and Brown's supervisor and friend for numerous years, and **Faron Sisk**, transportation officer, work partner and longtime friend of Brown.

P R O M O T I O N S

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Penny Allen, administrative secretary I, Lanesboro Correctional Institution
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Michelle Baker, correctional officer II, N.C. Correctional Institution for Women
David Barnes, sergeant I, N.C. Correctional Institution for Women
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Michael Burnette, training coordinator II, Staff Development & Training – Samarcand
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Deborah Carmon, medical records assistant V, Polk Correctional Institution
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Kenneth Clark, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 14
Randall Cole, facility maintenance manager I, Facility Management
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Henry Holley, HVAC mechanic, Bertie Correctional Institution
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Cory Hunt, lieutenant II, Bertie Correctional Institution
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Erica Johnson, programs supervisor, Bertie Correctional Institution
Christina Jones, processing assistant IV, Staff Development & Training
Darrell Jones, programs supervisor, Johnston Correctional Institution
Elvis Jones, sergeant II, Bertie Correctional Institution
Sylvia Jones, sergeant I, Dan River Prison Work Farm
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Article updates

From the May 2016 edition of On The Scene:

- ▶ Case Manager **Andre Peters** was the first to arrive at the scene where Correctional Officer **Clifton Simmons** of Caledonia Correctional Institution saved a Halifax County man from a house fire.
- ▶ Health Assistants **Virgil Bailey** and **Jackie Bottoms** helped Lead Nurse **Patricia Coburn** save the life of a Caledonia Correctional Institution inmate who had a heart attack.

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Name, job title, location, month of retirement, service (y=years, m=months)

Elaine Best, food service manager I, Dan River Prison Work Farm, February 2016, 27y9m

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Thomas Brandon, engineer, Engineering – Design & Technology, March 2016, 16y7m

Billy Brooks, correctional officer I, Gaston Correctional Center, March 2016, 29y2m

Glenn Burgess, business & technology applications specialist, IT Technical Services, February 2016, 26y8m

Kenneth Canady, correctional officer I, Harnett Correctional Center, February 2016, 12y

Kenneth Casper, correctional officer I, Pasquotank Correctional Institution, April 2015, 5y1m

Wade Champion, maintenance mechanic IV, Facility Manager - Raleigh, February 2016, 30y4m

Joe Davis, correctional officer I, Davidson Correctional Center, February 2016, 28y

Jimmy Edwards, trooper (master), State Highway Patrol Troop C District 9, April 2015, 21y7m

Yvonne Ellison, medical records assistant III, Carteret Correctional Center, March 2016, 8y1m

Paulette Erwin, program assistant V, Emergency Management, April 2016, 8y

Kay Fowler, training instructor II, Human Resources – Organization & Development, March 2016, 21y8m

Johnny Harrell, correctional officer I, Caledonia Correctional Institution, February 2016, 27y6m

Freddy Hayden, correctional officer I, Piedmont Correctional Institution, March 2016, 7y11m

Shirley Holland, office assistant IV, State Highway Patrol Troop A Command, April 2016, 27y

Frederick Howell, judicial services coordinator, Community Corrections District 10, February 2016, 34y

Darrell Hurley, correctional officer I, Southern Correctional Institution, February 2016, 28y3m

Michael Kattes, substance abuse program administration, Dan River Prison Work Farm, March 2016, 17y4m

Mark Leach, first sergeant, State Highway Patrol Troop H District 3, April 2016, 32y11m

George Lockhart, correctional officer I, Wake Correctional Center, March 2016, 19y

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Larry Mann, correctional officer I, Hyde Correctional Institution, March 2016, 12y

Terry Matthews, correctional officer I, Sampson Correctional Institution, February 2016, 22y7m

Colin Maultsby, sergeant, State Highway Patrol Troop F District 2, April 2016, 25y11m

Albert McLean, sergeant II, Scotland Correctional Institution, March 2016, 24y11m

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Richard Menzel, business & technology applications specialist, IT Application Development, February 2016, 14y6m

Cedric Monroe, youth counselor technician, Jackson Youth Development Center, March 2016, 28y3m

Daniel Nofziger, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 5, April 2015, 5y10m

Lori Patton, processing assistant IV, Swannanoa Correctional Institution for Women, March 2016, 10y

John Reed, correctional officer I, Polk Correctional Institution, March 2016, 22y1m

Michael Robinson, correctional officer I, Carteret Correctional Center, April 2015, 20y7m

Walter Sanders, lieutenant II, Central Prison, February 2016, 30y6m

Marshall Sells, correctional officer I, Prisons Central Region, February 2016, 29y7m

Julia Shields, not assigned, Nash Correctional Institution, February 2016, 12y8m

Robert Skipwith, trooper (master), State Highway Patrol Troop D District 5, April 2015, 27y11

Eyvonne Sparks, probation/parole officer, Community Corrections District 8, February 2016, 27y6m

Brian Sweeney, school guidance counselor, Polk Correctional Institution, February 2016, 29y4m

Vivian Taylor, sergeant I, Lumberton Correctional Institution, April 2015, 16y11

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Larry Williamson, correctional officer I, Tabor Correctional Institution, April 2015, 7y9m

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